

Summer Reading Program Tips for Librarians on the Go!

June

Make appointments at local schools. (School librarians have received information about Senator Betty Little's Summer Reading initiative and the NY Assembly initiative). You might want to obtain copies of Summer Reading lists

Ann Sayers says: "Assembly/morning meeting presentations are the easiest (one stop shopping). Don't both with paperwork for the kids (it ends up on the floor of the bus). A catchy joke, a talking puppet, a little jingle and your smiling face can be enough to win the crowd. Repetition is key: have the kids recite back to you what/where/when."

Have volunteer guidelines ready, hold a teen training evening
Gather tokens for grab-bags, weekly drawings, reader prizes etc.
Plan/prepare craft programs and other events

Copy materials for Summer Reading Program registration (make sure your registration materials include the name of the school participants attend so each child can get a certificate from Senator Little)

July LET THE CREATIVITY BEGIN – HAVE FUN!

August

Make plans for your ending party (schedule it for the middle of the month. If it is too late, many people will be on vacation. Make sure those who cannot attend are also recognized.

Hold a teen/volunteer thank you party

Write thank you letters as needed to volunteers and local sponsors

September

Make a note NOW of what worked and what didn't.

Schedule a massage for yourself!

Wrap up and statistics – submit your SRP Mini-grant final report by September 31

-excerpted in part from Ann Sayers' workshop presentation May 2009

