

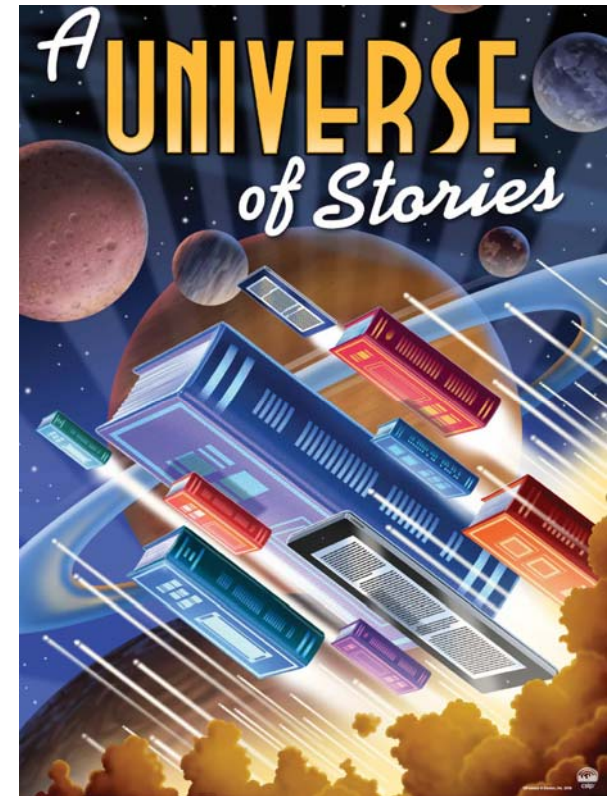
# Summer Reading at New York Libraries



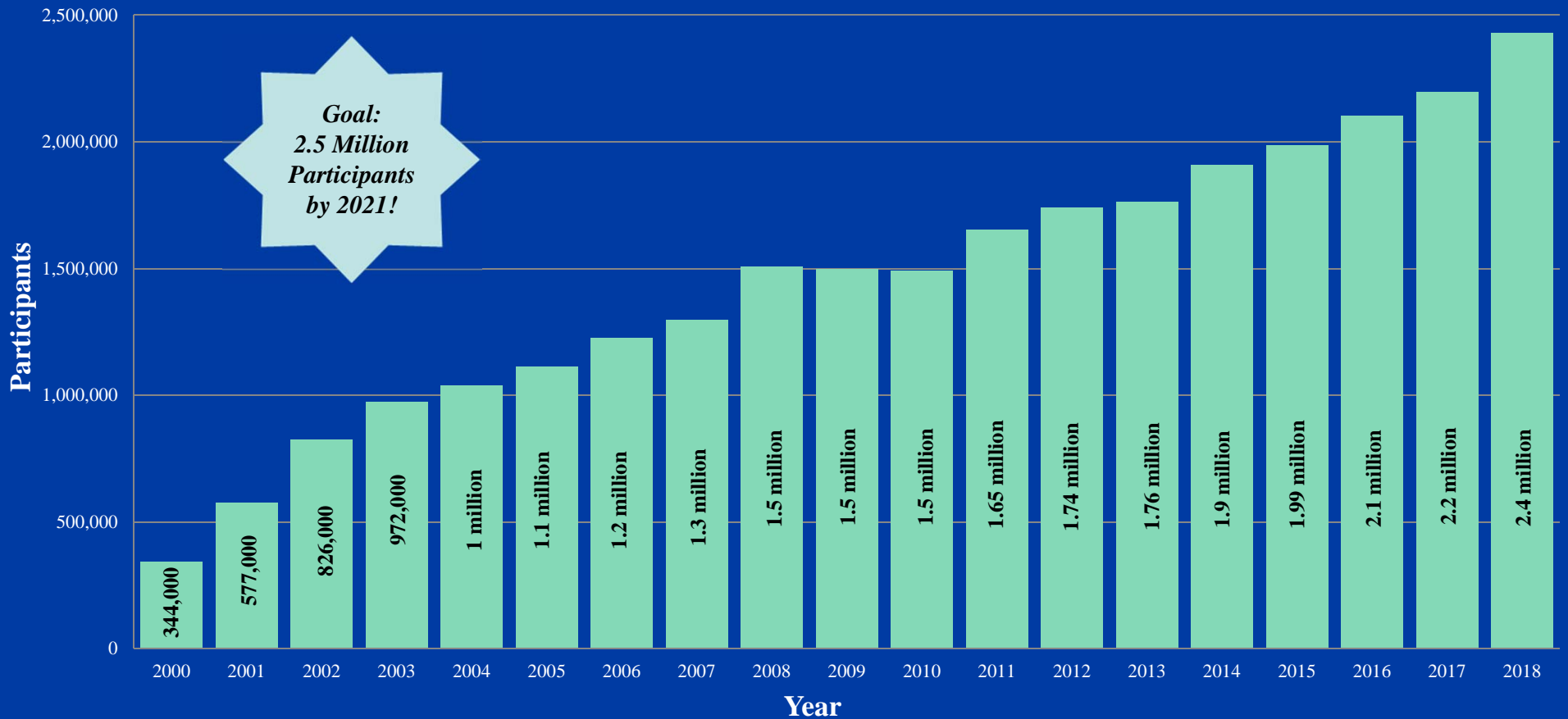
# SUMMER READING IS ABOUT BOOKS AND MORE!

