

Share the Joy of Summer Reading

2020 Summer

Reading at New York Libraries is excited to help kids and teens celebrate reading and learning adventures all summer long with "Imagine Your Story!" This theme is all about mythology, folklore, fairy tales, and honoring the fact



that everyone has their own unique story and voice. This year, libraries all over New York and throughout the nation will be reimagining traditional events and programs with an emphasis on celebrating summer reading through a wide variety of fun and enriching books and e-books, resources, virtual and online programs at public libraries in communities, big and small. There are hundreds of public libraries serving every region of our state, and they all have exciting summer activities and programs planned. You can find your local library here: www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libspublibs/index

This summer, there are multiple program offerings for all ages: infants, toddlers, elementary school kids, middle schoolers, high schoolers, and families! Programs will include digital and online events and performances, reading challenges, art and craft classes, book clubs, and the Teen Video Challenge (TVC). You can find summer reading activities and resources at www.summerreadingnys.org.

Teens can help promote Summer Reading by creating and submitting a short video to the TVC contest. Teens can find information, contest rules and submission forms at www.csipreads.org/programs/teen-program/2020-teen-video-challenge. TVC is open to all teens aged 13-18. Submissions are accepted from June 1 through August 7, 2020. Each of the five national winners will receive a \$200 cash prize and \$50 worth of summer reading materials for their sponsoring library. In 2019, one of the national winners was a group of New York State teens from the Kingston Library!

Each year, the New York State Library and Summer Reading at New York Libraries partners with a number of different organizations that help promote and support Summer Reading efforts throughout the state and community. Read more about partner organizations at www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/

Students can sign up now for Summer Reading 2020 and should visit their public library website for details about local programs. We hope you'll find a lot to celebrate, learn about and reimagine this year for a season of 2020 Summer Reading at New York Libraries!

Questions about Summer Reading at New York Libraries? Please contact Sharon B. Phillips, Program Manager, at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov

Newspaper Activities :

Clip out an interesting news story and cut the paragraphs apart. Ask your child to read the paragraphs and put them in order.

Ask your child to read a short editorial printed in your local newspaper. Using two different colored pencils or markers, have him or her underline all facts in one color and all opinions with the other.

Pictures fascinate children of all ages. Clip pictures in the newspaper. Ask your child to tell you about the picture or list adjectives to describe the picture.

One of the best ways to read as a family is by sharing articles in the daily newspaper.

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