



### **The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 has launched!**

We are approaching our local Walsall schools to ask for your help with delivering the Digital Challenge this year. We wish to support children across the borough through accessing this resource from June to September as a fun activity to encourage children to read and enjoy online crafts. It is really useful as a learning tool to support the maintenance of literacy levels and with improving mental health during these unusual times. This resource will support parents with literacy until children return fully to school.

We would appreciate any help with reaching children now and over the summer with reminders through schools via social media or newsletters, whichever platform you will use to maintain contact with your children for the next 4 months.

#### **Digital Offer**

#### **Instructions are below to show parents and children how to join the challenge:**

Click on this link to access via our website:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/walsalllibraries/Events/walsall-libraries-summer-reading-challenge-2020>

Or go direct from here;

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

#### **Once there:**

1. Join the challenge - you will need a grown-up to confirm their email address but joining is very easy and won't take long.
2. Pick your first avatar (you can change your avatar any time, including when you unlock new content when completing reads and challenges)
3. You can now set your own reading target for the summer 1-1000! It's up to you how many books you want to read.
4. Explore the site: '**Games**', from blasting asteroids, to solving mazes, catching bats to word games, there are lots of games for you to play online.

The '**BookSorter**', a digital machine where you can input your favourite book type and age and it will sort out top book recommendations for you. The '**Chat**' where you can read messages from other Silly Squad members and add your own. '**Activities**', puzzles, competitions and prizes. The '**Reading Club**' where you can find out about your favourite authors and illustrators by enjoying exclusive interviews and videos,

5. Each time you read a book go to – ‘Add a book to your challenge and claim your reward’
6. Read or listen to books if you have a Walsall Libraries card and pin number. You can find lots of great eBooks and eAudio-books for free using BorrowBox here:
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<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/walsalllibraries/Resources/E-books>

If you need to reset your pin you can click on this link if you have a valid library card:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/walsalllibraries/Contact-us>

We are also expecting a delivery of a smaller amount of our usual Summer Reading Challenge resources, which we can then distribute to children who are unable to access our digital offer. We will be in touch shortly with more information regarding this.

We would welcome any feedback via this email, with regard to delivering materials from this challenge. This could be either via a school setting in September, to any children who would benefit from an additional target over the summer to maintain their literacy levels. Children can complete this challenge using their own/school resources, when unable to access the digital offer at home over the summer holidays.

If you do have any queries regarding the Summer Reading Challenge this year, please email your library site manager, or email [infoexpress@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:infoexpress@walsall.gov.uk)