



Kent **Libraries**

Dear [parent/carer]

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up 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 anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.<sup>1</sup>

### 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 the [public library network](#).

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

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

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**OR**

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

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

### When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact: [tonbridgelibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:tonbridgelibrary@kent.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,  
Mallika Bhaduri

[1] The Reading Agency (2022) [Summer Reading Challenge 2022: Annual Report](#)

## 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, competitions and videos.
- Keep up-to-date! [Follow @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