

# Staffordshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Dear parents and children,  
We hope that you are all keeping safe.

Each year Staffordshire Libraries host the Summer Reading Challenge. This year with the disruption caused by Covid-19 on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge is being delivered online.



The all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge is launching earlier than usual to keep children reading over the summer and to support families with children already at home. Children can now sign up at [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk) and create a profile. They set their own challenge to read any amount of books. Each time they finish a book they add it to their profile and write a review. There are downloadable activities, games and puzzles and new content added each week. Once children have completed the Challenge they receive a downloadable certificate.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to become independent readers. Reading for pleasure supports mental wellbeing, boosting children's confidence and self-esteem which is so important now more than ever.

**Although the children can log in now to set up their profile, the Challenge will officially launch in Staffordshire on the 16<sup>th</sup> July and parents can access activities and a program of events for their children via our Facebook page – Staffordshire Libraries. This includes story times, Lego clubs and craft activities.**

**Staffordshire Libraries is working within Government guidelines to safely re-open libraries. In the meantime there is a wide range of children's e-books and e-audio books that can be downloaded from the library catalogue at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Library-services/eLibrary/eLibrary.aspx>**

We hope that you all enjoy your summer reading and we are looking forward to hearing about the books that you have read.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us.

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