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Dear Parents/Guardians

During the summer holiday period the children may wish to join in with the Summer Reading Challenge.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency together with Northamptonshire Libraries are running a Summer Reading Challenge. Due to the circumstances surrounding Covid-19, this is being delivered completely online.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to read for pleasure. It combines free access to books with fun activities, that can be completed at home, and a creative online element. At the heart of the challenge is children choosing and sharing any books - in any format - that they like. Novels, fact books, picture books, graphic novels, joke books, all count. These can be borrowed from one of the library's e-book and e-audiobook providers. This year children can also read, or listen to, books they already have at home.

The Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2020 is Silly Squad. It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books.

How does the challenge work?

You can sign your child up to the Summer Reading Challenge online. This year, you and your child can set the reading challenges for them to complete over the summer, unlocking online rewards along the way.

Northamptonshire Libraries have two e-book and e-audiobook providers, Borrowbox and Libby, who children can borrow books from. More information can be found on their e-Reads and audio web page. **Children have full access to all the e-lending stock on these platforms, including adult titles, so parents and carers should supervise what their children are borrowing.**

If your child isn't a library member, you can apply for them to be a virtual library member, so they can access the e-Reads and audio collections. Full information, and the online application form, can be found on the virtual library membership web page.

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Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Parents and children can join the Northamptonshire Virtual Library here:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/library-service/visiting-your-library/Pages/joining-your-library.aspx>

More information about the Summer Reading Challenge can be found here:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/library-service/children-and-families/Pages/summer-reading-challenge.aspx>

Summer Library Activities

All Northamptonshire County Council Statutory libraries will post an activity on their Facebook page each week that families can complete at home. The Northamptonshire Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page will share all of these activities as well as news and book reviews. <https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonshireSRC>

We thank you so very much for your continued support this year and we wish you a lovely summer holiday.

We very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school in September.

Stay safe and well.

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