

Summer Reading Challenge 2024 starts Saturday 6th July!

The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge starts tomorrow Saturday 6th July and is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun and aims to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part.

Children can read anything they like (really - anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading. This year's Challenge theme, **Marvellous Makers**, is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library.



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The Leeds Library Service announce their summer programme of activities and events for children and families on July 20th, which is also 'Sign-up Saturday' in Leeds. It will be a day to celebrate the start of the summer holidays and invite young readers to register for the Challenge. Children will also be able to enjoy a variety of self-serve activities, including the much-loved Summer Reading Challenge character hunt.

Activity Sheet and Competition



Look out for the new Marvellous Makers-inspired activity sheet, available in all Leeds libraries. It features exclusive characters by Leeds-based children's book illustrator Steve James, who people may know from titles such as *Thunder Down Under* and *What Dwells in the Deep*. The activity sheet features a mini-mobile library to colour in, cut out and build, a spot the difference challenge, a word search, and a drawing prompt. Two young illustrators who send us their completed creations will be selected and will receive a brilliant book bundle. So, make sure you grab an activity sheet in your local library and submit your illustrations by 31st August!