



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

*"The Board of Regents and I encourage students across New York to participate in summer reading programs at their local public libraries. The Summer Reading at New York Libraries program, supported by the State Library in conjunction with our partners in the State Assembly and Senate, is an excellent resource for students. Summer reading programs put books in the hands of children and helps students build reading skills, prevent summer learning loss, and prepare for a successful school year."*

-- Commissioner of the New York State Education Department MaryEllen Elia

### 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: "Build a Better World" for children and teens.
6. Collaborate with your school librarian to use books and other resources in your classroom to explore the idea of improving the community, the environment, and the world as part of the "Build a Better World" summer reading theme.
7. Invite local community members from different professions and organizations to your class as part of the "Build a Better World" summer reading theme.
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 *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* websites:

[www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer)  
[www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org)