

Dear **Parent / Carer**,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

## What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children are invited to read 6 library books (or eBooks/eAudio from BorrowBox) over the summer and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

## Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with public libraries.

## How can my child take part? (Library AND/OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Be able to become a library member if they are not already.
- Be able to borrow and read any books, eBooks and eAudiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.
- Visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge) to find out more

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

## When?

The Challenge in Hertfordshire will launch on **6 July and continue until 7 September**. Unsure where your closest library is? Visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

Yours faithfully,

**Hertfordshire Libraries**

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## Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

## What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before - because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks." Girl, aged 12+*

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*  
Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before." Parent/carer of 8-9 year-old girl*

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading **fun**."*  
Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection." Parent/carer of 10-11 year-old boy*