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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](http://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,

Stacey Pheffer Amato  
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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](http://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
			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	

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, send the completed form above to my office BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 2018 and your certificate will arrive in the mail or at a determined ceremony by your school.**