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- Visit local libraries to explore and engage through books, programs, events and fun activities
- Build strong reading skills that prevent “summer slide” and keep reading skills sharp
- Have fun while reading and acquire new skills
- Connect with new ideas and activities at the library
- Involve ALL family members in the summer reading experience
- Encourage kids and teens to become lifelong learners and library users



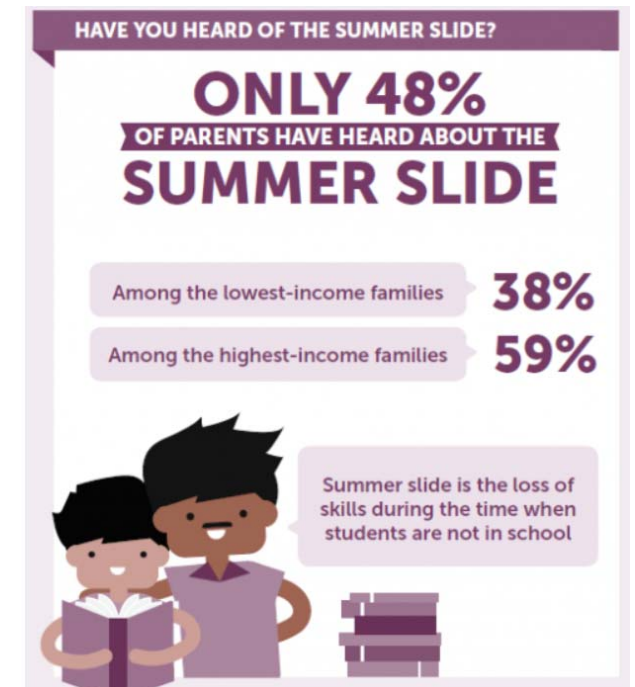
# SUMMER READING ANNUAL PARTICIPATION



# STATE LIBRARY PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR LIBRARIANS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS

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- Flyers in multiple languages
- Explore NY reading lists and bookmarks
- Manuals and customized posters
- Registration and tracking software
- Performers and Programs database
- And much more at [www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org)



# PARTNERSHIPS ARE KEY

Public Library  
Systems

School Library  
Systems

New York State  
Senate

New York State  
Assembly



New York Council for the Humanities



# SED AND myON PARTNER FOR 2019

- FREE access for students and families to the myON digital library of over 6,000 e-book titles
- One statewide login provides easy access for all
- In 2018:
  - 192,711 books were opened/browsed
  - 113,517 books were read
  - 1,496,384 minutes of reading were logged within the myON library



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OF STORIES**

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Password: books**



# PUBLIC LIBRARY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

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- Nearly 800 schools in NY State have collaborated with one or more public libraries to promote Summer Reading participation by students. By 2021 the goal is to expand that number to 80% of the schools in the state.
- The State Library partners with P-12 to distribute Summer Reading information to all school administrators and works closely with the 40 School Library Systems to promote Summer Reading and Learning to help prevent “summer slide”.





