

State Library Awards 2013 – 2016 Family Literacy Library Services Grants

2013 -2016 Grant Recipients

August 2013

New York State's 23 public library systems will offer expanded access to literacy services through the New York State Family Literacy Library Services program. State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries, Bernard A. Margolis, announced today that twenty-three grants have been awarded to public library systems for three years. Grant awards will total up to \$900,000 under Education Law for the three year period. Actual State funding provided for 2013-2014, the first year of the three-year cycle, totals \$251,634. Projects began July 1, 2013 and will end on June 30, 2016.

"The New York State's Family Literacy Library Services program is a State-funded grant program which helps libraries and library systems provide family literacy services to children and their parents or caregivers. These grants are aimed at increasing the participation of young people and their families or caregivers in the State Library's *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* program," said Mr. Margolis. "The grant program's theme for 2013-2016 is 'Summer Reading at New York Libraries through Public Library Systems.' Participating public library systems will offer training and resources to increase participation in summer reading and will expand partnerships based on community needs. The State Library's *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* program engages children and teens in reading and reading-related activities, fosters a love of reading, increases successful reading experiences, involves parents, care-givers and all family members, improves access to library materials and activities

and encourages lifelong library learning and library use. These Family Literacy grants will enhance the overall *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* program.”

For more information about the grant program, contact [Lisa Areford](#), Library Development Specialist, New York State Library at (518)473-6941.

Following are the public library systems that are receiving New York State Family Literacy Library Services Grant awards for 2013-2016: NOTE that actual award amounts listed are for Year One, 2013-14 only as funding levels for subsequent years will be determined in future State Budgets

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Brooklyn Public Library (Kings County) – *Ready, Set, Kindergarten! Summer Reading Program.* The scope of Brooklyn Public Library’s annual summer reading program will be expanded to include a six-session cycle of Ready, Set, Kindergarten! (RSK), a new and highly successful component of its First Five Years early literacy initiative. Multi-year funding will enable the Library to sustain RSK as a year-round program and to introduce an integrated program model that uses the resources of both programs to complement each other and to reinforce their shared focus on reading.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$75,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$20,969

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (Erie County) – *2013-2016 Summer Reading at New York Libraries through Public Library Systems.* Each of the 37 libraries of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library will offer a variety of programs to keep children and families motivated to read during their summer vacation for success during the following school year and beyond. Library staff will develop and present family and youth programs that will reflect the summer reading themes and encourage visits to the library in their community.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$42,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$11,743

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System (Chautauqua County) – *Join in the FUN!: Summer Reading at New York Libraries.* Member libraries in the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System will be provided with programming, themed materials and advertising to attract new and increased numbers of participants to their summer reading program. A fun and stimulating program will help disadvantaged families prevent the “summer slide” in reading skills by providing a vehicle by which the children can keep their reading up to grade level.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$27,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$7,549

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System (Clinton County) – *CEFLS Family Reading Project.* The goal of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System’s project is to measurably improve the reading for pleasure habits of up to 7,500 (2,500 each project year) juvenile and teen readers and their families/caregivers who participate in themed public library-based summer reading activities. These activities will occur within an

established and expanding network of library and agency partners to best meet the expressed needs of a shared clientele of juvenile and young adult readers and their families/caregivers.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$27,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$7,549

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Finger Lakes Library System (Tompkins County) – Engaging Summer Readers via Unbound Media to Build Digital Literacy and the Common Core @ Finger Lakes Library System. In order to bridge the digital divide and to meet educational standards, families in the Finger Lakes Library System will be introduced to emerging technologies such as tablets, gaming and playaways. The project will provide access and showcase how to incorporate these devices to cultivate English language arts and literacy, as well as the joy of reading for their children from birth to age eighteen.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$27,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$7,549

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Four County Library System (Broome County) – Summer Reading PACT (Parents and Children Together). Summer Reading PACT will provide opportunities for engagement and stimulation of parents in their children's summer reading efforts, which will enhance the intrinsic rewards of the emotional bond, and strengthen communication skills, between child and parent/caregiver. The Four County Library System will enter into a contract with Plymouth Rocket to host a web-based events calendar that will be linked to the System home page so that families may take advantage of the many opportunities for education and enrichment available in the summer.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$27,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$7,549

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Mid-Hudson Library System (Dutchess County) – Summer Reading at MHLS Libraries. Project funds will be used for mini grants to encourage member libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System to collaboratively plan programs with schools that will increase the number of children and families involved in local summer reading programs and foster school/public library summer reading partnerships. A child's academic success and subsequent success in life is increased when they are supported by their families in reading and use of the public library.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$42,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$11,743

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Mid-York Library System (Oneida County) – Family Literacy Grant. The Mid-York Library System will: (1) provide professional development to member library staff to familiarize them with family literacy resources and skills; and (2) provide mini grants to member libraries to fund program and activities that directly relate to family literacy. Interesting and engaging programs can “hook” families to return to the library and use other valuable resources, which can lead to an increase in reading and literacy activities inside the home.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$27,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$7,549

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Mohawk Valley Library System (Schenectady County) – Summer Reading @ the Library. During the three years of the project, library staff in the Mohawk Valley Library System will build skills in both understanding and articulating the value of summer reading through good customer service. A series of workshop presentations will give them expertise in providing services through a variety of media both in and outside the library, giving families more reading options and fun science activities to get them into the library and connected to books and reading.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$27,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$7,549

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Monroe County Library System (Monroe County) – Summer Reading @ Monroe County Libraries. A higher level of literacy services will be attained in the Monroe County Library System by upgrading the skills of staff that provide youth services and expanding collections to meet the request of youth and their families. Training will be offered to area library staff and teachers, each member library will host a family program that fits the needs of their community, and eBooks and downloadable books that appeal to young adults will be purchased.

