

NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMAN MARC MOLINARO

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MOLINARO PROMOTES SUMMER READING

Assemblyman Marc Molinaro (R,I,C-Red Hook) today urged children to participate in an annual literacy promotion program. Children and parents can acquire “Summer Reading Challenge” materials at their local libraries. Molinaro, ranking member of the Assembly Libraries and Educational Technology Committee, noted that children generally experience a slide in their reading capabilities during the summer.

“Encouraging children to read today helps them for years to come,” said Molinaro. “Time away from school and books during the summer can be harmful to a child’s scholastic progress, but this regression can be negated by reading during the summer. Studies have shown that kids who read during the summer show less of a drop in reading ability. Even those who are not yet reading can have their parents read to them.”

“As a parent, I want my children to do their best, and reading contributes largely to that. The Summer Reading Challenge is an excellent way to provide kids with the encouragement that they need to read,” Molinaro said of the program he has sponsored for three consecutive years.

Molinaro also thanked the Mid-Hudson Library Association for their assistance in distributing materials and promoting the program.

Summer reading brochures for the program can be found at local libraries. The brochure includes a suggested reading list based on age level and interest as well as a form documenting participation. Children are asked to read 15 minutes a day for 40 days. Once they have completed this task, they can send their completed form, included in the brochure, to 7578 North Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571 to receive a certificate for their hard work.

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