The New York State Library, in partnership with the New York Library Association’s Youth Services Section and Section of School Librarians, presents selected reading lists that celebrate the history, culture, and diversity of New York State.

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Librarians who work with children and teens in both public libraries and school libraries across the State have collaborated to select age-appropriate titles for recreational reading. The four lists were created to spark an interest in the rich history of New York State.

Each of the four lists covers one reader age group and features the Summer Reading at New York Libraries Slogan, “Imagine Your Story”

These recreational reading lists were first created in 2009, prompted by the Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain's voyages along the river and lake that bear their names.

Books marked "Braille format" and “Downloadable Format” are noted for use by students who have a disability that affects their use of print materials. The books with these notations are available for loan to eligible students and schools. For information on the two libraries in New York State which lend books in these formats through the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress program, see Attachment A.

Titles that are available in commercial audio formats are noted when available. A list of commercial audio vendors is provided in Attachment B.

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Upstate New York
New York State Library
New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (full service to 55 upstate counties)
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Attachment B

Audio Vendors Contact Information

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Audio Book Contractors: http://www.audiobookcontractors.com/

Audio GO Library -- http://www.audiogo-library.com/library/client/

Books on Tape - http://www.booksontape.com/listening-library/

Brilliance Audio: http://www.brillianceaudio.com/

Full Cast Audio - http://www.fullcastaudio.com/

Graphic Audio: https://www.graphicaudio.net/


Listening Library: http://www.randomhouse.com/audio/listeninglibrary/

Live Oak Media: http://www.liveoakmedia.com/

Overdrive: http://www.overdrive.com/

Recorded Books: http://www.recordedbooks.com/

Scholastic: http://shop.scholastic.com/shop/en/teacherstore/nav/shop/Scholastic%20Audio/4294607368