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### **State Education Commissioner, Mayors Launch Multi-City Effort to Nurture Young Readers**

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the National League of Cities today launched a project to work with seven cities across the Garden State to develop Mayor's Book Clubs – efforts emphasizing home-grown pilot programs to build reading skills among young children.

Commissioner Lucille E. Davy of the State Department of Education joined League President Tim McDonough, Mayor of Hope, Mayor Douglas H. Palmer of Trenton and a Head Start preschool class of readers in announcing the seven pilot cities selected for the new effort: Clifton, Hightstown, Hope, Jersey City, Mount Arlington, Neptune, and Trenton.

"We plan to reach out in our communities and adapt the Mayor's Book Club model in way that promote an early literacy agenda and help young children enter school ready to succeed," McDonough said.

Read the full report at:

[www.njslom.org/press-release-092209-mayors-book-clubs.html](http://www.njslom.org/press-release-092209-mayors-book-clubs.html)

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### **League Annual Conference Work sessions and Meetings**

The Annual Conference Workshop / Education Sessions Schedule has been updated to include League Affiliate Meetings. Take time now to plan your conference attendance to ensure you get the most from the wide variety of educational and information filled sessions. [www.njslom.com/94thconf/workshop-education-sessions.html](http://www.njslom.com/94thconf/workshop-education-sessions.html)

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