NYSL 101: *Getting to Know Your State Library!*

New York State Library — 1818–2018 — BICENTENNIAL

2017 New York Library Association Conference
Saratoga Springs, New York

This list of fact sheets, publications, and informational web pages will help answer many questions about the programs, services, and initiatives offered by the New York State Library. You will find these resources at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/nyla/

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NYSED School Library Services
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Preservation Services
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- New York Capital Region Alliance for Response Project

Research Library Collections and Services
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Talking Book and Braille Library Services (TBBL)
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Technology and the Information Marketplace

55. Address copyright, licensing, and digital rights management with one firm voice.

56. Encourage the growth of NOVELNY or a similar initiative by adding more e-resources of all kinds for statewide access.

57. Identify the current costs of e-resources from all public funds to best determine economies of shared acquisition and use across all schools, libraries, public universities, and state government agencies.

58. Foster the development of a common statewide e-book platform and address the particularly high costs of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) online electronic resources.

59. Encourage branding of all e-content to demonstrate libraries' value to remain visible and relevant to end users, wherever they may be.

60. Encourage all libraries and library systems to anticipate and participate in the development of a single, digital library with rich functionality that serves all.

Creating the Future

A 2020 Vision and Plan for Library Services in New York State

Recommendations of the New York State Regents Advisory Council on Libraries to the New York State Board of Regents

Sixty Recommendations

New York State Library

Background for
Creating the Future

In April 2010 the Board of Regents challenged the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries to develop a new vision and plan for library services in New York. In response, the Council requested input from the library and education communities, as well as from library users across the state. Hundreds of comments were received and used to develop initial drafts of the vision document. Responses informed the Council on the importance of libraries in their communities, particularly with regard to the ability of libraries to adapt to the surrounding technological environment and serve individuals of any age or economic standing.

The New York State Board of Regents accepted *Creating the Future: A 2020 Vision and Plan for Library Service in New York State; Recommendations of the New York State Regents Advisory Council on Libraries to the New York State Board of Regents* at their meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

For more information on the plan, visit:
http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/future/index.html#blog

For the latest news on implementation, visit the *Creating the Future* blog at:
http://creatingthefuture2020.wordpress.com/

Thank you for taking the time to help us *Create the Future*!

Bernard A. Margolis
State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries

State Library/SED/Board of Regents

41. Reaffirm the importance of libraries in the lives of all New Yorkers.

42. Enable the New York State Library to make its licensed electronic resources available to businesses having fewer than 100 employees.

43. Mandate public library trustee education similar to that required of School Boards.

44. Mandate library staff training; make all Public Librarian Certificates renewable contingent upon ongoing professional development, including 10 hours of annual technology training.

45. Remove regulatory and legislative restrictions to intersystem and statewide cooperative purchasing negotiations while empowering the State Library to take the lead in negotiating statewide licensing for e-resources.

46. Encourage the New York State Library and the state's library systems to develop statewide delivery infrastructure and to investigate the need for a statewide union catalog.

47. Promote legislation that protects against filtering and other forms of censorship.

48. Require the State Library to continuously review and update outdated standards, guidelines, and regulations. Provide clear and relevant standards, guidelines, and regulations designed to improve library services.

49. Provide legal assistance for public libraries seeking district library status.

50. Create incentives for collaboration, innovation, and shared services among systems.

51. Encourage and reward best practices throughout the state.

52. Direct the State Library to develop appropriate training, including in the areas of advocacy and development, to be required for all boards and advisory councils to improve governance of libraries and library systems.

53. Ask the Governor and Legislature to fully fund the State Library as a part of the State Education Department and as an essential component of the State's educational infrastructure.

54. Recognize the Board of Regents' responsibility for its role as statewide library advocate, and avoid viewing library services only through the prism of P-12 education. Libraries and library systems of all types are essential to raise the knowledge, skill, and opportunity of all the people in New York.

30. Making special library collections available to other libraries and the public.

31. Collaboration with other libraries in the development of statewide licensing of electronic data bases and e-resources; participation in a state digital library / digital repository.

32. Innovation in the creation of new services such as the deployment of systems for intelligent processing and correlation of large data sets.

33. The collaborative development of consistent, cost-effective digital preservation strategies.

Library Systems

34. Increasing and providing incentives for collaboration among systems and with the New York State Library, as well as with other state agencies.

