

Summer Reading and Summer Eating

- a great combination!



The New York State Library provides materials to support and promote summer reading. Public libraries throughout the state use these materials and plan programs to keep kids reading and learning over the summer. For 2019, the summer reading slogan is “A Universe of Stories.”

When school is out, meals can be missing for many children. An increasing number of partners in New York State, including libraries, are working together to ensure kids have access to healthy food year-round.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded program that enables qualified organizations – including public libraries – to serve free meals to kids and teens in low-income areas. There are a variety of ways your library could be part of this program, including:

- Providing information about where summer meals are located
- Offering space on your library’s property to sponsors
- Serving snacks or meals to enrich your own programming

In 2018, 127 libraries participated in the Summer Meals program. Additional Summer Food Service Program information for public libraries in NY State is available at:

<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/#hunger>



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