

Story Garden

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£100
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Join the
Summer Reading Challenge

and step into a world of reading

1 July to 13 September

Here's how it works:

- Head to your local library to sign up for free and receive your collector card
- If you're 0-16, you can take part!
- Borrow and read library books during the summer
- Any library book counts – you can read stories or fact books, poetry or graphic novels
- Let library staff know when you've read six books and you'll be awarded a winner's medal.

But wait, there's more! When you complete the challenge, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a £100 toyshop voucher and a bundle of books! Plus, there are lots of extra prizes to win all through the summer! We will even send your certificate to your school so your teachers can see how brilliant you are!*

* Applies to children aged 5-11 who go to a Manchester local authority primary school.



Grown-ups! Why is reading for pleasure important?

The 'summer slide' is where children lose some of the skills and knowledge they learned during the school year because they don't practise them over the summer. This can make it harder for them to catch up when school starts again. Reading during the summer helps prevent this by keeping their brains active and improving their reading skills.

The Summer Reading Challenge can help with all this!

What can I read?

You can read any library book you choose. You can also read digital eBooks and eAudiobooks using our free BorrowBox app at **www.borrowbox.com**

You can join online too

If you can't make it to a library, you can join online on The Reading Agency's website: **summerreadingchallenge.org.uk**

Mini Challenge

Children aged 0–3 can also join and take part in the fun with their very own joining card. Ask at your local library or next time you're at a Storytime.

Book review and art competition

Why not tell us about a book that you've really enjoyed! You can either write about the book or draw pictures of it. Winners will each win a prize of a book bundle and a Kindle or art supplies!

Find out more

For all the information about Story Garden, including the activity programme and competitions, visit **manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge**

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