

Dawn French Receives Distinguished School Library Supporter Award

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Dawn French Recognized for Leadership and Advocacy in Saint Paul Public Schools

The Information and Technology Educators of Minnesota (ITEM), a division of the Minnesota Library Association (MLA), is pleased to announce **Dawn French of Saint Paul Public Schools** as the recipient of the **2026 Distinguished School Library Supporter Award**.

French has been a powerful advocate for equitable library services, library staffing, and student access throughout Saint Paul Public Schools.

Her leadership contributed to eliminating checkout limits across the district, increasing circulation and improving student access to materials.

She has also worked tirelessly to ensure every school has library staffing support, helping transform library access across the district.

Colleagues credit French's advocacy with significantly strengthening library services and opportunities for students throughout Saint Paul schools.

Her dedication to students, library staff, and educational equity makes her an outstanding recipient of this year's award.

About the Minnesota Library Association

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