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COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

4.7.1 INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The Office of School Library Services facilitates an Interlibrary Loan program. In cooperation with the New York State Library our office can request materials for our members. In the near future, our office will provide services that facilitate interlibrary loan between our members.

The New York State Library provides books and other services to any citizen of the state. Using a driver's license, any New Yorker can request materials or use the various databases located on the State Library's Website at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/index.html>.

The New York State Library also provides, for any New Yorker with visual or auditory disabilities, Braille or talking books from the Andrew Heiskell Braille & Talking Books Library <http://talkingbooks.nypl.org/>. Interlibrary loan services for children and teens with disabilities require medical documentation. The service is free.

4.7.2 PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The public library systems in NYC have a long and illustrious history of working with NYC public schools. School librarians should locate the branch serving their school's students and connect with the branch's youth specialist. Teachers may make class trips to the library or public librarians may visit schools to offer booktalks and information about events and programs available at local branches. Students should be encouraged to sign up for public library cards at their local branches. The central libraries of all three systems have excellent Children's and Young Adult collections that school librarians can peruse and borrow. In addition, the public library systems periodically offer free workshops on literacy-related topics that are appropriate for school librarians.

Brooklyn Public Library

<http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>

New York Public Library

<http://www.nypl.org/>

Queens Library

<http://www.queenslibrary.org/>

Summer Reading

<http://summerreading.org/>

Homework Help

<http://homeworknyc.org/>

4.7.3 MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

Most museums and other cultural institutions have an education department that offers workshops and/or materials for schools. For example, the Metropolitan Museum of Art has a library and teacher resource center and makes print, audio-visual and electronic materials available onsite as well as online.

Below are links to many of the wonderful places to visit – online or in person.

Museums

New Yorkled-New York City's Information/Pictorial Magazine

http://www.newyorkled.com/list_museums_alpha.htm

NY.Com – Museums

<http://www.ny.com/museums/all.museums.html>

Cultural Institutions

General Guides

New York City Cultural Affairs

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcla/html/funding/cultural_inst_links.shtml

New York City Attractions

http://attractionguide.com/new_york/

Animals

Wildlife Conservation Society (NYC Zoos and Aquarium)

<http://www.wcs.org/>

Gardens

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

<http://www.bbg.org/>

Central Park Virtual Tour

<http://www.centralparknyc.org/virtualpark>

New York Botanical Garden

<http://www.nybg.org/>

Queens Botanical Garden

<http://www.queensbotanical.org/>

Staten Island Botanical Garden

<http://www.sibg.org/>

Wave Hill

<http://www.wavehill.org/home/>

Music

New York Philharmonic Kidzone

<http://www.nyphilkids.org/main.phtml>