35. An environment of flexible regional solutions without loss of state funding.

36. Library systems to be at the forefront of training, professional development, technological innovation, outreach, marketing and branding, and other high-value services needed by member libraries.

37. Library systems to explore models of broader and more intensive collaboration with their members through appropriate membership fee structures or charges for special services.

38. Library systems to consider restructuring their governance and initiating partnerships for greater collaboration at the regional and state level; up to and including consolidation.

39. Library systems – as with all libraries – to anticipate and develop innovative and entrepreneurial services; and to discontinue out-of-date services when they no longer provide benefit to their members or the end-users.

40. Public Library Systems to proactively encourage and assist their member libraries that are eligible to pursue the Regents' Public Library District model of public governance and support.

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Recommendations

All Libraries

1. Improve the marketing of library services to all clientele and communities by rebranding libraries while addressing the erroneous perceptions about the need for libraries in a digital world.

2. Develop better tools for advocacy, and identify library champions at all levels of governance: university and school boards, town and city management, State Education Department, Board of Regents, New York State Legislature and Executive branch.

3. Collaborate to integrate services and collections of all types of libraries while developing a transparent and seamless world of library services that are ubiquitous and instantaneous, yet personalized and flexible, serving all ages and needs.

4. Seek operational and cost efficiencies in light of technological opportunities, energy efficient facilities, and online service delivery methods.

5. Develop economic justifications for the investments that governments, communities, individuals and philanthropic organizations are asked to make in libraries, and enhance the role of libraries as economic drivers for their communities.

6. Recruit technologically savvy staff and train current staff in virtual librarianship while influencing higher education to appropriately educate tomorrow's service providers.

7. Function at the front lines of e-resources (including e-books) purchasing, licensing, digital rights management, digital curation, resource-sharing, and preservation; and advocate for the delivery of open content as embodied in initiatives such as the Digital Public Library of America or the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities.

8. Actively address issues concerning the privatization of information and its impact on traditional models of library services, defending residents' rights to free access, free lending and the inter-sharing of materials among libraries.

9. Create collaborative partnerships with all cultural and educational organizations in the state to offer our residents the most comprehensive educational opportunities available anywhere in the world.

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School Libraries

10. Adopt and implement a statewide information fluency curriculum framework, aligned with the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards, which, through certified school librarians and a strong library program, will provide equitable access to information and digital literacy instruction and tools. Such a framework will further the schools' ultimate goal of preparing students, beginning at the elementary level, with the literacy and digital skills and knowledge needed for career or college.

11. Expand the existing Commissioner's Regulations (91.2) to require an elementary school librarian in every school to strengthen instructional leadership in meeting the P-12 Common Core Learning Standards, and enforce library staffing regulations in all public schools.

12. Create incentives to encourage school districts to actively expand and promote access to the school library collection of online resources, e-books, and Web 2.0 tools, available 24/7, to create learning and enrichment opportunities that reach beyond the school day and encourage year-round learning.

13. Create incentives to encourage school districts to adopt flexible scheduling to support full academic day access to school librarians, school library resources and information and digital literacy instruction.

14. Create incentives for school libraries to collaborate with other libraries and communities (such as public libraries, university and community college libraries) to result in full-time, full-year access to information that will further opportunities for all students.

Academic Libraries

15. The development of a statewide/national digital library of shared use, freely accessible digitized books and research materials through the Hathi Trust and similar organizations.

16. Active participation by New York's libraries in the Digital Public Library of America and the Internet Archive's Open Library initiative, in order that New York's freely available but disparate content can be accessed by all our residents.

17. The acceleration of digitization of special collections and their integration into curricula; and making those materials freely available for research.

18. The publication of academic research generated by faculty that would be universally available at no cost to the user.

19. Leadership in the preservation of digital resources and advocacy for open access and reduced copyright restrictions in the support of digital preservation.

20. The continuation and strengthening of collaborations with other communities in support of life-long learning, information literacy and research.

21. Collaboration among all academic libraries in the development of print repositories designed to reduce redundancies within collections while maintaining high levels of access and stewardship.

22. Advancement of the primary role of academic librarians in fostering the integration of information literacy competencies into teaching and learning on their campuses to support student academic achievement and to prepare students for the global information economy that will shape their professional and personal lives.

