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## Senator Sampson Supports Student Literacy and Learning

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ALBANY, NY -- Sen. John L. Sampson wants students to have fun reading and keep learning this summer with the 2009 New York Statewide Summer Reading Program "Be Creative @ Your Library."

Citing evidence showing that children who stop reading over the summer break often fall behind when they return to school in September, Sen. Sampson is urging youngsters and parents to take advantage of the reading program at their local public library. With resources and tools made available by the New York State Library, local public libraries bring the Statewide Summer Reading Program to their communities. Children who participate benefit from the support, structure and educational incentives that public library summer reading programs provide. Last year, over 1.5 million youngsters took part in the Statewide Summer Reading Program. Sen. Sampson hopes that even more children will be reading for fun during the summer of 2009.

New York State History is featured in summer reading program

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the voyages of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain, as well as the 200th anniversary of Robert Fulton's invention of the steam ship. Sen. Sampson is urging youngsters and families to participate in the 2009 Statewide Summer Reading Program to explore New York's rich history through suggested reading lists and

special library events.

Contact your local public library to register and participate in the fun and educational activities available this summer.

Children, teens, parents, and caregivers can 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 for educators, parents, and caregivers go to [www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer).

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