DINOLFO KICKS-OFF MONROE COUNTY 2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo today kicked-off the 2016 Summer Reading Program. This fun and engaging program will encourage youth in our community to continue to read throughout the summer.

“As a mother and grandmother, I know how important reading is for our growing children and, equally important, is the continuation of reading and learning during the summer months,” said Dinolfo. “Reading helps foster success in school and provides enjoyment when we are immersed in a good book. I hope that children in our community take time during this summer break to sign up for our reading program and enjoy the benefits of reading.”

The program which is run through the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau, with leadership from its Director, David Michael Barry, will begin today and run through August 24th. To sign up for the 2016 Monroe County Summer Reading Program, and for complete details of the program, go to ExploreMonroeNY.com.

All participating youth who read and complete their challenges will receive the prize of a free pass to the Seneca Park Zoo. The participant who reads the most books in each reading level will be awarded a grand prize where up to four members of their families will join County Executive Dinolfo at a Rochester Red Wings game and they will throw out the ceremonial first pitch of the game.

The challenge requirements are as follows:

**Pre-Kindergarten Youth** will need to read at least three books and draw a picture of their favorite scene from one of the books read.

**Grades K-5** will need to read at least three books and draw a picture of their favorite book with a sentence describing why it is their favorite.

**Grades 6-8** will need to read at least three books and write a three sentence paragraph describing which book is their favorite.

**Grades 9-12** will need to read at least three books and write a five sentence describing which book is their favorite.

Upon completion of the challenge, submissions can be emailed to monroesummerreading@monroecounty.gov or mailed to:

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