Total Grant Award per Education Law: \$42,000

2013-2014 - Year One Actual Award: \$11,743

2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Nassau Library System (Nassau County) – Family Literacy through Summer Reading at New York Libraries in Nassau Public Libraries. The Nassau Library System will work to promote the Summer Reading at New York Libraries program by developing and expanding summer reading services and programs in member libraries and increasing the participation of young people and their parents/caregivers. Youth services staff will be educated about early literacy skills so they can effectively support and inform the parents/caregivers of young children in their communities.

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2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

New York Public Library (New York County) – Summer Reading Program. A cornerstone of the New York Public Library’s community programming, the Summer Reading Program is designed to help combat the “summer slide” by engaging young readers with a larger array of free educational resources and literacy programming. The interactive website (summerreading.org), Summer Reading kits, and vibrant programming will keep participants reading and learning throughout the summer months.

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2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

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Nioga Library System (Niagara County) – Get A+ for Active Learning During Summer Reading. Library staff in the Nioga Library System will be provided with training and materials that will enable them to do hands-on programming that compliments the summer reading themes and help them understand the Common Core Standards so they can include these in their learning standards in their summer reading programming.

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2014-2015 - Year Two Actual Award: To be determined

2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

North Country Library System (Jefferson County) – Partners in Learning, Partners in Teaching: A Family Literacy Project. Member library staff in the North Country Library System will be targeted to improve the skills that help them provide quality service to children and caregivers at their libraries during the summer months. These skills include promotion of the “Summer Reading @ New York Libraries” theme, development of effective summer reading programs for children and caregivers, collaboration with schools and school librarians, and integrating early literacy pre-reading techniques into story times for caregivers of preschool-age children.

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2015-2016 - Year Three Actual Award: To be determined

Onondaga County Public Library (Onondaga County) – Summer Reading Program at Onondaga County Public Library. The primary objective of Onondaga County Public Library’s summer reading program is to motivate children and teens to read during summer vacation, thus helping to prevent summer learning loss. The summer reading program attracts families, day care providers and youth groups who may not regularly visit the library and provides the opportunity to foster relationships with these new patrons.

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Pioneer Library System (Ontario County) – Family Literacy Library Services Grant. Each member library in the Pioneer Library System will offer a minimum of one enriching and entertaining summer reading program. Since school children often have limited time during the school year to visit the library, special efforts will be made during the summer to offer programs for this age group, with the emphasis of the program to complement this year’s “Dig into Reading” theme, as well as subsequent themes thereafter.

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Queens Borough Public Library (Queens County) – Summer Reading Initiative. The Queens Library summer reading program will provide children and teens opportunities to follow their curiosity and explore their world through the Library’s robust print and electronics collections and high-quality programming. Funds will provide resources, programs and materials to the targeted population (families that travel to their home countries of origin during the summer months; families experiencing homelessness; and preschool children and their families) to stress early learning, STEM concepts, family reading and to support Common Core standards.

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Ramapo-Catskill Library System (Orange County) – Family Literacy Through Summer Reading in Ramapo-Catskill Libraries. Member libraries in the Ramapo-Catskill Library System will develop opportunities and expand summer literacy resources for the youth and families/caregivers in their service area. Youth services staff will find new and creative methods to increase the participation of young people and their families/caregivers to further hone their literacy skills.

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Southern Adirondack Library System (Saratoga County) – Families Read, Play, Sing, Talk, Engage. Youth, along with their families/caregivers, will be encouraged to read and engage throughout the summer. Each participating library in the Southern Adirondack Library System will plan educational and recreational programs and activities to make reading a fun and appealing activity for youth and their families/caregivers, while encouraging them to engage with each other.

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Southern Tier Library System (Steuben County) – Summer Reading at New York Libraries Through Public Library Systems. This project is structured to increase participation in the summer reading programs in the Southern Tier Library System's member libraries. Staff training, creating a pattern of year-round programming, and targeted activities to reach the underserved audience in each community will gradually, over the three years of the project, build better library services and increase participation in summer reading programs for ages preschool through age 15.

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Suffolk Cooperative Library System (Suffolk County) – Dig Into Summer Reading. The purpose of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System's project is: to increase participation of at-risk young people and their families in summer reading programs at member libraries; to promote the value of summer reading to all children and teens in the service area; and to train library staff and others who provide programs and services to families that emphasize the importance of developing strong family literacy programs.

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Upper Hudson Library System (Albany County) – STEM-Sell: Inviting Families into Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Activities through Summer Reading Program. The STEM-Sell Program will help libraries develop community collaborations, conversation, and creation around STEM. The primary target audience is staff in Upper Hudson Library System member libraries, with the intended results of helping libraries increase community collaborations and family participation in the summer reading program.

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Westchester Library System (Westchester County) – Learning Ambassadors for Summer Reading. Learning Ambassadors is a youth employment project in the Westchester Library System that engages teens in the experience of work in the 21st Century, where it is essential to navigate a world of ideas that are constructed and shared in multiple media and in dialog across diverse communities. Teens acquire critical academic and workforce skills as part of their broader training to advance the

goals of public library summer reading programs. Planned programs include: parent/child and bilingual storytelling groups, book/film discussions, science experiments and math games, as well as a group craft and video projects.

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