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**Dexter, Missouri** – Keller Public Library's Summer Reading Program is well under way with a record crowd in attendance on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. More than 120 children and seventy-four adults were on hand to hear special guest, Kim Cook, read "New York's Bravest" keeping with the summer reading theme of "Every Hero Has a Story".

The Dexter Fire Department made an appearance as "Heroes to the Rescue!" Fire Chief Don Seymore, along with Asst. Chief Dave Rowe, and Firefighter Todd O'Dell invited the children outside after the inside program to see the big red ladder firetruck.

Children were invited to dress in their favorite hero costume as well as enjoy a run through the spray of water that came from the aerial ladder on the firetruck.

Several photos can be seen on the ShowMe Times Facebook page under the **Album, Keller Library Summer Reading Program June 10, 2015**.

On Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 a.m. "The Heroes Around Us" will be the theme for this week's program.

The book, "New York's Bravest" is available at the Keller Public Library along with many other books about firefighters. Here is a short paragraph about the book.

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*"In the 1840s, there was a man named John J. Humphreys whose bravery was reknown throughout New York City. Plays about him began being performed on Broadway in 1848 and over the years his strength and heroics took on larger-than-life proportions, much like those of Paul Bunyan. Mary Pope Osborne has honed down the legends about him to a brief, dramatic, sometimes comical, but ultimately moving text of picture book length. Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher's stunning paintings capture this 8-foot-tall superhero rushing into burning buildings, saving babies and bankers, and wolfing down the feasts bestowed upon him by the grateful citizens of old New York—until the one big hotel fire after which he was never seen again. The author has included a historical note about the origins of this tall tale, and the book is dedicated to the 343 New York City firefighters who gave their lives to save others on September 11, 2001."*

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