

Summer Reading 2018 Programs and Kick-Off Events

Below is a sampling of summer reading kick-off events and youth programs occurring at libraries across the state this summer. For more information about summer reading, please contact the Office of Cultural Education Deputy Commissioner's Office at 518-474-5976.

1st Judicial District: New York County

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
New York Public Library - Battery Park City Branch	175 North End Avenue New York, NY 10282	June 27, 4:00	Children can't help but feel joy when they make music with the band, play air guitar, clap and jump, and engage in a highly interactive experience that includes parachutes, props, bubbles, imaginary play and interactive puppetry. Young children are thrilled to meet Meredith LeVande in person after watching her appear daily in between PBS Kids Shows.
New York Public Library - Grand Central Branch	135 E 46 th Street New York, NY 10017	June 20, 4:00	Join us for SAFE and scientific fun with fire and ice! Learn about the amazing properties of fire and combustion. Then, cool off with spectacular demonstrations involving dry ice! Check out the "Big Burp", the "Screwdriver Sizzle" and the famous "Mad Science Bath", as we explore the science behind this amazing frozen gas.
New York Public Library - Harlem Branch	9 W 124 th Street New York, NY 10027	June 22, 11:30	Urban Stages presents African Dancing and Folktakes! Audience members become the storytellers in a series of African folktales as our facilitator guides them through an interactive African Dance class. Stay after the program for surprises, fun and goody bags!

2nd Judicial District: Kings County **Brooklyn had their summer reading launch on June 9*

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Brooklyn Public Library - Washington Irving Branch	360 Irving Ave Brooklyn, NY 11237	June 21, 3:00	Summer Jam book club will meet weekly and read one picture book and a chapter book from the BPL Summer Jam summer reading books. Children will be able to earn stickers towards completing the BPL summer reading challenge. They will also be able to practice reading skills and potentially win free books to keep for their personal libraries.
Brooklyn Public Library - Gerritsen Beach Library	2808 Gerritsen Ave Brooklyn, NY 11229	July 6, 11:00	Exploring literacy, science & math through music, stories, art, & play will help you & your child get ready for school! Families will receive free materials to continue the learning and fun at home. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

3rd Judicial District: Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster Counties

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Guiderland Public Library	2228 Western Avenue Guiderland, NY 12084	June 28, 6:00	We'll be ready to sign you up for special events taking place during the summer. Join us for a build-your-own ice cream sundae party to kick-off the festivities! And look for our Kids and Teens brochures highlighting all the program details for the summer.
William K. Sanford Town Library	629 Albany Shaker Road Loudonville, NY 12211	June 26, 5:00-7:00	Enjoy face painters, balloon artists, a bounce house, an inflatable obstacle course, refreshments, and carnival games. Pizza will be available to purchase and you can sign up for the summer reading club while you're here!
RCS Community Library	95 Main Street Ravena, NY 12143	June 27, 6:30-7:30	We're kicking off our Summer Reading Program with an instructor-led Hip Hop Party at the Library! When the dancing is done, stick around for an ice cream treat. Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading program!

4th Judicial District: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Saratoga, Schenectady, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington Counties

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Goff-Nelson Memorial Library	41 Lake Street Tupper Lake, NY 12986	June 25, 10:00	Face painting, prizes, lists of suggested books to read, and reading logs will be provided to get everyone started on the Summer Reading Program.
Schuylerville Public Library	52 Ferry Street Schuylerville, NY 12871	July 6, 3:00-4:00	Summer Reading Ice Cream kick off! Ice cream and fun for the whole family!
Lake Placid Public Library	2471 Main Street Lake Placid, NY 12946	July 10, 1:00	A rock art event that inspires kids to see rocks creatively and make a masterpiece.

5th Judicial District: Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Northern Onondaga Public Library at Brewerton	5440 Bennett Street Brewerton, NY 13029	June 18, 2:00-3:00	Sign up for summer reading and join Jim McCarthy as he performs fun rockin' songs with lyrics that incorporate some of the most popular children's books.
Salina Free Library	100 Belmont Street Mattydale, NY 13211	June 28, 2:30	Sidewalk Art: we close off the parking lot so kids and their families can draw all over with chalk, then we have ice cream sundaes!
Onondaga Free Library	4840 W Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY 13215	July 9, 6:30	We have an American Girls program at 2 p.m. and the official kickoff program, Dan the Snakeman, at 6:30 p.m.

6th Judicial District: Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Tompkins County Public Library	101 East Green Street Ithaca, NY 14850	June 23, 2:00-4:00	Join David Moreland the Magician for "Symphony of Magic," a high-energy, 45-minute-long show packed with music, magic, comedy, puppetry, and audience participation. After the show,

			Moreland will lead a 15-minute magic workshop. Also after the show, children will enjoy balloon creations with Cayuga Twister, refreshments, and crafts.
Huntington Memorial Library	62 Chestnut Street Oneonta, NY 13820	June 22, 5:30	Celebrate the beginning of our summer reading program with us! Face painting, Balloons, Karaoke and a Bounce House. Hot dogs and popcorn will be served. Also Horse & Carriage rides courtesy of Theresa's Emporium Entertainment by Whoopsy Daisy the Clown & NY Bounce House.

