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Senator Farley Encourages Reading During Summer Months

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As Chairman of the Senate's Select Committee on Libraries, State Senator Hugh T. Farley (R, C, I – Schenectady), helped kick off the New York State Library's Summer Reading Program today at the Schenectady County Public Library. Called "Fizz! Boom! Read!," the program is being launched by over a thousand public libraries across the State, giving children the opportunity to access the vast resources of New York's public libraries to support their summer reading.

“Libraries are wonderful resources for families and I encourage everyone to visit their library this summer,” said Senator Farley. “The State Summer Reading Program is a great way for students to enjoy their summer while also improving their reading and comprehension skills. Many libraries also offer special programs and events that are both fun and educational. Please support and visit your local library this summer – you’ll be glad you did!”

Senator Farley is also promoting this summer reading program, and will send a congratulatory certificate to all students who submit a completed journal. For more information, or to obtain a journal, call Senator Farley at 455-2181 or email him at Farley@nysenate.gov

Several schools in Senator Farley’s district have already obtained his journals and are distributing them to children.

Through participating in summer reading programs, children can receive reading lists and participate in activities at their local libraries. At the end of the program, participants receive formal recognition for their reading achievement.

According to New York State Library officials, 1.74 million young people statewide participated in last year’s summer reading program. It is the expressed hope of program coordinators at the New York State Library, Assembly and Senate that increased attention to the benefits of summer reading will result in expanded participation. For more information about the importance of summer reading, please visit

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm>

For more information about “Summer Reading at New York Libraries,” visit

<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>