

Municipality of Anchorage Alaska

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, information literacy is defined as the ability to recognize a need for information, and then locate, and effectively and ethically use resources to find information; and

WHEREAS, in the Information Age, knowing how to critically assess and integrate information is indispensable for all research purposes, and understanding how to avoid plagiarism is likewise crucial for private citizens, students, professionals, and public servants alike; and

WHEREAS, in today's workforce, individuals who understand how to find and ethically use information are prepared for success in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the hard work and expertise of our librarians and teachers in our schools and libraries, who offer the essential tools for information literacy; and

WHEREAS, in order to be educated and engaged, citizens must learn how to effectively evaluate and use sources of information to understand current issues and events; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we support information literacy awareness and understand its importance to our city's economic prosperity, our students' educations, and our social wellbeing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

Information Literacy Month

IN Anchorage, and encourage schools, parents, employers, teachers, government agencies, and all institutions to reinforce the need for information literacy among students in the Anchorage community.



Dan Sullivan
MAYOR