7th Judicial District: Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates Counties

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Gorham Free Library	2664 Main Street Gorham, NY 14461	July 11, 2018, 10:00-12:00	Dig up fossils, geodes, and more in our sand pits, visit a rock petting zoo, create rock friends to keep or share, and join us at our Paleontologist Picnic Tables for a picnic lunch time complete with stories and special prizes.
Victor Farmington Library	15 W Main Street Victor, NY 14564	June 25, 1:00	African Drum & Dance Performance & Summer Reading Kick-Off!
Lima Public Library	1872 Genesee Street Lima, NY 14485	June 27, 10:30	Using a variety of songs and instruments, and her collection of "Books That Sing", Nan's presentations are fun and informative and encourage audience participation.

8th Judicial District: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Dunkirk Public Library	536 Central Avenue Dunkirk, NY 14048	June 27, 2:00-4:00	Games, Prizes, Face Painting & Refreshments.

Blount Library	5 N. Main Street Franklinville, NY 14737	July 16, 12:30	Magic, Juggling, Comedy and Fun!
James Prendergast Library	509 Cherry Street Jamestown, NY 14701	June 23, 10:00 (all day)	Outdoor games running on the library's front lawn, and lemonade for everyone to stay cool. This is also the first day to pick up reading logs!

9th Judicial District: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Yonkers Public Library Crestwood Branch	16 Thompson Street Yonkers, NY 10707	June 16, 10:00 – 2:00	Variety of activities, games, and a summer reading BBQ kick-off party.
Ossining Public Library	53 Croton Avenue Ossining, NY 10562	June 27, 10:00 – 12:00	Sign up for the Summer Reading Game, and join us for some fun! We'll have a rock climbing wall, face painting, raffles, popcorn, and more!

10th Judicial District: Nassau and Suffolk Counties

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Peninsula Public Library	280 Central Avenue Lawrence, NY 11559	June 13, 4:00-5:00	Activities for children ages 2-14 including a glow stick & bubbles dance party featuring a guest musical performance by the Lawrence High School Jazz Band, with activities such as library mini golf, skee ball, ping pong, bowling, and other arcade games; and a chance to decorate the Libraries Rock! mural to hang in the library all summer long.
Deer Park Public Library	44 Lake Avenue Deer Park, NY 11729	June 25, 10:00-8:00	Come rock out with the exciting Hip Pickles Drum Band. Interactive drumming, dancing, sing-a-longs, bucket drumming, fun book reviews and more!
Manhasset Public Library	30 Onderdonk Avenue Manhasset, NY 11030	June 28, 4:30-8:00	A DJ in the community room, 2 characters who walk around, a photo booth and the FUN BUS, and ice cream bar as well.

11th Judicial District: Queens County

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
Queens Public Library - Lefrak City Branch	98-30 57 th Avenue Corona, NY 11368	June 29, 3:00	Meet us outside in front of the library to have fun with sidewalk chalk and to sign up for our exciting Summer Reading program.
Queens Public Library - Court Square Branch	25-01 Jackson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101	June 16, 10:00	Join the Friends of the Court Square Library at Murray Park to kick off the summer reading program. Learn more about the Friends group and the library, and enjoy activities for children of all ages!

12th Judicial District: Bronx County

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
New York Public Library - Allerton Branch	2740 Barnes Avenue Bronx, NY 10467	June 28, 2:00	Peter Rabbit runs afoul of MacGregor! He narrowly escapes, as Donizetti's score (from L'elisir d'amore) accompanies the chase. Audience participants, costumed with ears and fluffy tails, complete the cast in the non-singing roles of Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail.
New York Public Library - Spuyten Duyvil Branch	650 W 235 th Street Bronx, NY 10463	June 21, 3:30	Get your dancing shoes on and get ready to celebrate summer with a fabulous Summer Dance Party featuring the limbo, freeze dance and so much more. Mr. Patrick will supply the music, the silly puppets and the Hawaiian leis; all you have to do is dance and be ready for some fabulous fun!
New York Public Library - Hunts Point Branch	877 Southern Boulevard Bronx, NY 10459	June 20, 3:30	Escape the city this summer with a rhythmic trip around the world! Using his collection of exotic instruments, percussionist Rex Benincasa explores the tropical rhythms of Latin America, the Caribbean, and beyond, and demonstrates how these beats have shaped and been shaped by other cultures. This highly interactive workshop is a cultural celebration! Presented by Urban Stages.

13th Judicial District: Richmond County

Library	Address	Date & Time of Event	Event Details
New York Public Library - Port Richmond Branch	75 Bennett Street Staten Island, NY 10302	June 28, 1:00	Come to the Port Richmond Library and join us for our Summer Reading Kick Off Celebration. Enjoy a Balloon Sculpture Giveaway, Children's Craft, Face Painting, Music Challenge, Refreshments, & Raffle Giveaways
New York Public Library - Huguenot Park Branch	830 Huguenot Avenue Staten Island, NY 10312	June 19, 3:30	A whole new set of games! Just as fun as the first one! Includes small prizes for all the kids who attend!
New York Public Library - Stapleton Branch	132 Canal Street Staten Island, NY 10304	June 26, 3:00	Join the staff of the New Canaan Nature Center for an all-around furry, scaly, and feathery adventure into the world of the animal kingdom. Meet a variety of live animals and get an up close look at what makes them all so awesome! We will also look at some animal artifacts to help us better understand the amazing adaptations these creatures possess.