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## **COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM PARTNERS WITH TWO-TIME NEWBERY AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, KATE DICAMILLO**

WASHINGTON (Jan. 20, 2015) —The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) announces its partnership with award-winning children’s book author, Kate DiCamillo, as its first ever National Summer Reading Champion.

DiCamillo, who received a 2014 Newbery Award for her latest novel, “Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures,” will shoot a series of public service announcements, participate in a national media campaign, and appear at events coast-to-coast. Her goal is to encourage families to sign up for and participate in summer reading programs at their local libraries and to raise awareness of the importance of summer reading for children, teens, and adults across the country.

“I am hopeful that in my role as National Summer Reading Champion with CSLP I can encourage young readers to go and find themselves at the library,” DiCamillo said. “To find books that capture their imaginations and to spend time with others who love good stories.”

DiCamillo, who currently serves as the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature for the Library of Congress, received her first Newbery Award in 2004 for “The Tale of Despereaux.”

“We are overjoyed to have Kate join us as our first ever National Summer Reading Champion,” said Karen Yother, CSLP President. “Her dedication to lifelong learning through literacy from childhood to adulthood represents everything our organization stands for.”

To learn more about CSLP and the summer reading program materials that it develops for children, teens, and adults please visit [www.csllpreads.org](http://www.csllpreads.org).

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### **About CSLP**

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is a national non-profit organization composed of volunteers who create, produce, and provide public libraries with high-quality summer reading materials for children, teens, and adults across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and four island territories. To learn more about CSLP and its mission please visit [www.csllpreads.org](http://www.csllpreads.org). “Like” the Collaborative Summer Library Program on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/csllpreads>.

### **About Candlewick Press:**

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