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## O'Mara reminds young readers to participate in summer reading program: Senate teams up with NYS Library and local public libraries on summerlong effort

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**Elmira, N.Y., July 31**—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) today reminded the region's young readers that he is sponsoring an online summer reading program promoted by the New York State Senate in partnership with the New York State Library and public libraries

across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions.

“I’m especially glad to join so many local public libraries and other groups and organizations to encourage summer reading,” said O’Mara. “The Senate’s online summer reading program offers a convenient opportunity for students and their parents to enjoy the benefits and the rewards of summer reading together. Our region is incredibly fortunate to have such an outstanding network of public libraries providing access to books and other reading activities, materials and opportunities.”

To participate in the Senate’s online program, students and parents can visit O’Mara’s Senate website and click on the **“Summer Reading Program-A Universe of Stories”** logo near the top of the home page. Among other features, the site includes a recording journal, opportunities to share books with other family members and friends, and a series of popular summer reading lists. At the end of the program, participants will receive formal recognition from O’Mara for their reading achievement.

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According to New York State Library officials, last year’s summer reading program featured the participation nearly 2 million young people statewide.

More information on the “Summer Reading at New York Libraries” program, as well as on the overall importance of summer reading, is available **HERE**.

Visit the website of the **Southern Tier Library System** for links to member libraries in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties. Information on the **Finger Lakes Library System**, including Tompkins County, are online **HERE**.