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Public Libraries

23. The further proliferation of the Regents' Public Library District Model to enable all public libraries to become fully funded and governed through citizen participation and public vote.

24. All public libraries to proactively create and collect local content and serve as a catalyst for civic engagement to promote civil discourse and confront society's most difficult problems.

25. Collaboration with other libraries and community organizations to develop seamless information literacy initiatives, promote cultural understanding and protect local historical and cultural treasures.

26. Support state and national digital literacy learning initiatives providing this 21st century skill to people of all walks of life, not just those enrolled in schools and colleges.

27. The provision of robust early childhood education programs and the provision of homework assistance as a core service; the alignment of outreach services with societal priorities, such as teen services and gang prevention.

28. The provision of full access to library services by people with disabilities, including accessible buildings, homebound services, and assistive technology.

29. Investment in public library facilities in order to be able to respond to the changing needs of communities -- rewiring of older buildings, creation of larger meeting spaces and small meeting rooms, flexible storage solutions so that libraries can adjust as print to e-format ratios change and energy efficiency improvements to keep operating costs down.

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What's New at Your State Library?
Highlights for the 2017 NYLA Annual Conference

A Bicentennial Celebration for the New York State Library- Created in April 1818 at the urging of Governor DeWitt Clinton, the New York State Library is celebrating *200 years of knowledge, heritage and history* next year. Information about special programs and events will be shared via NYLINE and social media as plans unfold. Mark your calendars now for VIP Behind-the-Scenes tours on February 27 and evening programs featuring Kathryn K. Matthews, Director of IMLS and James Neal, ALA President on April 9 and April 25, respectively.

Combatting the Opioid Epidemic-New York Libraries Save Lives- As part of a coordinated statewide effort, the State Library, the State Education Department, the State Department of Health, the New York State Library Association, the Public Library System Directors Organization and the Harm Reduction Coalition have collaborated to create *Guidance for Implementing Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries.* Visit http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/opioid/ for more information.

Ready to Read at New York Libraries- Find engaging early learning resources on the *DayByDayNY Family Literacy Calendar* http://daybydayny.org/, including a different e-book from *One More Story* for each day. Explore the brand new *DayByDayNY in Spanish* http://www.daybydaynysp.org, designed for bilingual and Spanish-speaking families with young children. The *Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program* is well underway. Comprehensive training tool kits, including customizable PowerPoint presentations and handbooks, are now available at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/toolkits.htm. Coming in 2018 - New York is a key partner in a recently awarded IMLS federal grant to OCLC that will expand the availability of the research-based *Supercharged Storytime* program to public libraries through a train-the-trainer program. https://www.imls.gov/grants/awarded/re-95-17-0085-17 For more information about *Ready to Read at New York Libraries*, visit: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/.

State Aid for Library Construction- Public libraries and systems submitted over 231 applications for FY 2017/2018. Has your library applied? This $24 million capital program provides State funds annually for matching construction, renovation and broadband infrastructure projects for public libraries. A flexible match of up to 75 percent in State funds is available for library buildings located in economically disadvantaged communities. Find out more at: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/construc/.

E-Rate- Is your public library benefitting from E-Rate? Interested in ramping up your broadband speed? The federal E-Rate program now provides substantial discounts for telecommunications services, Internet connectivity, internal connections and broadband network construction. Both E-Rate modernization orders are on the State Library's website, in addition to information about the new E-Rate Productivity Center. Visit the E-Rate website to see "Latest News" for more information:www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/univsvc/index.html.

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York State- Through DHPSNY, a statewide program offered by the State Library and State Archives, libraries, archives and historical societies holding historical records and research collections have access to many free services, including archival needs assessments, preservation and conservation surveys, guidance with strategic planning, and a variety of educational programs and workshops. Visit www.dhpsny.org to sign up for notices about upcoming workshops, webinars and funding opportunities.

Summer Reading at New York Libraries- The 2018 slogan for all ages is *Libraries Rock!* and the theme is music. Visit *Performers and Programs* http://performersandprograms.com/index.html to book exciting and educational summer programs and events. Read the Summer Reading News blog, get information about valuable Summer Reading resources and our Summer Reading program partners, and find out more about the 2018 Teen Video Challenge competition at http://www.summerreadingnys.org /.

