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2025

Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Grow your love for books with Slough Libraries
Take part from 1 July to 13 September 2025

What is the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE?

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with libraries, encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children can complete the challenge by enjoying six library books over the summer, collecting stickers as they progress. Those that finish will be awarded a certificate to mark their achievement and children age 4+ will receive a bonus activity card to continue their reading journey. The challenge presents reading as a fun and enjoyable activity and encourages children to become lifelong book lovers. The Challenge is inclusive to children of all abilities as they can choose any library books that appeal to them to complete it.

Signing up to the challenge is free and it runs from 1 July until 13 September so there's plenty of time to read your six books.

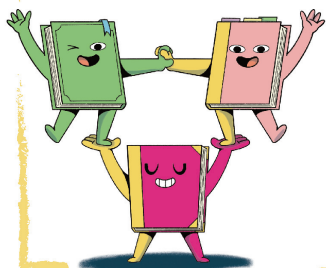
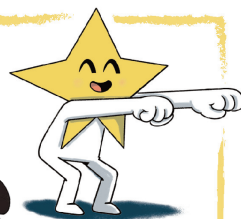
Children need to be a member of the library to take part. It's easy and free to join in person, or online at www.slough.gov.uk/libraries

The official challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Children joining the Challenge will be able to access an exciting, free programme of themed activities celebrating the natural world and the joy of reading that will help develop confidence, expression and literacy skills in a fun and supportive way.

Presenting this year's theme: Story Garden

This exciting new theme explores the magical connection between storytelling and nature and will inspire children's imagination to grow, confidence to blossom and creativity to flourish. Look out for books and activities where magical creatures, wild tales and the wonder of nature come to life.





Free activities at **SLOUGH LIBRARIES**

FLOURISH! Creativity Hubs

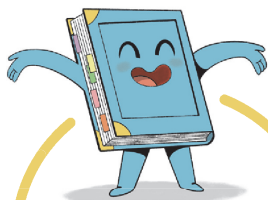
Running across all four Slough Libraries, children can let their ideas and imagination flourish at our creative hubs. Express yourself through words, sounds, pictures or movement. There will be materials and support for children to produce artworks of all kinds, including poetry, soundscapes and visual art.

Explore our Story Garden theme at different levels: the underground world, the garden at ground level and up in the sky.

At the end of the Summer Reading Challenge, there will be the chance to showcase your work at our celebration event.

Drop-in event.
Recommended age 4+





The Curve

Summer Reading Challenge launch

Tuesday 1 July

Be one of the first to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, enjoy games on the go, 5-6pm - learn how to make and play some simple games that you can enjoy anywhere this summer.

LEGO® drop in

Every Tuesday, 4-5pm

Minimum age 5 years.

Get building with our big boxes of bricks. Let the Story Garden theme inspire you. *No session on 29 July as we are hosting Build the Change (see below).*

Petal Power

Friday 25 July, 11am-12noon

Recommended age 4+.

Using the technique of flower pressing, we will preserve the natural beauty of plants to design a unique bookmark. Booking essential via Eventbrite or at the library.

LEGO® Build the Change

Tuesday 29 July, 10am-12noon and 1.30-3.30pm. Minimum age 5 years.

Build the world that you would like to see from our huge selection of bricks. This year we're encouraging children to highlight the importance of nature and green spaces. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

Flourish Creative Hub

Saturday 2 August, 2-4pm

Tuesday 19 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 28 August, 2-4pm

Story Garden Exhibition

Monday 1 September to

Saturday 13 September

Come and admire artwork created by children during the Summer Reading Challenge.

Story Garden celebration event

Saturday 13 September, 2.15pm

arrival and view the exhibition

2.30pm celebration begins

We're celebrating the end of the Challenge with the chance for children to showcase what they have created at the library Flourish hubs during the summer. They can read a poem or story, show off their artwork or play soundscapes or music. Places must be booked for children wishing to take part, and they must have participated in the Summer Reading Challenge at Slough Libraries. Bookings via Eventbrite or at the library.





Cippenham Library

Summer Reading Challenge launch

Tuesday 1 July

Be one of the first to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, enjoy Games on the go 3.30-4.30pm - learn how to make and play some simple games that you can enjoy anywhere this summer.

