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## Senator Young Urging Summer Reading

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**ALBANY, NY** -- Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I-Olean) wants students to have fun reading and keep learning this summer by participating in the 2009 New York Statewide Summer Reading Program.

“Evidence shows that children who stop reading over summer vacation often fall behind when they return to school in September, said Sen. Young. “This summer is a great opportunity for kids to stay ahead of the game and have fun doing it.”

Last year, over 1.5 million youngsters took part in the Summer Reading Program. With resources and tools made available through the New York State Library, local public libraries will once again offer the program to their communities.

Sen. Young said New York State History is featured in this year's summer reading program and is urging youngsters and families to participate and explore New York's rich history through suggested reading lists and special library events.

Children, teens, parents, and caregivers can also log on to <http://www.summerreadingnys.org> for activities, games, links, information, and ideas to keep children reading all summer. For an overview of the New York Statewide Summer Reading Program and additional information, educators, parents, and caregivers can go to [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer).

Sen. Young said families can contact their local public library to register for the program.

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