

Summer Reading Challenge for children who normally use Looe Library

Questions and Answers:

Q: How many books does my child need to read?

A: A minimum of 6 books in total

Q: My child wants to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge but Looe Library is closed. Can he/she still take part?

A: Most definitely “yes”!

Children can sign up at any of Cornwall Council’s libraries. There are libraries in Torpoint, Saltash, Bodmin, St Austell and a temporary library in Luxstowe House, Liskeard. (Please check the website for other libraries and their opening times: www.cornwall.gov.uk/library.) Once signed up your child will be given a Space Chase Mission Folder and is ready to get started.

Q: How many visits to the library are needed?

A: Ideally four:

The first when you sign up and get the Mission Folder

Second visit: when your child has read 2 books, to collect the first set of stickers and a reward.

Third visit: To talk about 2 more books and collect the next set of stickers and second reward.

Fourth and final visit: To talk about 2 more books and collect the final stickers and reward, and their **medal**.

A certificate will be sent out (usually to their school unless there is a reason why this is not appropriate and this is made known to library staff) after the end of the Challenge.

Q: Do I have to take my child to the same library each time?

A: No, but you will be helping Library staff if you can get back to the same library.

If you do go to a different library, please remember to take your child’s Mission Folder with you and tell a member of the library staff where your child signed up for the challenge. Staff will want to email this library to let them know of your child’s progress to make sure their certificate is sent out correctly. (You may come across young volunteers helping with the Summer Reading Challenge in some libraries. If they seem unsure, please let a member of library staff know that you signed up at a different library.)

Q: I can’t get to a library this many times. What can I do?

A: Still take your child to sign up and have a chat about what could work in your circumstances. Although most children like to have their stickers and rewards as they are progressing through their books, it would be possible to feedback how they have got on with all six books and collect all the stickers and rewards on a second final visit. So two visits is the minimum number of visits, but not ideal.

It may be possible to ask if you can give the rewards for the first 4 books when your child has read them, calling into the library to talk about the final books and finish the challenge. If you talk to library staff, they will try to find a way to help.

Q: I cannot get to another library. Can my child still take part in Looe?

A: Yes on the Mobile Library.

The Mobile Library will be stopping opposite Looe Library on Monday 5th August and Monday 2nd September from 9.30 to 10.15 am. It will then go to Barbican Road where it will be from 10.40 to 11 am.

It will be possible to sign up on the first of these dates and complete the challenge on the second visit using the two visit approach (see the previous question and answer).

Make sure you borrow enough books for the whole challenge with a few extra on your first visit.

If you cannot get back to the Mobile Library on its second visit, you will be able to come into the Millpool Centre when a member of the library staff is there.

A member of library staff is in the Millpool Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 11am and 1 pm only. From 13th August onwards children already signed up elsewhere will be able to come in and talk about books and collect rewards there, but there will be no books for them to borrow, unless they have already reserved them through the “click and collect” service (see below).

Q: What is the “Click and Collect” Service?

A: While the Looe library is closed for refurbishment, customers are able to continue to use the library website to reserve books. (This option is open to all readers, including children doing the Summer Reading Challenge.)

When the books are available they will be delivered to the Millpool Centre so that they can be borrowed from there. They can only be collected from the Millpool Centre while a member of Library staff is present and these staffed sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 1 pm.

Customers can use computers at these sessions too. If you would like to be shown how to reserve books online please ask.

Q: I can see that there will be an event for the Summer Reading Challenge on Friday 23rd August from 10 am to 12 noon in the Millpool Centre. Will my child be able to talk about books and collect rewards there?

A: Yes.

There will be a member of the library staff present to help you with this but you will need to reserve books well in advance if you want to be sure of being able to borrow books at this event. (Delivery of books during the closed period is fortnightly on Mondays.)

TIP: To avoid disappointment, place reservations at least 2 weeks in advance and try to choose books that are showing as being “available” in a library rather than out on loan.

Q: I see that there are downloadable children’s book available through the library website. Can these count towards the Summer Reading Challenge?

A: Yes, there are audio and ebooks available through the library website, and yes they can count for at least some of the books for the Challenge. (Ask the library where you sign up how many you can include.) As we hope children will practise their reading skills through the challenge, we normally limit the number of audio books that can be included. However, we are aware that for some children with special needs audio books may be the only option they can access and perfect to meet their needs. All children could expect to include at least one audio book, if they choose to do so.

Q: My question is not answered above. Who can I contact?

A: Please email your query to Looe Town Council enquiries@looetowncouncil.gov.uk