NOVELNY- Encyclopedia Britannica and several new Gale resources are now available from NOVELNY, the New York Online Electronic Library. With geolocation New Yorkers can easily access all the NOVELNY resources without a password from any device, from anywhere in New York State. Check out the Facebook page (http://facebook.com/NOVELny) for postings to share with your customers. Register for one of the many NOVELNY webinars and find a list of the fabulous e-resources freely available to New York libraries and residents at http://www.novelnewyork.org. Over 5,900 libraries are registered and are providing FREE access to the full text of thousands of online commercial journals, newspapers and other reference e-resources. Is your library one of them? Register NOW!

State Library Digital Collections Continue to Grow! Over 5,000 items, including State government documents and historical items, were added to the repository this year. New historical items added this year include a selection of the Library's World War I Poster Collection. The Digital Collections are useful to educational professionals looking for primary source classroom material. Some new areas to explore include historical materials and current publications of the Executive Agencies that deal with environmental, transportation, energy resources, health, and educational topics. You can access the Digital Collections via the State Library website at: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/scandocs/ , through the Library's Online Catalog at: https://nyst.sirsi.net or through the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) at: https://dp.la/.

Learn More about New York State Library Statewide Programs and Services
Visit Booth #102 in the Exhibit Hall

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Be sure to check out these offerings from the

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Landing a
Learning Technology Grant
Thursday November 9th
11:30 am-12:30pm
Saratoga Hilton/High Rock Room

Opioid Overdose Prevention
Guidance for Libraries
Lightning Round
Thursday November 9th 12:45pm-2pm
Meeting Room 1

Q&A with
New York State
Education
Commissioner
MaryEllen Elia

Friday November 10th
9:00am-10:00am
Saratoga City Center

Creating the Future
Looking Beyond the 2020 Vision
for Library Service in NYS

Friday November 10th 4:15pm-5:15pm
Saratoga City Center, Meeting Room 2A

The Documentary Heritage and
Preservation Services for
New York Initiative

DHPS|NY
DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE
& PRESERVATION SERVICES
FOR NEW YORK

Saturday November 11th
10:45am-11:45am
Saratoga Hilton/High Rock

Be sure to visit the State Library at Booth #102 in the Exhibit Hall!

Combatting the Opioid Overdose Epidemic:
New York Libraries Save Lives
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Resources

- **Combatting the Opioid Epidemic: New York Libraries Save Lives Program Website.** The official New York State Library Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Public Libraries website: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/opioid/.
- **amfAR: Opioid & Health Database.** A good tool for finding information about the impact of opioids on a specific zip code or congressional district: http://opioid.amfar.org/
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Opioid Overdose**. The official CDC site with plenty of statistics, graphics and a good overview of the opioid overdose epidemic: https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/epidemic/index.html
- **WebJunction: Opioid Crisis Town Hall: Library Needs and Responses:** http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/opioid-crisis-town-hall.html
- **WebJunction: Opioid Crisis: Libraries, Resources, Context and Data:** http://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/opioid-crisis-libraries.html

Media Coverage

- "Saving Lives in the Stacks," by Anne Ford, **American Libraries Magazine**, September/October 2017 (https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2017/06/21/saving-lives-in-the-stacks/).

- "The Opioid Epidemic is so Bad That Librarians Are Learning How To Treat Overdoses," by Darran Simon, **CNN**, June 24, 2017 (http://www.cnn.com/2017/06/23/health/opioid-overdose-library-narcan/index.html).

- "Librarians In Philadelphia Train to Thwart Drug Overdoses," NPR, June 3, 2017 (http://www.npr.org/2017/06/03/531347278/librarians-in-philadelphia-train-to-thwart-drug-overdoses).

- "For These Philly Librarians, Drug Tourists and Overdose Drills Are Part of the Job," by Mike Newall, **The Inquirer** (Philadelphia), June 1, 2017 (http://www.philly.com/philly/columnists/mike_newall/opioid-crisis-Needle-Park-McPherson-narcan.html).

Ready to Read at New York Libraries
OVERVIEW

What Is _Ready to Read at New York Libraries_?

