

**2005 Summer Reading Program ~ *Tune In @ your Library***  
**LSTA Mini-Grant Abstract**

In recent years the NYS Library has offered public library systems funds to support member libraries in their efforts to provide better local summer reading programs. In 2005 the funds to 10 library systems (including MHLS) increased from \$5,500 to \$12,200 because participation in 2004 summer reading programs in those systems was over 35,000 young people.

MHLS will be using the funds in the following ways to help member libraries offer great programs to area young people:

- Performer Mini-grants of \$200 each to 20 libraries
- Free packets of theme-related incentives for libraries to take to local school personnel for summer reading program promotion
- Prizes (large library banners and Barnes & Noble gift certificates) to libraries who demonstrate highest levels of participation in ROC (Reach Out Challenge), encouraging networking with local schools to promote summer programs
- Hiring person for craft demonstrations at summer reading workshop on 3/11
- Presenting Teens @ your Library This Summer and Beyond workshop on 5/17
- Books for libraries participating in the MHLS Battle of the Books program. (Libraries find teams of 6-9<sup>th</sup> graders to compete locally, then at regional Battle on Oct. 15 in MHLS Auditorium.)
- Various musical instruments and CDs to be borrowed for local library programming
- Karaoke machines and Dance Revolution equipment for local programming
- Additional AccuCut dies, appropriate to theme
- Buttonmaker machine for local use

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