Read Across DC Toolkit for Schools and Child Development Facilities

Read Across DC is April 26! On this day, schools, child development facilities and the community at-large are encouraged to celebrate the magic of reading and the importance of literacy for learners of all ages.

In this toolkit you will find ideas and resources your school or child development facility can use to get involved, including printable bookmarks, coloring pages and signs and sample social media posts as well as resources available through DC Public Library (DCPL).

Join us as we shine a light on the importance of literacy and ensuring all learners across the District are confident, competent and joyful readers.

Downloadable Print Materials
Click the links below to download the bookmark, coloring pages and signs.

- **Bookmark:** Share the official Read Across DC bookmark with students. Download, print and cut out enough for your classroom. (Note for printing: bookmarks are to be printed double-sided.)
- **Coloring Pages:** Print the Read Across DC coloring pages, grab some crayons, markers or colored pencils and get creative!
- **Signs:** Print the signs and have students fill in the blank to share their favorite book and why they love reading. Snap a photo with the sign and share it on social using #ReadAcrossDC.

Social Media Posts
Share how you're celebrating Read Across DC on social media! Use the hashtag **#ReadAcrossDC** for all posts and tag @OSSEDC on Twitter and Facebook and/or @OSSE.DC on Instagram.

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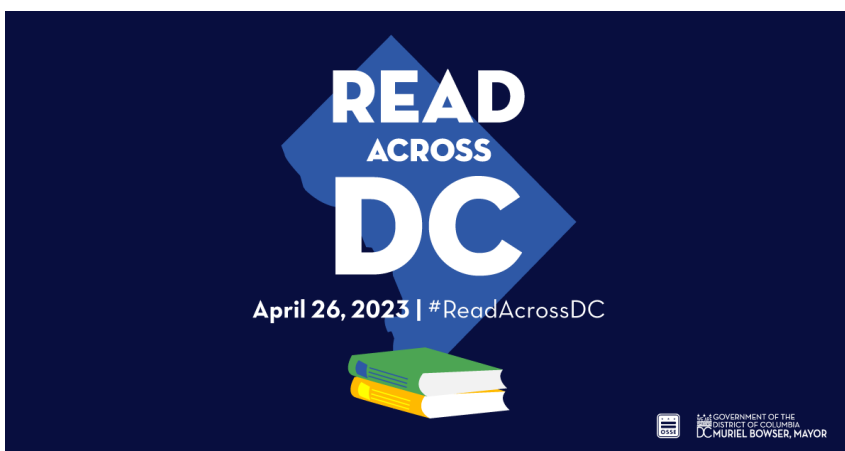
- **Sample Content for April 26**
  - We are excited to celebrate literacy by participating in **#ReadAcrossDC** with @OSSEDC by reading <insert selected book title>. What are you reading today?
    - {Photo suggestion: Photo of group/class enjoying story time.}

  - Thank you <insert name> for celebrating **#ReadAcrossDC** day with us by reading to our young learners.
    - {Photo suggestion: Guest speaker reading to students}

Other Resources

DCPL has resources for readers of all ages! Find information on programs and resources offered to District residents.

- **Books from Birth Program**
  Open to all children under the age of 5 who live the District, Book from Birth mails all enrolled kids one book per month until they turn 5. For more information and sign up visit: dclibrary.org/booksfrombirth.

- **Sing, Talk and Read (STAR)**
  Singing, talking and reading are important parts of early literacy that can start at birth. DCPL has tips for singing, talking and reading with young children at any age. Visit dclibrary.org/STAR for book and song recommendations.

- **Sign Up for a Library Card**
  Anyone who resides, works, pays property taxes or attends school in the District of Columbia can get a card. Library cards expire after three years. Residents of Montgomery, Prince George's, Fairfax, Frederick County, Loudoun, Arlington, Prince William, Falls Church and Alexandria may also get a library card for free. Visit dclibrary.org/getacard to sign up for a library card to enjoy books, ebooks and audiobooks.

