



## Educators: Help your students improve skills through reading during the summer months.

*“Statistics point to the disappointing loss of learning that takes place when young people are not in school during the summer. The effects of summer learning loss are especially dramatic for students from high-needs communities. By providing summer reading programs, the State Library and public libraries throughout the State – in conjunction with our partners in the State Assembly and Senate – can provide young people and their parents with the tools necessary to ensure year-long learning success and cultivate a love of reading.”*

– Commissioner of the New York State Education Department John B. King, Jr.

### 10 Ideas to Get Students Reading this summer

1. Encourage your students to get a library card at their local public library. It's free!
2. Show your class a beach bag of books that you plan to read during summer vacation.
3. Have students start a list of books they'd like to read during the summer.
4. In your classroom post a list of favorite books. Encourage students and parents to add their favorites.
5. Invite a public librarian to your class to introduce this year's summer reading program and slogan: "Dream Big READ" (Elementary) and "Own the Night" (High School).
6. Collaborate with your school librarian to introduce reading themes that encourage students to explore their dreams and investigate new topics.
7. Introduce Night-related subjects in your classroom – astronomy, nocturnal animals, vampires and zombies, nighttime mysteries, etc.
8. Collaborate with the local public library to insure your students get the best possible summer reading experience.
9. Encourage your students to share their summer reading experiences when they return to school in the fall.
10. If your legislator offers a summer reading program, your students can join that and visit their local library to get the perks from both.



For information and educational activities check out these New York Summer Reading program sites: [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer), [www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org)



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