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New York State Assembly's 2018 Summer Reading Challenge



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Dear Friend,

When school lets out for the summer, we can encourage our kids to continue learning by picking up a book. Reading is fun! Books can immerse children in far-off worlds, new characters and thrilling narratives. To that end, I'm sponsoring a Summer Reading Challenge, in coordination with New York State libraries, to inspire kids to read on a regular basis throughout the summer break.

This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" Books can lead students to new summer adventures, to dream big and to discover new interests. They might even be inspired to build new bridges between cultures or to volunteer in a program to help improve the world around us. You can head to your local library or visit www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm for a list of book suggestions.

Here's how the challenge works: Mark the enclosed calendar for each day in July and August that your child reads with you, someone else or on their own. Once you have marked off 40 days or more, please return the completed form to my office, and I will award your child a New York State Excellence in Reading certificate.

Thank you, and happy reading!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. McDonald III".

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Summer Reading Challenge

“I pledge to read for at least 15 minutes each day for at least 40 days during the months of July and August. I will mark the calendar below with a check mark (✓) each day that I read by myself or with my reading buddy.”

When you have marked at least 40 days on this calendar, you will earn an Excellence in Reading certificate. Just send the completed form to my office and your certificate will arrive in the mail.

Suggested Reading List

Visit: www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm

July 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

August 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Special thanks goes to the New York State Education Department's Division of Library Development and librarians across the state for their help.

New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate

Information form

Child's name ↑

School ↑

Parent/Guardian name ↑

Address 1 ↑

Address 2 ↑

Phone ↑

Email ↑

Number of days completed ↑

Favorite book read this summer ↑

Number of years participated in the Summer Reading Challenge ↑

To receive your certificate, just send the completed form above to my office and your certificate will arrive in the mail.

← Minimum of 40 days needed to receive your certificate.