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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: Summer Reading is for your Students!

Encourage your students to improve their literacy skills through reading by attending Summer Reading program events at local public libraries.

The Library of Michigan, through the national Collaborative Summer Library Program partnership, is providing Michigan's public libraries provide free, voluntary themed reading programs throughout the summer for families, children, and teens. This year's program theme focuses on "Heroes" of fiction and nonfiction, such as police, firefighters, soldiers, leaders, and historical figures.

Programs promote reading through onsite and online activities that engage children through their personal interests. In addition, libraries will assist parents in developing family literacy behaviors and provide age and developmentally appropriate programs to create a culture of fluent reading. In many areas, libraries partner with local social service agencies to bring these enrichment programs to underserved children. Your local public library can help your students maintain and even improve reading skills over the summer months. For more information, contact your local public library or go to www.michigan.gov/youthlibraryservices.

If you have any questions, please contact Karren Reish, Library Grants Coordinator, at reishk@michigan.gov or 517-241-0021.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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