

2007 New York State Summer Reading Program
Get a Clu@ Your Library (children)
and
You Never Know @ Your Library (teens)
LSTA Grant Abstract

Mid-Hudson Library System will receive \$11,630 in Federal LSTA grant funds from the NYS Library to help its member libraries promote and carry out successful summer reading programs. We are receiving \$570 less in 2007 because an additional NYS library system had high enough 2006 enrollment numbers to qualify them for the higher funding threshold.

These funds will allow the MHLS Youth Services Department to offer the following initiatives:

- Two summer reading workshops-One at MHLS and one at northern region library, at which youth services staff will discuss ways to create interesting programs for local children, teens and families. Librarian/craft wizard will be hired to demo theme-related crafts w/literature tie-ins.
- Reach Out Challenge (ROC) - Member libraries submit application outlining their aggressive outreach, not only to schools but other local organizations and agencies that work with youth. Eight libraries with highest points and most creative promotional activities will win poster stands.
- Expansion of the \$200 Performer Mini-grants program-Libraries apply for \$200 grants, to be used *either* to hire *additional* performers or *additional* staff to carry out added summer reading programming.
- Incentive prize packets and posters-Packets of reading incentive materials & summer reading posters offered to member libraries for them to give to the schools/organizations to stimulate interest in summer reading.
- Support resources-New die cuts and books for the MHLS Professional Collection.
- Copies of books for Battle of the Books-To supplement books purchased with Battle of the Books funds, for libraries taking part in BOB over the summer

These funds are being spent in the various ways mentioned, based on input from MHLS member libraries' youth services staff. Hopefully, these initiatives will help member libraries increase local youth involvement over the summer as they foster the joy of free voluntary reading.

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