



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

*“Summer Reading at New York Libraries’ gives teachers and parents a proven learning tool that engages and excites youngsters as it raises literacy levels. This is a critically important experience that keeps children learning — and engaged in the wonderful act of reading — even when the school year is over.”* — New York State Education Commissioner David Steiner

### 9 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. Invite a public librarian to your class to introduce this year's summer reading program and theme: One World, Many Stories.
3. Collaborate with your school library media specialist to introduce fun reading about global related themes to your students.
4. Show your class a beach bag of books and magazines that you plan to read during summer vacation.
5. In your classroom post a list of favorite books. Encourage students and parents to add their favorites.
6. Have students start a list of books they'd like to read during the summer.
7. Collaborate with the local public library to ensure your students get the best possible summer reading experience.



8. Encourage your students to share their summer reading experiences when they return to school in the fall.
9. Schedule a story telling festival where students, teachers, librarians, and administrators share stories from their families' cultures.

For information and educational activities check out these New York Summer Reading program sites:

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

[www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org)

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