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Senator Klein Launches Children's Summer Reading Program

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BRONX, NY—Saying that “reading is one of the most important, rewarding and enjoyable learning experiences for children,” State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Westchester/Bronx) today announced that he is launching a children’s summer reading program to encourage youngsters to keep learning while school is out.

Senator Klein’s summer reading program promotes parent participation in the reading process by encouraging families to read books together, and also suggesting activities that foster a reading “experience” such as planning family visits to the local public library, or joining together and forming a book club.

“Reading with your children not only helps them to learn, but is an opportunity for both parents and children to enjoy quality time together,” Senator Klein said. “We all live in a hectic, fast-paced environment, where it is often difficult to take time to spend with family. This program not only promotes learning through reading, but also encourages family interaction in the process.”

Participation in Senator Klein's reading program is easy, and upon successful completion, a New York State Senate "Excellence In Reading" Certificate will be awarded to children who read a certain number of books, or participate in reading-related activities over the summer.

All of the information regarding the summer reading program is outlined in a brochure available from Senator Klein's office. In addition to containing a suggested reading list, the brochure also lists sample reading "experiences" that parents can participate in with their children. It also includes a form which can be submitted to Senator Klein's office after the reading requirements are completed, which will enable children to receive the "Excellence in Reading" Certificate for their great achievement.

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