The Results Are In!

Another Summer Reading program has gone by and before we start bundling up for the cold weather (and thinking about what we'll do for next year's theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!"), we should take a moment to reflect on this year's results.

The Numbers

Good ol' quantitative data! We had about 884 children register for the Summer Reading Program this year. 139 of them logged 106,990 minutes worth of reading (1,783.17 hours or 74.3 days). 537 kids logged 6,917 books read. 91 teen programs drew in 435 attendees and 390 children events brought in a whopping 4,479. If you didn't want to do that math, that means libraries hosted a total of 469 events over the summer, and reported 4,914 attendees (752 of those were grownups). Libraries also held 23 adult programs that 308 attended. That's a lot of numbers (17 including this one)!
The Stories

Quantitative data is all well and good, but don't count out qualitative data. Let's get some stories directly from those who made this Summer Reading Program special for so many kids!

Karen Armstrong from Lake Placid Public Library said, "Our program numbers were absolutely beyond expectation, with children's circulation increasing by 55% and visitation increasing by 250-300 people per day (includes all patrons). This clearly indicates an increase in reading-related activity by children and families due to a formal summer reading program."

Susan Wool over at Malone Wead Library stated, "One week a grandmother + her grandsons stopped by the library to get books (unaware of our program). The library staff invited them to join that day's program and they were so excited they returned for the rest of the programs."

Peg Mauer from Goff-Nelson Memorial Library in Tupper Lake showed how a personal touch can go a long way: "This year when young readers came in with their parents, I spoke directly to the child and personally challenged him/her to read a book a day. I said, 'I'm sure that you can read a book a day; do you think you can do that?' and they'd shake their heads yes every time! I'd say, 'It doesn't have to be a big book like Harry Potter, but I know you can read a book a day.' As a result, we had a 20% increase in the number of participants and the number of books read over last year."

Make sure to take a look at pictures of presenters (human and canine) and happy kids from Schroon Lake Public Library (thanks to Jane Bouchard):
And take a gander at Saranac Lake Free Library's furry heroes, ice cream, and nifty art collection (thanks to Peggy Orman):
Explore NY Recreational Reading Lists for 2016 - Volunteers

The New York State Library is very pleased to continue partnering with NYLA/YSS and NYLA/SSL to provide youth the Explore New York recreational reading lists as part of Summer Reading at New York Libraries. They are requesting your input to prepare the four reading lists for the upcoming 2016 summer reading season. The 2016 summer reading slogan is “On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!” and the theme is sports, exercise, games, and fitness.

The 2015 lists, found on http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm, will be revised in all areas, with an extra focus on removing out-of-print and outdated titles, adding titles that support the exercise, health, sports theme, and equalizing the balance of fiction and nonfiction titles.

They are hoping to get a few more volunteers from Public libraries. If you are interested in volunteering to develop Explore New York lists for 2016 and lending your expertise on fun and interesting books, related to the history, cultures, and diversity of New York State, please contact Nora Burrows at nora.burrows@nysed.gov by November 5, 2015. Nora will then send out full information to those interested in volunteering.

Please include your complete contact information including your name, title, and email address. They will get back to you with all the information you need to get started so the lists will be ready for distribution by the end of January.
@CEFLSTweets

Follow us on Twitter! We offer information from around the region and interesting, entertaining, and informational updates in 140 characters or less.
Hannaford Helps Reusable Bags

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System has been selected to be a part of the “Hannaford Helps” Reusable Bag Program featuring the new bright blue Bag! This program is designed to create revenue streams for nonprofits like us. We are so honored! Please help support the CEFLS mission by buying this beautiful blue reusable bag between now and December 31, 2015. A $1 direct donation is included in the purchase price of the bags. What does that mean for CEFLS? For every “Hannaford Helps” Reusable Bag purchased at the Plattsburgh Hannaford in the next two months, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System will receive a $1 direct donation!

So what are we waiting for? Share this news with your family, friends and coworkers! Funds raised will help CEFLS help our member libraries, and that means people like you in our three-county region. Look for the “Hannaford Helps” Reusable Bags on your next trip to Hannaford in Plattsburgh.

In advance, we would like to thank you for participating in “Hannaford Helps”, helping CEFLS, helping nonprofits, and helping the environment.