Ready to Read at New York Libraries is a statewide initiative of the New York Education Department, coordinated by the New York State Library. Designed to improve and expand the availability of high quality public library early learning services in local communities across the State, this new statewide program will provide library staff, families and caregivers with the knowledge they need to prepare young children for their school years.

Improving early literacy services is a key component within _Creating the Future: A 2020 Vision and Plan for Library Service in New York State_ and the State's federal Library Services and Technology Act five-year plan:

- Strengthen partnerships that enable public libraries to assist young families and child care providers in fostering early literacy skills for all children in New York State.
- Connect local libraries with statewide networks of childcare providers, non-profit organizations, public broadcasters and others to enhance early childhood services, including parent education.
- Provide library staff with ongoing access to research-based early literacy skills training.
- Partner with national, state, regional, and local organizations to increase family and caregiver participation in library based early literacy programs that foster a literacy-rich home environment.

From 2014 to 2016 a twelve-member Advisory Group advised the State Library on the overall initiative and assisted in developing collaborative partnerships to ensure that early literacy work is done effectively on a statewide, regional and local level. Beginning in 2017, a new twelve-member Partnership Building Team continues the critical work of developing collaborative partnerships to strengthen early childhood services throughout New York State.

Ready to Read at New York Libraries: Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program will be a priority component of the initiative through 2019.

What is the _Ready to Read at New York Libraries: Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program_?

Careful planning and research supported by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services identified that the best single strategy to improve and expand the availability of public library early learning services in New York State is to establish a statewide program of regional, research-based early literacy skills training for library staff.

Following are the key elements of the _Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program_:

- Customized training designed for New York State public library staff by early literacy experts, with Five Foundation Training Components:
  - _Everyone Serves Families with Young Children;_
  - _Strengthening Young Families through Early Literacy Practices;_
  - _Early Literacy Community Asset Analysis;_
  - _Strategies for Successful Partnerships and Outreach to Families with Young Children; and_
  - _Early Learning Spaces._
- Regional training sessions, freely available for New York State public library staff, delivered by a 30-member Training Cohort of expert trainers.
- Additional training opportunities in reading readiness, developing partnerships, STEM, and more to augment and enhance the information in the Foundation Training.
- The training tool kits for each Foundation Component are available for viewing and downloading by visiting the _Ready to Read at New York Libraries_ website at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/toolkits.htm

Did you know...

State Aid for Library Construction

can help you improve Internet access to your library?

You can apply for aid

⇒ To install or replace your building's broadband service, including external and internal connections

⇒ To purchase or upgrade existing equipment, such as servers, routers and wireless hubs

⇒ As either a stand-alone project or as a component of a larger renovation project

For more info, contact MaryAnne.Waltz@nysed.gov

E-rate : federal funding for your library's telecommunications and broadband

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Are you getting the most out of E-rate?
Learn how to maximize your funding and your Internet access.

The State Library will offer two webinars in December
to provide updates on the federal E-rate program.

How To File for E-rate Funding	Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and E-rate
Thursday, December 7, 2017	Wednesday, December 13, 2017
10:00 am—12:00 n	10:00 am—11:00 am
Presented by Win Himsworth	Presented by Robert Bocher
E-rate Central	*Fellow, ALA Office for Information Technology Policy*

For more info, contact MaryAnne.Waltz@nysed.gov

New York Capital Region Alliance for Response (NYCRAFR)

- Mission: to bring together cultural heritage professionals with their local emergency managers to promote disaster planning
- New York Capital Region AFR is currently focused on activities for Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Saratoga counties, with hopes to expand collaborative efforts over time
- Network activities directed toward museums, archives, libraries, and historical societies to assist with internal disaster preparedness as well as establishing relationships with emergency managers and first responders
- Sponsored by the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
- For more information, visit http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/nycrafr.htm
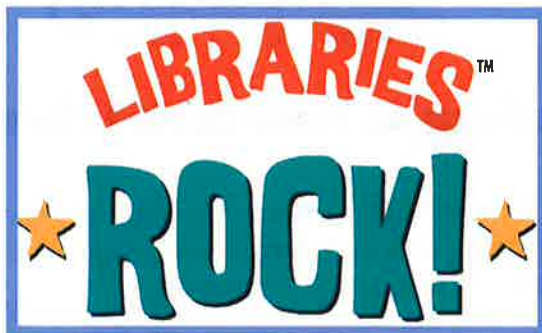

