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Senator Murphy sponsors 2018 summer reading program

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Yorktown, NY - For kids, summertime means swimming, baseball and plenty of other fun-filled activities. On the other hand, parents concerned the educational gains made by their children during the school year may go by the wayside, look for ways to keep their kids further engaged in learning. Senator Terrence Murphy and the New York State Senate have partnered with the New York State Library to sponsor the 2018 Summer Reading Program.

"This is a fun way to keep kid's minds active during the summer months and helps prevent

'the summer slide,' the loss of knowledge and skills that occurs during summer vacation," said Senator Murphy.

Parents and guardians from across New York State are invited to enter their children's summer reading activity, including three books read by their child this summer. At the end of the program, participants will receive formal recognition from Senator Murphy for their reading achievement.

Studies conducted by Scholastic (including Kids and Family Report) note that despite conventional wisdom, six in 10 children ages 6-17 agree, "I really enjoy reading books over the summer" (62%), with the main reasons being, "I just enjoy reading" and "It's a fun way to pass the time." While parents are more likely to see the value of summer reading, majorities of both kids (80%) and parents (96%) agree that summer reading will help the child during the school year. Parents say that summer reading is important because it keeps their child's mind active and reading requires practice.

The deadline for submissions is September 5, 2018. More resources and facts about summer reading can be found at:

New York's Libraries: <http://www.summerreadingnys.org>

Scholastic's Kids and Families Reading Report: www.scholastic.com

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, contact Senator Murphy's office at 914-962-2624.