# Summer Meals at NYS Libraries



**To be well read,  
you must be well fed!**

Quality nutrition is an essential health and educational support, yet nearly **1 in 5** NYS children live in food insecure households.<sup>1</sup>

**27% of NYS's low-income children** who rely on school meals **had access to summer meals** in July 2017.<sup>2</sup>

Through the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), libraries are **alleviating childhood hunger and summer learning loss**.



<sup>1</sup>Source: Feeding America 2017 Map the Meal Gap

<sup>2</sup>Source: Hunger Solutions New York's forthcoming *New York State Summer Food Service Program Status Report*



## Summer Meals at NYS Libraries



Summer reading and summer meals are a natural fit.

- Healthy meals **fuel learning**.
- Activities **reduce stigma** and keep families coming back.



*Flower Memorial Library,  
Jefferson County  
Sponsor: Community  
Action Planning Council*



*Saratoga County  
Sponsor: CAPTAIN  
Community Human Services*

**“It was easy to do, brought families to the library, served our existing patrons, and feeds hungry kids.”**

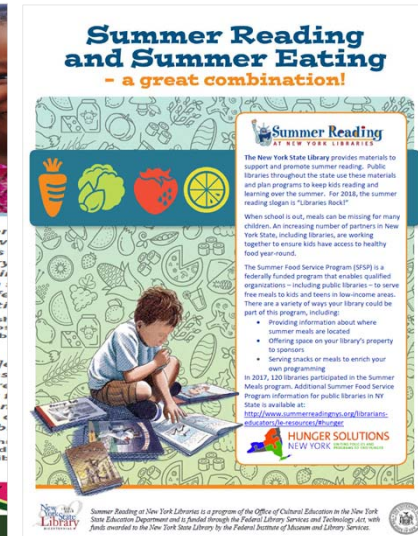
- Margie Menard, Director,  
Kingston Library, Ulster County

# Summer Meals at NYS Libraries



## Ongoing partnership with *Summer Reading at New York Libraries*

- Creating **tailored resources**
- Presenting **workshops & webinars**
- **Surveying** libraries
- **Facilitating connections** with local SFSP sponsors
- Encouraging **all opportunities for involvement**, including outreach & programming



## Encouraging Growth in Participation



**127 NYS libraries** in  
**32 counties** served summer  
meals in 2018, up from  
**36 libraries** in **11 counties**  
in 2014.



*Maplewood Library,  
Monroe County  
Sponsor: Foodlink, Inc.*



*Flower Memorial Library,  
Jefferson County  
Sponsor: Community  
Action Planning Council*

### Goals for 2019:

- **More libraries** participating statewide
- **More counties** with library sites
- More libraries providing the **maximum allowable nutrition** (breakfast + lunch)



# Year-Round Nutrition



## Nourishing kids where they live, learn, and play.

- **SNAP:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- **WIC:** Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
- **School Breakfast** Program and National **School Lunch** Program
- **Child and Adult Care** Food Program
- **Summer Food** Service Program



### Stay Connected:

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[ChildcareMealsNY.org](http://ChildcareMealsNY.org)  
[SchoolMealsHubNY.org](http://SchoolMealsHubNY.org)  
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# SUMMER READING LAUNCH EVENT

2019 Summer Reading Launch:

June 6 at the  
Utica Public Library



*Commissioner Elia reading to students from the  
Onondaga Nation Tribal School at Onondaga County Public Library*

