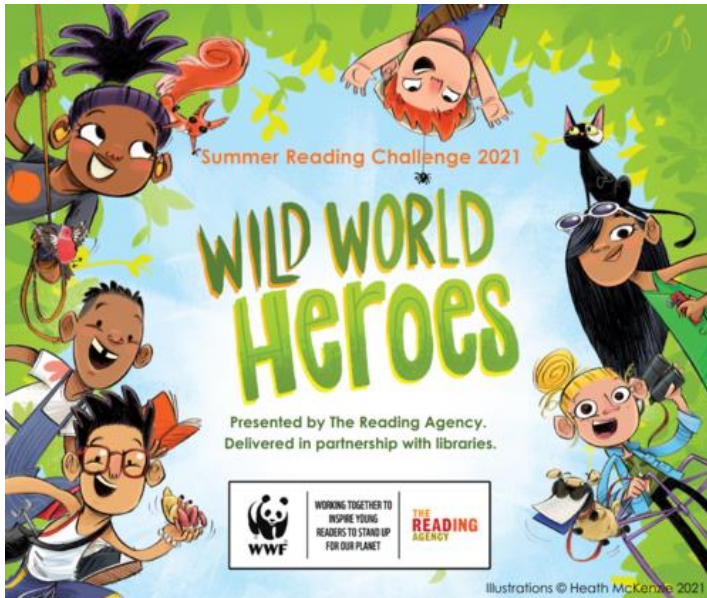


Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual challenge run jointly by The Reading Agency and public libraries. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes, with a nature-themed challenge, supported by the World Wildlife Fund.

Keeping up reading over the summer is always important and especially critical this year:

“Recently published studies show that time out of school in the 2019/20 academic year may have affected primary pupils’ performance in reading, maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar assessments”. Hodder, Schooldash, [The impact of lockdown on children’s education: a nationwide analysis](#) (2020)

The Challenge

- ❖ Children must be members of the library service. **Join the library** here <https://bit.ly/2VR7Q1N> and be ready!
- ❖ The challenge invites children to read any six library books or more during the summer holidays.
- ❖ Families can sign up for the challenge at any library, at any stage in the summer from Friday 23 July.
- ❖ Children can borrow books via our Select & Collect service <https://bit.ly/3kT8O9v> or using our e-books, magazines and audiobooks available from our Virtual Library <https://bit.ly/3vj9I9D>
- ❖ Some libraries are open for in-person browsing now and we hope all libraries will be by the start of the challenge. Updates here: <https://bit.ly/3fKHit6>
- ❖ Children collect rewards for the books they read – a bookmark for reading 2 books; a pencil for reading 4 books; a certificate and a medal for reading 6 books.
- ❖ Children aged 4-16 completing the challenge (6 books) will be entered into a lucky dip at their library for the chance to win a tablet computer.

Activities and events

Children can also enjoy craft activities throughout the summer, both online and by collecting a craft pack when you pick up your Select & Collect books.

There will also be fun online events. This summer we are excited to welcome back **storyteller John Kirk** on an online story hunt on 28th July, as we celebrate the British summer on an outing in the countryside. Let your imagination run wild as you join a virtual storytelling experience like no other. Jammed packed with interactive scavenger hunting fun this session is suitable for families with story hunters age 3+.

