

**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 [www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries). 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 [LoadstoDo](https://loadstodo.co.uk/)

**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](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge) or see Facebook @manchesterlibraries to find out more.