



AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEARNING STANDARDS

Public library summer reading programs foster a community of inquiry and literacy that leads to high academic achievement, independent reading and learning, and collaborative efforts that last a lifetime.

Public library summer reading programs expose children to a wealth of informational and recreational reading, and opportunities to gain knowledge about the world and build strong academic vocabulary. By visiting the public library a child is surrounded by a variety of reading materials and librarians with the expertise to help all children find reading materials that can challenge, excite and interest them.

- The New York State Learning Standards are best supported by children reading more and being engaged by what they read. Public library summer reading programs provide the books and other text resources, and the expertise and fun enrichment activities to encourage reading for information and pleasure.
- Public libraries offer varied collections of fiction and nonfiction that children can pore over to gain a variety of information and perspectives on their road to forming the habit of reading.
- The New York State Learning Standards encourage flexible communication and collaboration. School and public libraries collaborate to attract and engage a wide spectrum of children and families, especially those with high needs, in the excitement of reading.
- Each year the public library summer reading theme encourages inquiry-based programming. Public libraries will partner with museums, local organizations, historians, and others to offer activities where children explore problem solving in real life situations.
- Book discussion programs in public libraries help children develop the ability to read with care and use the information from the text to investigate and discuss various issues with their peers.
- The *Explore New York* recreational reading lists, created each year by school and public librarians, are used by libraries to encourage the reading of fun and interesting texts during the summer months. <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm>
- Visit your local public library to participate in “*Summer Reading at New York Libraries.*” Find your library at: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/publibs/>