



Looking for an extra challenge to keep you busy over the summer?

To celebrate the **National Year of Reading** our Library Legends have set 5 different quests for you

- Each quest is made up of 6 challenges. Collect a star for every challenge you complete.
- Finish a character's quest to get their special collector's card.
- Collect all 5 cards to earn your medal and place in the league of Library Legends.

Drop into any BCP library to collect your Library Legends booklet and start the challenge ...



## Story Doors trail 25 May—28 Sept 2026

24 local schools have each created a story door, and there's one hidden in every BCP Library.

How many doors can you find?

**Download the trail map and get started!**



Scan the QR code or visit



[bcpcouncil.gov.uk/story-doors-trail](http://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/story-doors-trail)



Pick up a free **creative activity pack** filled with musical mazes, note shaped characters and hidden instruments from all BCP libraries. A taster of the fun to be had at the festival (25~26 Sept)... free family-friendly activities, performances and spectacles.



Libraries events - children under 8 **must be accompanied** by an adult

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# What's On in Libraries

for children and families

All events are free



Including

- Read to the Beat
- Library Legends
- Story Doors

July and August 2026  
[bcpcouncil.gov.uk](http://bcpcouncil.gov.uk)



## Drop-in craft & activities

### Boscombe

- 27 July to 1 Aug Panpipes
- 3 to 8 Aug Snazzy shakers
- 10 to 15 Aug Beaded drum
- 17 to 22 Aug Decorate musical notes
- 24 to 29 Aug Rattling rainsticks



### Bournemouth

- 20 to 25 July Make a microphone
- 27 July to 1 Aug Octopots
- 3 to 8 Aug Pop star outfits
- 10 to 15 Aug Junk instruments
- 17 to 22 Aug CD creatures

### Broadstone

- 18 July to 29 Aug Musical picture trail around the shops. Crack the code to enter the prize draw.

### Canford Cliffs

- 27 July to 1 Aug Musical instrument junk modelling
- 3 to 8 Aug Make a paper plate Toots the snail
- 10 to 15 Aug Musical note print animal collage
- 17 to 22 Aug CD wind sculptures
- 24 to 29 Aug Dress your pop star

### Canford Heath

- 24 to 29 Aug Summer holiday memories collage

### Castlepoint

- 27 July to 1 Aug Musical instrument crafts
- 3 to 8 Aug K-pop Demon Hunters crafts & badges
- 10 to 15 Aug Paddington Bear crafts & badges
- 17 to 22 Aug Musical mobile crafts
- 24 to 29 Aug Musical instrument junk modelling

### Christchurch

- 20 to 25 July Rainstick craft
- 27 July to 1 Aug Tambourine craft
- 3 to 8 Aug Drum craft
- 10 to 15 Aug Windchimes craft
- 17 to 22 Aug Peruvian pipes craft
- 24 to 29 Aug Maracas craft

Ongoing activities throughout the summer.

All libraries will have treasure hunts, activity or colouring sheets available during opening hours.

### Creekmoor

- 18 to 24 July Spectacular shakers
- 25 to 31 July Marvellous microphones
- 1 to 7 Aug Playful panpipes
- 15 to 21 Aug Glorious guitars
- 22 to 28 Aug Cheerful castanets
- 29 Aug to 4 Sept Superb spin drums

### Hamworthy

- 25 to 31 July Drinking straw pan pipes
- 1 to 7 Aug Paper plate tambourines
- 8 to 14 Aug Button castanets
- 15 to 21 Aug Make your own microphone
- 22 to 28 Aug Decorate a cardboard guitar

### Highcliffe

- 27 July to 29 Aug New treasure hunts and takeaway activity and colouring packs each week

### Kinson

- 27 July to 1 Aug Mega microphone making
- 3 to 8 Aug Twisty Tales of Peter and the Wolf
- 10 to 15 Aug Crafting Corner: concertinas
- 17 to 22 Aug Make it rain, Rainmaker

