Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg, MB

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To All School Libraries,

"I Love to Read Month" is a month long celebration that is held each year to encourage reading, writing, and sharing in the joy of literacy. This year's theme is **"Moving Forward with Hope"**. This theme is meant to help readers understand different perspectives, develop compassion and move through these challenging times with empathy. As the world around us begins to recover, we too, need to move forward with renewed optimism as we forge a path of healing and reconciliation.

On behalf of the Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg, I have prepared the attached idea calendar. The RCGW is a group of dedicated educators who meet monthly to share and work to promote knowledge and awareness of lifelong literacy and learning. Please share the idea calendar with teachers, students and their families. It would make a great addition to your school newsletter. Activities are included for students of all ages to have them explore different ways of engaging with literacy. I hope that both teachers and students will have fun with the suggested activities and that they will challenge the students to learn something new. I also hope that families will be able to share the excitement of reading and writing together.

In addition to the idea calendar, the RCGW will be making a book and monetary donation to the Cancer Care Unit at the Children's Hospital, so that the staff can continue to update their children's and teen's libraries and magazine subscriptions. This provides children, teens, as well as parents with reading materials that are appealing and entertaining, as well as supportive.

The RCGW thanks you for sharing this idea calendar with teachers and families. In doing this, you are helping to empower our students to change the world.

Sincerely,
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