2017 Early Literacy Partner Manual: A Resource for Childcare Providers
Early Literacy Partner Manual

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Summer Reading at New York Libraries: An Introduction

*Summer Reading at New York Libraries* is an annual program that brings children and families into local public libraries for reading and activities. In 2016, 2.1 million New York children, birth to 18 years, participated in the State Library-sponsored program.

The State Library coordinates the program and works with the 23 public library systems (see Appendixes B and C) throughout the state providing a summer reading theme, promotional materials, a creative idea manual, and state-level support. Materials are created as part of the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP).

**Goals**

- Focus on literacy by engaging children and families in reading and reading-related activities during the summer months.
- Foster a love of reading through public library programs and services.
- Increase successful reading experiences through librarian-supported, self-selected, voluntary reading.
- Involve parents, caregivers, and all family members in the library summer reading experience.
- Improve children’s access to library materials and activities, which will encourage them to become lifelong readers and library users.
Childcare providers can use this partner manual as an Early Literacy resource when working with young children and families.

2017 Summer Reading

Activities for all at the local public library

Early Literacy - Many public libraries offer a Read-to-Me program, which introduces the summer reading concept to young children. A parent or caregiver reads aloud to the child and keeps a record of their shared reading. All public libraries offer programs and resources for children birth through age 5 and their caregivers and parents.

Families - Young children join the summer reading program with their parents or families. Family participation encourages children to join with a family reading partner. It also encourages visits to the public library as a family activity.

Ready to Read at New York Libraries - Ready to Read at New York Libraries is an initiative of the New York State Education Department designed to improve and expand the availability of high quality public library early learning services in local communities across the State. Through this initiative at New York public library outlets, families and caregivers will be provided with the knowledge needed to prepare their young children for their school years ahead.

Events and Activities - Performances, craft programs, story times, computer workshops, and author/illustrator visits are some of the programs offered by public libraries during the summer. Childcare providers should check with their local libraries all summer long for reading materials as well as special programs and activities geared toward the young child. Encourage the families in your care to take advantage of their local public library.
Partner with Your Public Library

Begin a partnership with your local public library and bring early literacy resources to the children and families you serve.

- There are 23 public library systems serving all regions of New York State. Public library youth services experts at each system will be happy to help connect you with your local library and its summer reading program.
  - Map of the 23 Public library Systems (Appendix B)
  - List of Youth Services Early Childhood Consultants for each library system (Appendix C).

Tips for being a public library partner

- Help the children in your childcare facility become familiar with the library and feel comfortable with the library staff:
  - Invite the librarian to visit the childcare facility for a story time.
  - Schedule a special time for your group to visit the library for a program and/or to get materials.
- Ask library staff if they can provide early literacy training for staff at your childcare facility as part of the Ready to Read at New York Libraries training program.
- Borrow books to read at your childcare facility. Find out if your local library offers a group library card for the childcare facility.
- Offer to distribute information about the local public library to the families of the children in your facility.
- Encourage all families to get a library card.
- Work with the public library and hold a recognition program for those families who participated in the public library summer reading program.
- Encourage your staff to explore and take advantage of any early literacy professional development offered by your public library or public library system.
- The public library has summer reading artwork and resources that they can share with their partner childcare providers.
- Visit [http://www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org) for information, art, and reading related activities for educators, families, and children.
Summer Reading Websites, Resources, Information, and Materials

- Resources for parents and educators of children birth to five years, including booklists, coloring pages, and signing videos available under the drop down menu “Birth to 5.”
- News about the Summer Reading Program available under the “Summer Reading News” tab.

daybydayny.org - DaybyDayNY is a virtual calendar that changes daily, providing activities and a story for families with young children. The website is designed to help parents and caregivers increase their young child’s cognitive skills and have fun together at the same time. The daily story, provided by One More Story (http://www.onemorestory.com/), is in the form of an eBook that includes original music and sound effects, produced by former Sesame Street Music Director, Robby Merkin. In addition, the website includes monthly activities, storytelling and nursery rhyme videos, rhymes for young children, craft activities for children and their caregivers, a New York State map of museums with activities for families with young children, health information, and reading lists.

www.performersandprograms.com – The Performers and Programs site includes a listing of performers and the programs they offer for libraries, schools, and other organizations serving children.

www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer – 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.
- There are lots of flyers, posters, and brochures available through the “Downloadable Materials” link, including “Easy Ways to Grow a Great Reader” parent tip-sheet in ten different languages. “Easy Ways to Grow a Great Reader” can also be found in Appendix A.
- The “Explore New York” link offers four reading lists of books, including a list of picture books, and downloadable bookmarks, all focused on New York State.
Great Resources for Young Children
The following resource lists were created by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) for use in support of the 2017 Summer Reading Program at public libraries.

