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## “Build a Better World”

**TRENTON, N.J.**— Children and teens are encouraged to “build a better world” through reading during the Mercer County Library System’s annual summer reading program. This is a free program which provides incentives for children and teens to read throughout the summer months. The libraries also offer fun and educational programs, events and contests for a variety of ages. The program runs from June 26 through August 5, 2017.

Library summer reading programs help children and teens keep their minds active and maintain reading skills while school is not in session. Children can visit their local branch to receive a reading log, keep track of minutes or number of books read and return to the library for weekly prizes. The program is free and open to children of all abilities.

Teens may register for their program on the library’s website and log back in any time to record their reading. Prizes will also be awarded regularly for teens and they are encouraged to come to their local branch for teen-centered programs and activities.

“The library’s summer reading program can help provide advantages to our students during the school year by keeping them engaged during the summer.” said Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes. “The materials and programs available at the libraries can help children become lifelong learners and keep them engaged with their communities.”

Free programs and events available to all ages will be offered throughout the six week program. These include craft programs, story times, science presentations, magicians, musical performances and more. Program details are generally available at the branches in early June. Full program listings will be available on the library’s website.

Most events are planned to meet the needs of individuals and families residing in member municipalities. Some programs may require pre-registration with a valid MCLS library card. Branches of the Mercer County Library System are located in the following member municipalities: Ewing, Hickory Corner (East Windsor), Hightstown, Hollowbrook Community Center (Ewing), Hopewell, Lawrence, Robbinsville, Twin Rivers and West Windsor.

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Groups located within a member municipality should contact their local branch to find out if there are programs appropriate for group attendance, and during which times of the year groups may be best accommodated with outreach.

Programs are funded by the Friends of the Library or local library association or advisory committee at each branch location. Additional sponsorship is provided by the New Jersey Statewide Summer Reading Program, coordinated by the New Jersey Library Association, and local businesses and organizations that have donated prizes.