### Oakdale

- 24 to 25 July Colour in our large musical pictures
- 28 July to 1 Aug Make a CD snail
- 4 to 8 Aug Make a microphone
- 11 to 15 Aug Make musical shakers or rain sticks
- 18 to 22 Aug Make a musical note mobile
- 25 to 29 Aug Make castanets or rattles

### Parkstone

- 24 to 25 July Crocodile castanets
- 31 July to 1 Aug Design a CD or record cover
- 7 to 8 Aug Paper straw pan flutes
- 14 to 15 Aug Make jingly jellyfish
- 21 to 22 Aug Design a band/musical character
- 28 to 29 Aug Make jingle sticks and rain makers

### Poole

- All summer Musical crafts including rainbow fish suncatchers, butter tub drums and rainmakers

### Pokesdown & Southbourne

- 27 July to 1 Aug Musical mobile crafts
- 3 to 15 Aug Musical instrument junk modelling
- 17 to 22 Aug Musical instrument themed crafts
- 24 to 29 Aug Medley of musical crafts

### Rossmore

- 24 to 29 Aug Musical instruments

### Springbourne

- 27 July to 1 Aug Rain maker shaker craft
- 3 to 8 Aug Paper plate guitars
- 10 to 15 Aug Handprint sun & design a surfboard
- 17 to 22 Aug Musical jars craft & castanets

### Tuckton

- All summer Musical treasure hunt in the garden

### West Howe

- All summer Make a CD snail
- 3 to 22 Aug Make a musical badge
- 17 to 29 Aug Musical journey with the Codeapillar

### Westbourne

- 25 July to 1 Aug Create a pop star
- 3 to 8 Aug Make a rainstick
- 10 to 15 Aug Make a musical mobile
- 17 to 22 Aug Make a hand drum
- 24 to 29 Aug Design a jingly jelly fish

### Winton

- 6 to 18 July Make a paper piano & banjo
- 20 July to 1 Aug Make a music boardgame & kazoo
- 3 to 15 Aug Moana totem & Maui hook
- 17 to 29 Aug Make musical maracas
- 31 Aug to 5 Sept Make a paper accordion

# READ to the BEAT



THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Explore the connection between stories and songs and discover how reading and music ignite imagination and creativity.

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat, for 4-11 year olds.

Read 6 books to collect stickers, unlock digital rewards, and earn your certificate and medal.

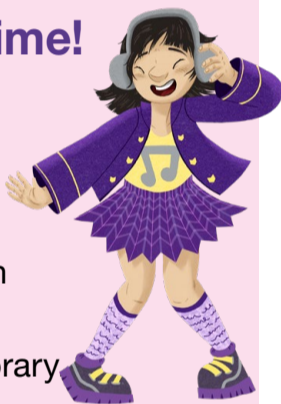
Under 4s can join our Mini Challenge!



## Competition time!

Design an album cover and create a track list for your favourite book for the chance to win some great prizes!

Enter in any BCP Library.



Scan the QR code or visit [bcpcouncil.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge](http://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge)

## Become a reading rockstar!

**Broadstone** 18 July to 29 August  
Create a song or rap and record it to enter our Library Rock Hall of Fame!

## Jungle Jam

with Explore Learning

All events bookable Age 5-11  
Create sound banks, solve problems, write rhymes and use your imagination to create a song.

### July

Thu 30 Pokedown & Southbourne 10:30-11:30am

### August

Tue 4 Canford Cliffs 11am-12noon  
5 Castlepoint 10.30-11.30am  
Thu 6 Kinson 11am-12noon  
Fri 7 Oakdale 11am-12noon  
Wed 12 Christchurch 11am-12noon  
Broadstone 1.30-2.30pm  
Thu 13 West Howe 11am-12noon  
Tue 18 Springbourne 2.15-3.15pm  
Wed 19 Rossmore 11am-12noon  
Thu 20 Tuckton 11am-12noon  
Fri 21 Creekmoor 11am-12noon  
Thu 27 Canford Heath 10.30-11.30am

Events suitable for 5+ unless specified

★ = Please book for this event

## July

### Sat 4 Super Sign-up Saturday

Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and ...