- **Visit a DCPL Location Near You**
  There are 26 public libraries throughout the District. Visit dclibrary.org/hours-locations to find a DCPL location near you.

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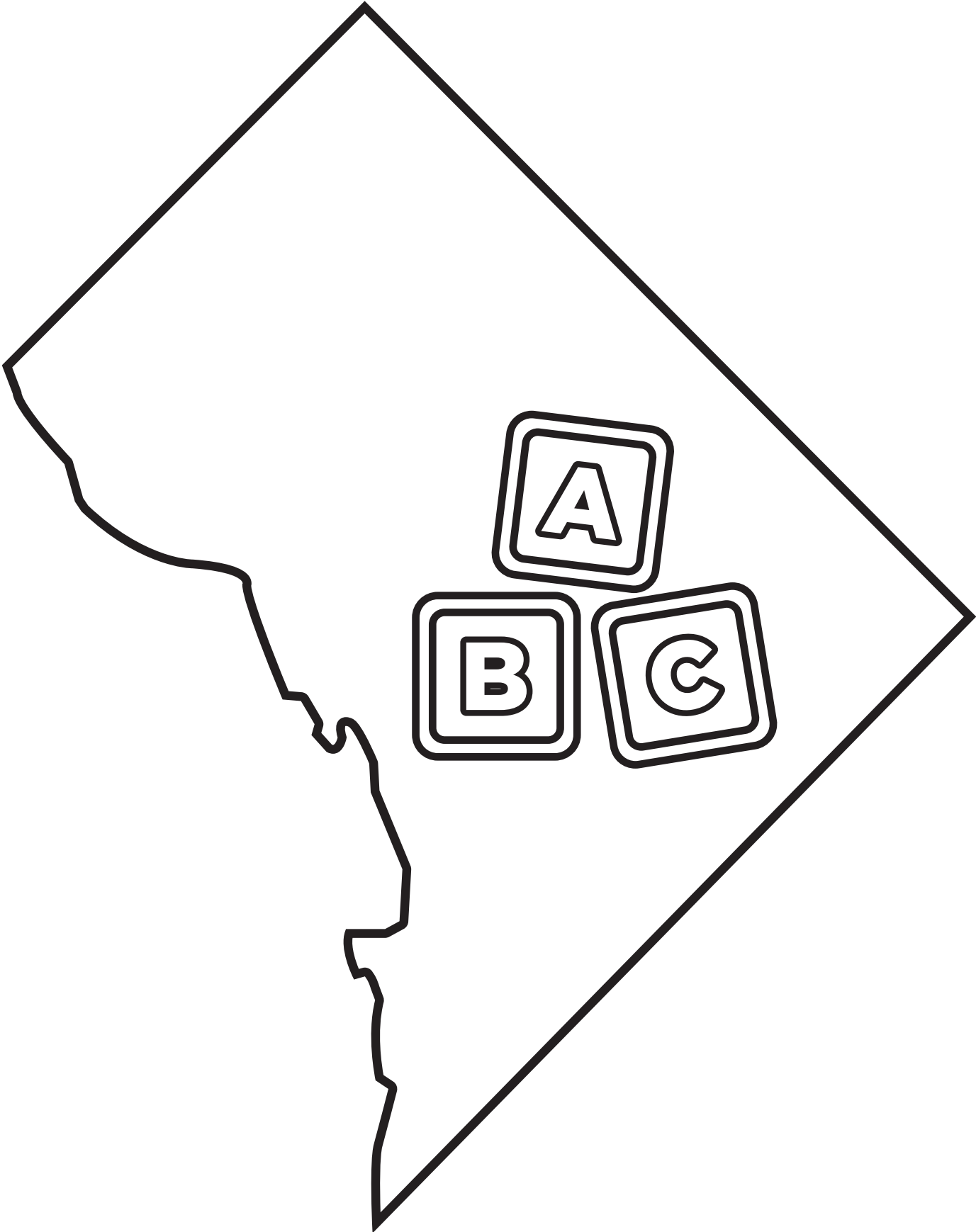GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