ABC Mouse for Libraries

According to the most recent American Library Association data, there are more than 1.5 billion in-person public library visits and
over 300 million sessions on Internet-connected computers at U.S. public libraries annually. ABCmouse.com for Libraries gives children free access to ABCmouse.com Early Learning Academy through all of the 16,000 public libraries across the U.S., providing educationally rich—and fun!—learning experiences to all children.

“With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters and know what to do in an emergency.” - Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, 2014 State of the State Address

Request training for disaster preparation here.

The Citizen Preparedness Corps give residents the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Citizen Preparedness Corps training began in February and will be held at armories and other locations, such as the State Fair. Trainings will be led by the New York National Guard, working with experts from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services’ Office of Emergency Management and Office of Fire Prevention and Control. All training sessions will be coordinated with local county emergency management personnel. The training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be
Reading, math, the world around us, art and colors, and music and songs are all featured with interactive coloring, puzzles, and games.

ABC Mouse for Libraries

...advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. A key component of this training is distribution of free NYS Disaster Preparedness Kits to all participants (one per family) containing key items to assist individuals in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. The state training and kits will help New Yorkers be the most-trained and best-prepared citizens in the country.

Disaster Training Request

Wilder Homestead named
The Homestead in Burle, N.Y. which features portrayals of characters by Laura Ingalls Wilder has been designated a Literary Landmark™ by United for Libraries. The acclaimed author wrote the "Little House" series and *Farmer Boy* (1933) which followed a year of the life of Almanzo lived and worked on a farm near Malone between 1857 and 1875. Literary Landmark™ is a title held by the likes of the home of William Faulkner, the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum, the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, among others. The Wilder Homestead is the first literary Landmark™ in the North Country and the sixteenth in New York State.

**Picture Book Month**

*Picture Book Month* is an international literacy initiative that celebrates picture books during the month of November. So, we at CEFLS and a few willing librarians from the correctional facilities in the region took it upon ourselves to celebrate! How did we celebrate? With incredibly embarrassing costumes, of course! You can see the rest of the pictures on our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com) (and feel free to judge us) holding a few titles we felt were appropriate (relatively speaking).
Coping with Crisis

We focus a lot on crisis and disaster preparation as a whole. While it's always important to have a plan in place to deal with the immediate problem, we may lose sight of what happens after. Being able to cope with crisis is just as important as enduring the crisis in the first place. So take a look at the guides below to find information on helping those who have experienced tough situations.

- Red Cross - Facing Fear for Ages 5-7
- NCTSN - After a Crisis: Helping Young Children Heal
- NCTSN - Parent Tips for Helping Preschool-Age Children after Disasters
- Rutgers - Coping with Crisis - Helping Children With Special Needs
- MedlinePlus - Coping with Disasters
Know what we know

Research assistance, subject guides, and useful resources compiled by your friendly librarians.
Hot Topics

New Holiday eBooks
Hanukkah Around the World
Tami Lehman-Wilzig and Vicki Wehrman

When Elves Attack
Tim Dorsey

Horrid Henry and the Abominable Snowman
Francesca Simon

Hogfather
Terry Pratchett

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party Book
Brian Miller, Adam Paulson, and Kevin Wool

Heroes Are My Weakness
Susan Elizabeth Phillips
A Letter to Santa
Gaby Goldsack and Caroline Pedler

Hanukkah Lights: Holiday Poetry
Selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins

The Stupidest Angel
Christopher Moore

CEFLS Catalog on OverDrive
A quick shout-out is due for Cheryl Blanchard and Karen Glass for their presentation "Fundraising Ideas for the Smaller Library" at the NYLA Conference. As Peg Mauer from Tupper Lake put it, "It was a great presentation and they gave us lots of great ideas!" Thanks Cheryl and Karen! And thanks to Peg for the picture!

New Fiction to the System
Shadow Play
Iris Johansen

Foreign Affairs
Stuart Woods

Kiss Me
Susan Mallery

More New Titles

New Nonfiction to the System

Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear
Elizabeth Gilbert

Mess: One Man's Struggle to Clean Up His House and His Act
Barry Yourgrau

Deep South
Paul Theroux
New for Kids to the System

If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!
Elise Parsley

Tesla's Attic
Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman

Talia and the Very Yum Kippur
Linda Elovitz Marshall

New Downloadable Audiobooks to the System
Have something to share?

Don't be shy! Pathfinder is meant to share useful information across the member libraries in a timely and condensed manner, but won't replace the Trailblazer, which is meant to share stories from around the system. Do you have something to contribute to Pathfinder? Contact David Fuller via email and it could be in the next issue.