All About You

Books


**Web Resource**

*Library: Open, Shut Them.* www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnL5t3noBKE

**Audio CDs**


**Apps**

*DNA Play.* Avokiddo, 2015. $2.99. iOS, Android.

*Faces iMake: Right Brain Creativity.* iMagine Machine Israel LTD, 2015. $2.99. iOS.
Build a Better World

Books


Child, Lauren. We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers. Dial, 2009. 32 p. (978-0803733350)


Evans, Shane W. We March. Roaring Brook, 2012. 32 p. (978-1596435391)


**Apps**

*Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame*. Sesame Workshop, 2015. Free. Android, iOS.


**Web Resources**

King County Library System: Dig a Little Hole. [http://tmas.kcls.org/dig-a-little-hole/](http://tmas.kcls.org/dig-a-little-hole/)
**All Around the Town**

**Books**


Reidy, Jean. *All Through My Town*. Bloomsbury USA Children’s, 2013. 32 p. (978-1599907857)


Web Resources

Jbrary: Hurry Hurry Drive the Firetruck. www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9Dhlp9VQ-w


King County Library System: Going on Down to the Library. http://tmas.kcls.org/going-on-down-to-the-library


App


Audio CD

Platinum All-Time Favorites by Sesame Street. KOCH Entertainment, 2008. (B015REEHFC). Includes the song “The People in Your Neighborhood.”
**Construction Zone**

### Books


**Music/CDs**


Berkner, Laurie. *Rocketship Run.* Two Tomatoes, 2008 (B00N1PNFOE). Includes the song “Mouse in My Toolbox.”

**Web Resources**

*Abby the Librarian: Fall Storytime: Construction.* [www.abbythelibrarian.com/2012/10/fall-storytime-construction.html](http://www.abbythelibrarian.com/2012/10/fall-storytime-construction.html)


*St. Joseph County Public Library: Johnny Works With One Hammer.* [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jyq3vOxINb](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jyq3vOxINb)
Apps


*Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site*. Oceanhouse Media, 2014. $2.99 on iTunes. iOS.

Home Sweet Home

Books


**Web Resources**

King County Library System: A House For Me. [http://tmas.kcls.org/a-house-for-me/](http://tmas.kcls.org/a-house-for-me/)
Appendix A: Easy Ways to Grow a Great Reader

Printable copies of this flyer in English and nine other languages to distribute to parents are available at: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/facts.htm

Easy Ways to Grow a Great Reader

Get your child ready to read and to succeed in the school years ahead!

☑ Read to your child and point out words and pictures. You are your child’s first teacher.
☑ Visit the library every week with the whole family. Everyone gets to pick out their own books.
☑ Get a library card at your local public library. It’s free!
☑ Sign your child up for Summer Reading at the local public library and enjoy free programs with fun activities, storytelling, crafts and more.
☑ When your child watches TV, join in and turn on the closed captioning so children see the words as they hear them.
☑ Talk together and tell stories with your child while cooking dinner, traveling, or shopping. Your child will learn lots of new words and ideas.
☑ Sing to your child while getting ready for the day or for bed.
☑ Encourage your child to set up a play library, restaurant, museum or school, complete with books, menus, maps, crayons. Children learn best through play!
☑ Write lists with your child - grocery lists, birthday present wish lists, or lists of your favorite books.
☑ Bring a basket of books for reading breaks from the sun, water, sand and all outdoor activities.
☑ Keep a list on the refrigerator of the books read to your child all year long.
☑ Read together at bedtime every night!

For more information talk to the librarian at your public library and visit www.summerreadingnys.org

New York State Library

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Appendix B: New York State Public Library Systems

This map shows the 23 public library systems serving all regions of New York State.

Each public library system has a youth services expert who can help connect childcare providers with their local public library.

Public Library Systems

Brooklyn (Kings County)
Buffalo-Erie
Chautauqua-Cattaraugus
Clinton-Essex-Franklin
Finger Lakes (Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga, Tompkins counties)
Four County (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego counties)
Mid-Hudson (Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Ulster [part] counties)
Mid-York (Herkimer, Madison, Oneida counties)
Mohawk Valley (Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Schoharie counties)
Monroe
Nassau
New York (Bronx, New York, Richmond counties)
Nioga (Genesee, Niagara, Orleans counties)
North Country (Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence counties)
Onondaga
Pioneer (Livingston, Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming counties)
Queens
Ramapo Catskill (Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster [part] counties)
Southern Adirondack (Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, Washington counties)
Southern Tier (Allegany, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Yates counties)
Suffolk
Upper Hudson (Albany, Rensselaer counties)
Westchester
# Appendix C: Youth Services Contacts for Early Literacy

## NYS Public Library System Youth Service Contacts for Early Literacy

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