



Summer Reading

AT NEW YORK LIBRARIES

Dream Big – READ!

Summer Reading Programs are Fun and Promote Literacy!

Public libraries across the State encourage reading through the **Summer Reading at New York Libraries** program. For summer readers, the night is full of dreams and infinite possibilities. In 2012, children will be invited to “**Dream Big – Read!**” (artwork by children’s book illustrator, Brian Lies) and teens will be challenged to “**Own the Night**” (artwork by graphic designer, Christian Fuenfhausen.)



Children and families visit public libraries to choose what they want to read as part of a summertime mix of activities. In 2011, over 1.6 million children and teens participated in summer reading fun at their local libraries.

Experts in the fields of child brain development and reading research agree that literacy skills develop early and are strengthened when children read during the summer months. **Summer Reading at New York Libraries** reaches families with children from birth through age 18. For a compilation of the latest research on the importance of reading and access to books during the summer months, see the State Education Department Research Brief available at: www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm.



State, Local and National Partnerships Keep Kids Reading!

Summer Reading at New York Libraries continues to strengthen its relationships with the NYS Assembly and Senate, New York State’s Public Broadcasting Stations, and all New York schools. Shared materials and expertise create collaborations that support summer reading for all children.

Summer Reading at New York Libraries partnerships provide resources to all public libraries and families. The **New York Council for the Humanities’ “Together Book Club”** online book review tool and **Cornell Cooperative Extension’s “4-H Youth Development”** both offer extensive resources for children, parents and educators. Access to these partners and additional resources is available through www.summerreadingnys.org.

Local public libraries work with museums, science organizations and clubs, and partner with a variety of family oriented and education institutions in their community to provide a wealth of resources to all children and teens in their community.

The New York State Library participates in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program and provides to more than 1,080 public libraries and neighborhood branches a Summer Reading Program manual that contains creative ideas, engaging projects, multilingual materials and extensive reading lists.



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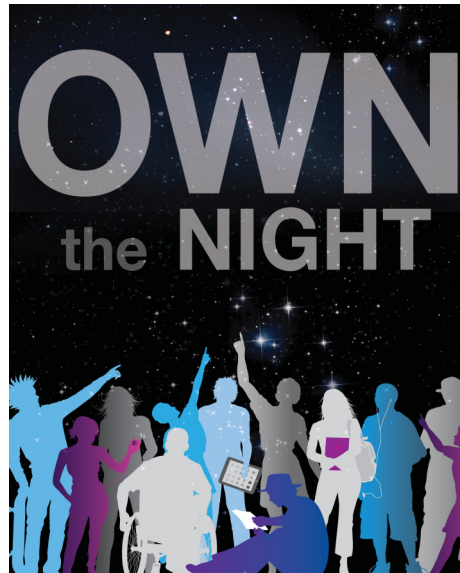
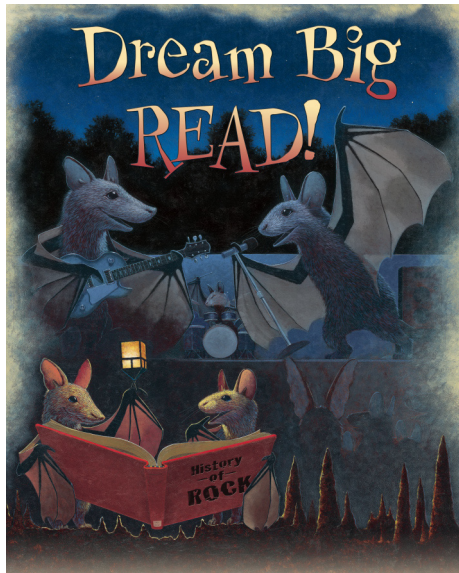
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Summer Reading at New York Libraries Websites

www.summerreadingnys.org The official **Summer Reading at New York Libraries** website offers children and teens lots of free reading activities, games, links, suggested reading lists, as well as valuable information for families, caregivers, librarians, and educators.

www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/index.html This **New York State Library** web page contains information and links for librarians, educators and other professionals on summer reading, summer reading research, and the **Summer Reading at New York Libraries** program.

www.performersandprograms.com The **Performers and Programs** site includes a listing of performers and programming ideas for library staff who plan for the summer reading program and year-round library programs for youth.

www.cslpreads.org The **Collaborative Summer Library Library Program** is a nationwide consortium of state library systems (including New York) dedicated to developing a reading program theme, graphic design, and promotional materials for each year's summer reading program.

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