



Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer Reading Challenge Participation: 11th July 2025 – 12th September 2025

Your child is invited to sign up for Oldham Libraries **Summer Reading Challenge**

### **What is the Summer Reading Challenge?**

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to challenge themselves to read over the summer holidays. They can read any library books that they choose. It's all about having fun and reading for pleasure. On signing up, they will receive a sticker booklet to track their reading. For every two goals they complete, they will receive a sticker to add to their booklet. There is no pressure to read a set number of books, or to read anything they don't enjoy. If they do complete six reading goals, they will receive a medal and certificate. It's **FREE** to take part.

### **Why should my child sign up?**

- It's a great free way to keep children entertained over the summer. They will have free access to books and activities.
- Children will have lots of **fun reading!**
- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group.**
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem.**

### **How can my child take part?**

You can sign them up at any library in Oldham. Don't have a library card? No problem. It only takes a few minutes to get signed up. It's all completely **FREE!**

### **What free activities can my child take part in?**

**From 11<sup>th</sup> July, activities will be taking place at all of our libraries and Gallery Oldham throughout the summer.**

Keep your eye on our website or pop to your local library for a programme of Summer Reading Challenge activities. We have a wide range of activities planned for you to enjoy!

### **StoryFest 2026**

We are kicking off the reading challenge with our annual StoryFest event at Oldham Library. Children will get the opportunity to meet and chat with 8 authors and illustrators, as well as take part in craft activities and author workshops. Saturday 11 July, 11am-3pm. Free event, no booking required.

We look forward to reading with you!  
Oldham Libraries

<https://hla.oldham.gov.uk/children-families/summer-reading-challenge/>