

## Suffolk Region



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### **Special Education Report** **June 2021**

**“Summer is Here!”** ~ We made it through an incredibly challenging school year and I’m sure we are all ready for a much-needed and well-deserved break! As you plan your summer of fun, here are just some of the many resources and activities you and your family can explore, including a bunch right here on Long Island. To help with the “summer slide”, check out the extensive lists of educational (and fun) apps for kids.

- Local library programs: Many of our wonderful libraries are offering in-person and/or take-home activities for families to enjoy, as well as summer reading programs.  
<https://portal.suffolklibrarysystem.org/library-information/library-directory>,  
<https://www.livebrary.com/local-libraries>
- New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Free or discounted use of state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Link to Access Pass application and FAQ’s: <https://parks.ny.gov/admission/access-pass/>
- Parent to Parent has a comprehensive list of Long Island Resources for camps, social groups, gamers clubs, sports and so much more: <http://parenttoparentnys.org/index.php/news/long-island-resources>
- Surfer's Way is a non-profit organization designed to offer children with special needs the opportunity to experience the exhilaration and liberation of surfing. <http://www.surfersway.org>
- Lists of educational (and fun) apps for kids:
  - <https://www.educationalappstore.com/best-apps/best-summer-learning-apps-for-kids>
  - <https://www.simplyspecial.com/50-apps-for-special-education/>

It’s never too early to begin planning workshops for the new school year. Connect with your district’s Special Education/Student Services office and ask if they would be interested in providing a presentation to your members. You can also check out the agencies listed on the reference list of Virtual Workshop Presenters†, which can now be found on Suffolk Region PTA’s website (*see website information below*).

If you have any questions, need help with workshop ideas or would like to connect with your local SEPTA or SEPTSA, please feel free to email me. It has been an absolute honor to be Suffolk Region’s Special Education Chair this year! Wishing you all a safe and fun Summer!

#### **Helpful links:**

Suffolk Region PTA: [www.suffolkpta.org](http://www.suffolkpta.org)

New York State PTA: <https://nyspta.org>

†List of Virtual Workshop Presenters is for reference purposes only. Suffolk Region PTA makes no endorsement of any kind.