**Broadstone** 9.30am-1pm  
Create your own accordion

**Rossmore** 9.30am-1pm  
Create your own band member avatar

**Canford Heath** 10am-12.30pm  
Create your avatar for our progress board



### Mon 20 Drop-in games for all the family

**Canford Heath** 2.15-4pm

#### ★ Birdsong for beginners

**Tuckton** 4-5pm  
Get to know the calls and songs of local birds with expert David Tainton

### Tue 21 Rock the Craft: make a microphone

**Ensbury Park** 10.30-11.30am

### Mon 27 Write a Haiku poem

**West Howe** 10.30-12.30 Also 10 & 24 Aug

#### ★ Mad4Dance workshop with Julie

**Tuckton** 10-11am

### Tue 28 Music Match Dominoes

**Ensbury Park** 10.30-11.30am

#### Water safety talk: Individuality swimming

**Broadstone** 11.30am-12noon

### Wed 29 Masked Singer morning

**Rossmore** 10am-12noon  
Make your mask to disguise who you are

### Thu 30 Song Scramble

**West Howe** 10am-1pm Also Thu 27 Aug  
Rearrange your favourite song lyrics

### Fri 31 Drop in: Make a musical instrument

**Canford Heath** 2.15-4pm

## Upton Country Park

Sat 4 July Super Sign-up Saturday with BCP Libraries 10am-1pm

Join us for crafts, sign up to this year's challenge, and go on a musical-themed trail through the park.

### Tue 28 & Fri 31 July

10am-12noon  
Storytelling and crafts in the walled garden.



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## August

Mon 3 ★ Pat's French Workshop  
**Canford Heath** 2.15-3.15pm Age 5 to adult

#### ★ Ukelele demonstration

**Broadstone** 11am-12noon & 2-3pm

### Tue 4 Musical mobiles

**Ensbury Park** 10.30-11.30am

#### ★ Find the beat

**Winton** 10-11am  
Make a spin drum, a music game and song quiz



### Wed 5 Pocket pets

**Broadstone** 10am-12noon

Sculpt a miniature pet out of plasticine and decorate a pocket-sized home for them  
Also on Wed 26 Aug 10am-12noon

### Thu 6 ★ Junkyard Orchestra

**Tuckton** 10-11am  
Make some music in the library garden

### Fri 7 Windchimes and tambourines

**Branksome** 10am-1pm

#### Make a hand drum

**Highcliffe** 12noon-4pm

### Tue 11 Create a musical collage

**Ensbury Park** 10.30-11.30am

### Thu 13 ★ Musical Stories

**Westbourne** 10-11am Age 5 to 8  
Create sound effects for a story

#### ★ Design a tambourine & guitar

**Winton** 10-11am

#### ★ Make a microphone & shakers

**Tuckton** 10-11am

### Fri 14 Brilliant Bongos

**Highcliffe** 12noon-4pm

### Mon 17 Drop in: DIY musical instruments

**Broadstone** all day Age 4-11  
Build your own using recycled materials.

### Tue 18 Sound of Music paper dolls

**Ensbury Park** 10.30-11.30am

### Thu 20 Make a CD snail

**Canford Heath** 10.30am-12.30pm

### Fri 21 Sea Turtle Tambourines

**Highcliffe** 12noon-4pm

### Wed 26 Noisy Room activities

**Christchurch** 10am-12noon

### Fri 28 Wonderful Windchimes

**Highcliffe** 12noon-4pm

### Sat 29 Music-themed art class with Michelle

**Ensbury Park** 10-11am

