



Get Ready to get Silly!

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by the Reading Agency in partnership with Havering Libraries, is an annual event aimed at 4 – 11 year olds. Children are encouraged to read books of their choice during the summer holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate for every child who completes the Challenge.

This year, with the disruption caused by Covid-19 there will be an all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge to keep children reading over the summer. **It launches this Friday 5th June and will run through to September.** Due to the unusual circumstances there will not be a challenge aimed at preschool children this year.

The theme for the Challenge this year is “Silly Squad” – a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter.

So from Friday 5th June children can sign up to complete the Silly Squad challenge on the website www.sillysquad.co.uk (live from Friday 5th June).

- Children will be able to create a free account to take part in the digital Challenge, which is a simple process and requires approval by an adult (via email).
- Children taking part in the Challenge this year will be asked to set their own reading goal – anything from one book upwards! Children can read anything that makes them happy – comics, joke books, poetry, fiction or non-fiction; in digital or print format; from what they already have at home or from free e-books through the public library service https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20039/libraries/685/ebooks_and_audiobooks
- This time there will be online book reviews, activities and incentives. And once they have finished the challenge they will receive a downloadable certificate from the Reading Agency website. **Havering Libraries will not be supplying certificates or medals this year.**

Support for those without Online Access at Home

If you do not have online access at home you will hopefully be able to use our public computers when we can safely reopen. More information to follow when it is available. In the meantime please contact your school to see if they can help.

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