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On Wednesday, the Senate passed HCR 70 recognizing libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters of libraries across Delaware on the occasion of Delaware Library Legislative Day, 2020.

In an age of Netflix, Amazon, and on-demand video, libraries are far too often forgotten in our communities. But for countless families - especially those in low-income neighborhoods - the usefulness and positive impact of libraries has not been forgotten, or diminished.

In addition to circulating books, music, movies, and periodicals, libraries also host massive online archives and provide a positive community gathering space and free Wi-Fi. And they are more than just warehouses of information - any good teacher, student, or researcher knows that librarians are the best part of any good library.

They are experts at connecting people with resources, services, opportunities, and more and - like teachers - they approach their job with a sense of public service and commitment to the public good that can be hard to find elsewhere and impossible to overvalue.

I hope Delawareans will continue to venture into their local libraries and, although Delaware Library Legislative Day is only one day, I strongly encourage you to patronize your local library as much as you possibly can.

Thank you to Dr. Annie Norman, director of the Delaware Division of Libraries, for the framed "What's your Passion?" portrait and "Palaces for the People" book!

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