

Wild World Heroes – Summer Reading Challenge 2021

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a challenge for children to read six library books (or more) over the holidays. It runs until 18 September in all Manchester Libraries. It is a great opportunity to share and talk about books as a family and to celebrate your child's reading achievements. Joining a Challenge is a great way to keep motivated too.

Every year there is a great theme and this year there's a nature-themed challenge - 'Wild World Heroes.' With the help of your child's school, Manchester Libraries are inviting children to come along and join up – and it's all free! When children join the Challenge there are free gifts and after reading six books they receive a medal too!

So how does your child join?

- Sign up for the Challenge at your local library from 5 July
- Your child will be given a special Wild World Heroes collector poster
- Read at least six library books and collect stickers and rewards.
- They receive a certificate and medal when they finish it's fun and totally free

And if they're not already library members, it's easy to join – just go along to your local library or head online at <u>www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries</u>. You could join too – it's all free! Our 22 Manchester libraries have a great selection of books, and you can borrow books online too.

Why join the Summer Reading Challenge?

- It supports children's studies. We know that reading for fun improves literacy
- Reading for pleasure is one of the most important factors for children's academic success
- Studies show that a love of reading in children can help their wellbeing and help them cope with difficult situations
- The Challenge gives children the chance to join thousands of other children across the country, reading books, sharing ideas and taking part in some great activities
- Teachers tell us that children who take part in the Challenge return to school with a new enthusiasm for reading.

Activities

Libraries will once again be offering free activities during the summer. To find out more about these and other activities for children, check out <u>LoadstoDo</u>

Prizes and competitions

When your child completes the Challenge (by reading 6+ books), they will be entered into a prize draw to win vouchers and books. There is also a book review competition to win a Kindle Fire and book bundles. Go to www.manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge or see Facebook @manchesterlibraries to find out more.