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LIBRARIES BRINGING HEROES TO CHILDREN AND TEENS THROUGH 2015 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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LANSING –Children across Michigan can curl up in a favorite spot with a good book about literary and real-life heroes during the 2015 Summer Reading Program.

This year’s program encourages Michigan’s children and teens to focus on heroes of fiction and nonfiction, such as police, firefighters, soldiers, leaders and historical figures.

“I urge all students to participate in this fun, free, voluntary program that promotes personal reading to help maintain their academic growth and learning,” State Superintendent Mike Flanagan said. “The program is in full swing with summer-long activities, events and celebrations related to this year’s Heroes theme.

Michigan’s public libraries are gearing up for the Summer Reading Program with promotional events.

The Library of Michigan, through its national [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#) partnership, is sharing materials, artwork and programming ideas with public libraries. The effort allows each public library in the state to focus on working with children and teens to improve their reading ability and enjoyment of books.

The 2015 program includes slogans based on the Heroes theme for children, teens and adults. The slogans are: “Every Hero Has a Story” (children); “Unmask!” (teens); and “Escape the Ordinary” (adults).

“Through these activities, Michigan’s public libraries encourage the children and families of our communities to read together,” said Randy Riley, the State Librarian. “This effort helps builds interests and helps children maintain reading skills over the summer break and enter school ready to succeed in the fall.”

To see what programs are offered in your community, contact your local public library. To find the public library in your area, use the Interactive Library Directory at www.michigan.gov/librarydirectory.

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