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### **First Lady Barbara Richardson Kicks off Summer Reading Program**

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participate in program**

*Santa Fe* - First Lady Barbara Richardson kicked off the State Library's Summer Reading Program today at the Corrales Public Library in Corrales, NM. The State of New Mexico has awarded \$350,000 to Public Libraries around the state to support the Summer Reading Program.

"Reading opens the door to all opportunities," said First Lady Barbara Richardson. "It's important for every child in New Mexico to have access to books, for parents to encourage their children to read and for families to share the experience together."

More than 89,000 New Mexico students and parents are expected to participate in this year's reading program. The First Lady kicked off the event by reading with elementary school students and taking questions from the students.