Flourish Creative Hub

Thursday 24 July, 2-4pm

Fairy garden

Thursday 31 July, 1-2.30pm OR 3-4.30pm

Design a tiny fairy garden that will be the setting for your own magical tale. An inspiring creative writing session for children aged 7+. Booking essential via Eventbrite or at the library.

Flourish Creative Hub

Thursday 14 August, 2-4pm

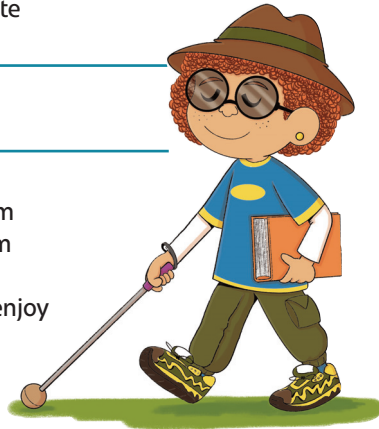
Tales from the Story Chair

Wednesday 27 August, 10.30-11am

Saturday 6 September, 10.30-11am

Recommended age 3+

Gather round the story chair and enjoy some stories in the open air!

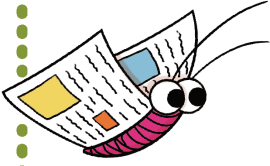


Super sign up Saturday

5 July at The Curve and Cippenham Library.

We'll be offering double stickers for children joining or progressing the Challenge on this day.





Langley Library

Summer Reading Challenge launch

Tuesday 1 July

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Flourish Creative Hub

Friday 8 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

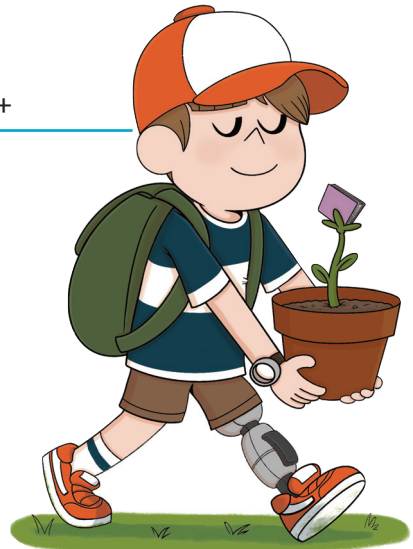
Nature through the Senses

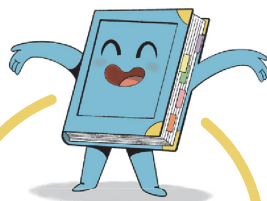
Wednesday 20 August, 2-3pm

We'll explore garden life through sight, sound and smell. Recommended age 5+

Flourish Creative Hub

Friday 22 August, 1.30-3.30pm





Britwell Library

Summer Reading Challenge launch

Tuesday 1 July

Be one of the first to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, enjoy Games on the go 3.30-4.30pm - learn how to make and play some simple games that you can enjoy anywhere this summer.

Sow and Grow

Thursday 7 August, 10.30am-12noon

Minimum age 3 years.

Plant some seeds and look out for the green shoots of growth over the summer. Learn about what plants need to thrive.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Monday 11 August, 10.30-11.15am

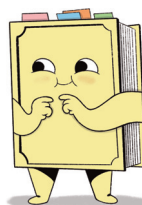
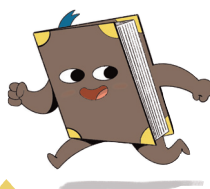
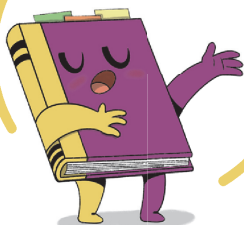
Bring your own picnic and a cuddly toy to snuggle up to as we share songs and stories in the Britwell Library garden.

Flourish Creative Hub

Monday 11 August, 2-4pm



Event bookings:
sloughlibraries.eventbrite.com





Continue your **READING ADVENTURES** at home

You can borrow up to 30 books with your library card and your library membership also gives you access to thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks with Borrowbox through your browser or app. You can browse titles on the digital bookshelves, so books are still within your reach, even when the libraries are closed. Ask staff for details.

Parents/carers should stay at the library to supervise their child during the activity. Please note the age guidance.



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