



Summer Reading Programs are Fun and Promote Literacy

Public libraries as well as schools and school libraries across the State encourage participation in the [Summer Reading at New York Libraries](#) program. In 2023, children and teens will be invited to discover the joys of summer reading and libraries through “[All Together Now](#)” (artwork by author/illustrator Frank Morrison).

Children and families connect with their local libraries to choose what they want to read and explore part of a summertime mix of activities. In 2022 1.4 million children and teens participated in summer reading fun and activities provided by their local libraries.



Experts in the fields of child brain development and reading research agree that literacy skills develop at a very early age and are strengthened when children read and learn 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](#).

State, Local, and National Partnerships Keep Kids Reading!



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

[Summer Reading at New York Libraries](#) **partnerships** provide resources to all public libraries and families. Partnerships with Hunger Solutions NY, Cornell Cooperative Extension’s 4-H Youth Development, The New York Council for the Humanities, NYS Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., and the New York State Reading Association offer extensive resources for libraries, educators, and families. Access to partner organization information and additional resources are available through the [Great Partners page](#).

Local public libraries work with museums, schools, community organizations and clubs, and partner with a variety of family oriented and educational institutions to provide a wealth of resources to all children and teens in their communities. The New York State Library participates in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program. The State Library provides a Summer Reading Program manual that contains creative ideas, engaging projects, multilingual materials and extensive reading lists to 1,100 public libraries and neighborhood branches.



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Summer Reading and Youth Services Websites

The [Summer Reading at New York Libraries](#) site offers reading activities and resources, as well as valuable information for families, caregivers, librarians, and educators about promotion and participation.

The [Performers and Programs](#) site includes a **listing of performers and the programs they offer** for libraries, schools, and other organizations serving youth. **Virtual as well as in person programs are listed in this resource!**

The [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#) is a nationwide consortium of state library agencies dedicated to developing yearly themed program components, artwork, and promotional materials for libraries to use.

[Ready To Read](#): Part of the **New York State Library** early literacy initiative to promote appropriate resources for libraries, caregivers, and families.

[DayByDayNY](#) is a virtual literacy calendar that changes daily and includes activities, stories, and information for parents and caregivers. DayByDayNY is part of **Ready to Read at New York Libraries** and includes the **One More Story** resource with two new e-books each day!



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