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York State (DHPSNY)

- Collaboration between the New York State Archives Documentary Heritage Program and the New York State Library Conservation/Preservation Program
- Program is dedicated to service and support for archival and library research collections throughout the state
- Mission of DHPSNY is to improve each organization's capacity to collect, preserve, and provide access to archival and library research collections according to professional standards and practices
- Essential training and services are provided to cultural institutions, including archival needs assessments, preservation and conservation surveys, guidance with strategic planning, and access to a variety of educational programs and workshops
- For more information, visit www.dhpsny.org.
- The New York State Library's Conservation/Preservation Discretionary Grant Program continues to provide modest financial support for projects that contribute to the preservation of significant research materials in libraries, archives, historical societies and other agencies within the State of New York. For more information, visit http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/index.html.

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Summer Reading Programs are Fun and Promote Literacy!

Public libraries across the State encourage reading through the *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* program. In 2018, children and teens will be invited to discover the joys of summer reading and libraries through the "Libraries Rock!" slogan for summer reading (artwork by illustrators Brian Pinckney and Larry Jones) .

Experts in the fields of child brain development and reading research agree that literacy skills develop early and are strengthened when children read during 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 available at: www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm.

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. Shared materials and expertise create collaborations that support summer reading for all children.

Summer Reading at New York Libraries partnerships provide resources to all public libraries and families. Partnerships with The New York Council for the Humanities, Cornell Cooperative Extension's "4-H Youth Development," NYS Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc., New York State Reading Association, and Hunger Solutions New York offer extensive resources for children, parents and educators. Access to these partners and additional resources are available through www.summerreadingnys.org.

Local public libraries work with museums, community organizations and clubs, and partner with a variety of family oriented and education 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. Every year, teens helped promote summer reading through their involvement in the Teen Video Challenge.

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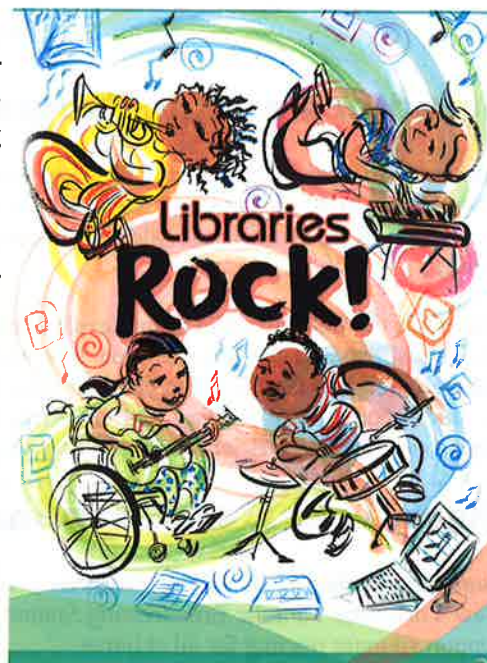
Summer Reading at New York Libraries Websites

www.summerreadingnys.org The **official** *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* **website** offers children and teens lots of free reading activities, games, links, suggested reading lists, as well as valuable information for families, caregivers, librarians, and educators.

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.

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 youth.

www.cslpreads.org The **Collaborative Summer Library Program** is a nationwide consortium of state library systems dedicated to developing each year's program components, artwork, and promotional materials.

www.facebook.com/TeenNewYork The Teen NY Facebook page includes information and resources **for teens and librarians and others working with teens**. Please visit Teen NY and "like" us.

www.engageny.org Engage NY is the **New York State Education Department** website that supports the New York State P-12 Learning Standards and other key aspects of the New York State Board of Regents Reform Agenda.

www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/ The website for the **New York State Library** early literacy initiative *Ready to Read at New York Libraries*.

http://daybydayny.org/ DayByDayNY is a virtual literacy calendar that changes daily and includes activities, stories, and information for parents and young children. DayByDayNY is part of *Ready to Read at New York Libraries*. A Spanish version of *DayByDayNY* is available by visiting **http://daybydaynysp.org**

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Helping All Trustees Succeed

Free, on demand, 10—15 minute Mini-Webinars for Trustees to watch at their convenience!

Available on the New York State Library Website:

http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/trustees/webinars.htm

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