Senator Bill Larkin Reminds Kids That the New York State Summer Reading Program Is Underway

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The New York State Library, teaming up with the more than 1,100 public libraries and neighborhood branches statewide, has announced the kick-off of "Summer Reading at New York Libraries," the 2012 New York State summer reading programs. Through these programs, young people will have the opportunity to access the vast resources of New York's public libraries to support their summer reading and to gain recognition for what they

achieve.

Through participation in these programs young people can receive reading lists and participate in programs and activities at their local libraries. At the end of the program, participants receive formal recognition for their reading achievement. To participate, please visit www.nyread.com or www.larkin.nysenate.gov to enroll and get started.

According to New York State Library officials, last year's summer reading program featured the participation of 1.65 million young people statewide. It is the expressed hope of program coordinators at the New York State Library, Assembly and Senate that increased attention on the benefits of summer reading will result in expanded participation.

"I urge all children to keep reading this summer," said Senator Bill Larkin (R-C, Cornwall-on-Hudson). "This is a wonderful opportunity to explore your local library and read books on new subjects that you might not be familiar with, such as biographies, history or science fiction. Your local library is a tremendous resource for information and can help you with computer research, ordering books, finding new subjects of interest, and reading groups for children. Visiting your local library is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge and have some fun along the way," said Larkin.

To find your local library, please visit either www.nyread.com or www.larkin.nysenate.gov to access the list by county.