

TEN TIPS FOR SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Summer Reading 2017

1. It takes time

- Good partnerships aren't built overnight.
- If you want to build a strong relationship with your school librarian(s), go beyond reaching out once a year to promote your summer reading program.



2. Visit your school librarian

- Volunteer to be a guest reader or speaker for a library class
- Does your school have UPK? Offer to do a storytime
- Offer to lead a lunchtime or afterschool booktalk/book discussion group
- Invited to have a table at open house night? Go!
- Do a promotional visit prior to summer reading
- Pop in to say hello (Bring chocolate!)

3. Invite them to visit you

- Offer school library classes a tour of the public library
- Ask your school librarian to be a guest reader at your storytime
- Having an event at your library? Make sure your school librarian knows they are invited!



4. Use technology to your advantage



- ❑ Can't manage an in-person visit? Schedule a Skype or FaceTime visit
- ❑ Connect with your school librarian and/or BOCES School Library System on social media
- ❑ Check in with a regular (or semi-regular) e-mail or phone call

5. Share news

- ❑ Does your school library have a newsletter?
- ❑ Does your public library have a newsletter?
- ❑ Assignment Alert (from ALSC): Work with your school to create a notification system



6. Share resources

- Does your school library have a website? Link out to it on your website with your children's resources
- Make sure your school librarian is aware of the online resources provided by NCLS
- Summer deposit collection – Does your school library or library system have materials that you could make available to students during the summer? (Books, makerspace tools, etc.)

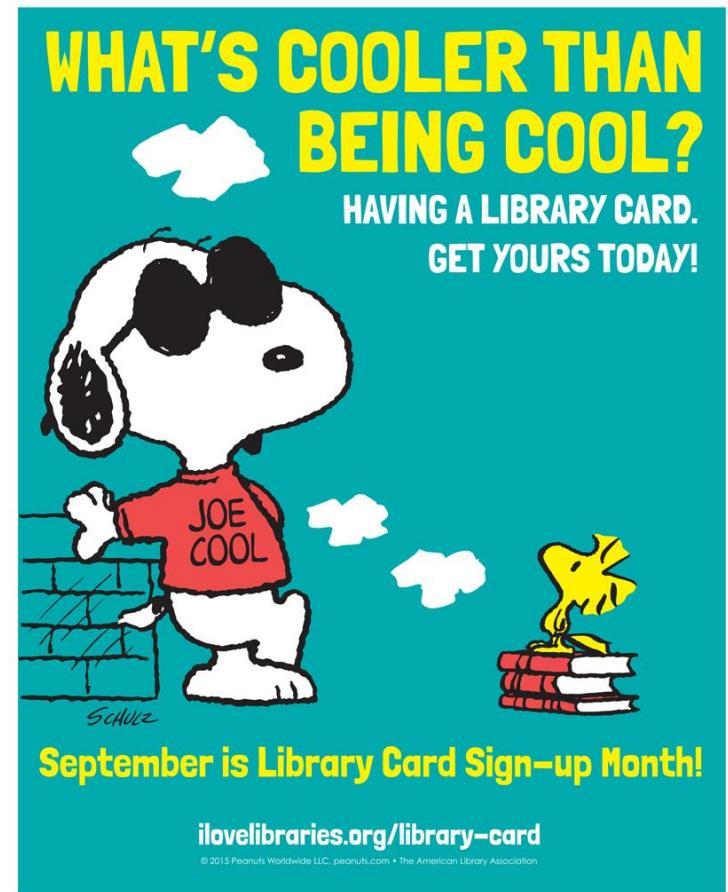
7. Field trips



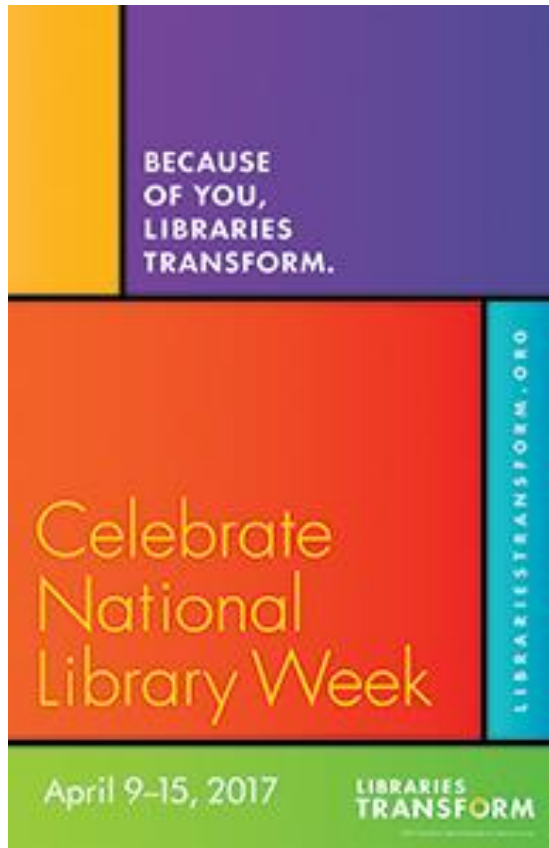
- Thousand Islands Book Festival (spring)
- Rochester Children's Book Festival (fall)
- Rochester Teen Book Festival (spring)
- Author events at local bookstores

8. National Library Card Signup Month

- ❑ Launched in 1987 with the goal of getting a public library card in the hand of every student
- ❑ Examples of school/public library sign-up month partnerships from ALSC
- ❑ Free promotional resources



9. Other opportunities



- Battle of the Books (North Country, Oswego)
- One Book, One School (District, Community, etc.)
- Teen Tech Week (March)
- National Library Week (April)
- Children's Book Week (May)
- 3 Apples Book Award (NYLA)
- Educator cards – special designation for teachers allowing longer loan periods, more holds to support curriculum

10. Don't give up

- Building a successful partnership takes time.
- Not every opportunity is a good fit, but trust that eventually something will click.
- If at first you don't succeed, keep bringing chocolate.