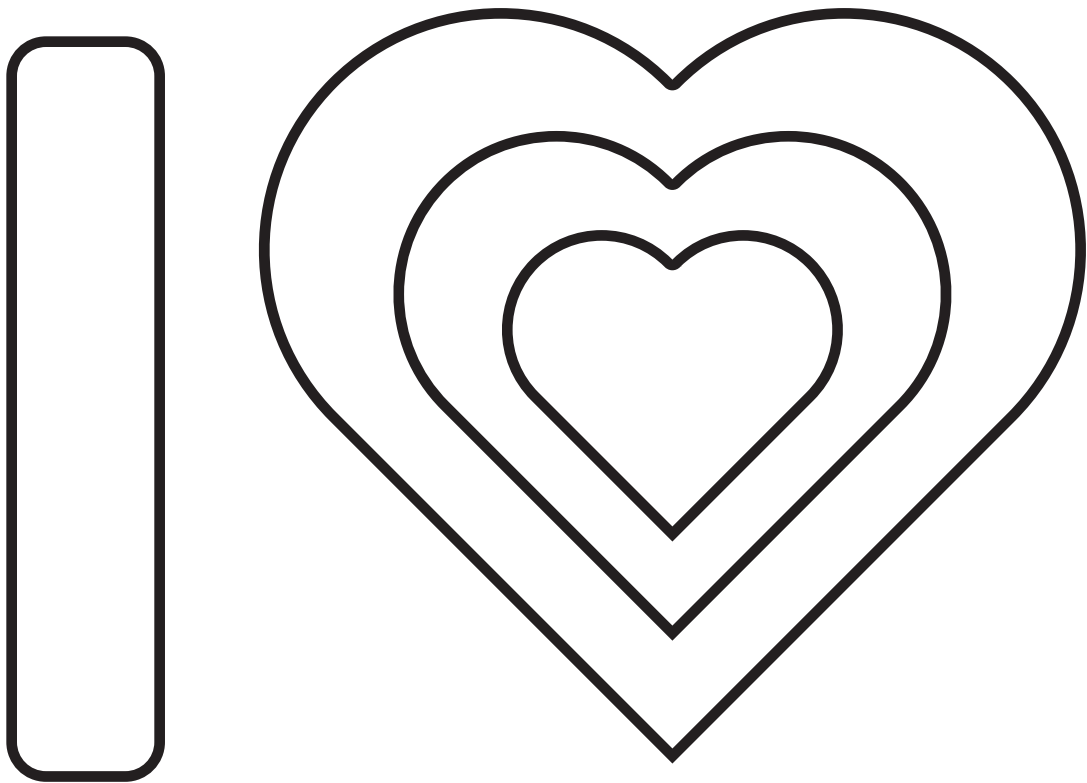MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR
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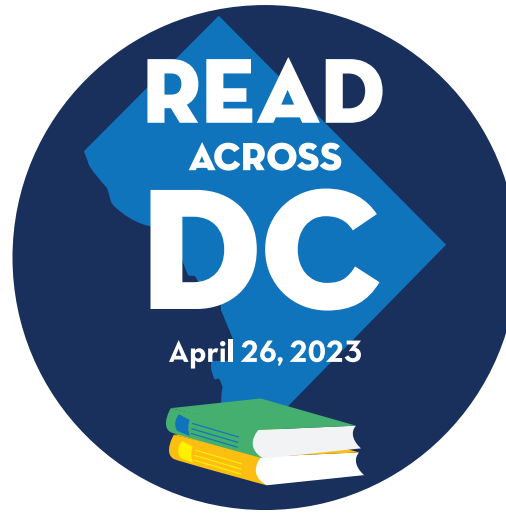
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