



Join the 2020 Summer Stars Reading Adventure at Waterford Libraries this Summer!

The Summer Stars Reading Adventure has begun in Waterford Libraries!

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the 15th of June until the end of August. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer. Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free!

The Summer Stars Reading Challenge is free to access on our website www.waterfordlibraries.ie and features storytime, quizzes and activities that will motivate children to take part in reading-related hobbies over the summer.

Registration: You can keep track of your child's reading with our downloadable resources at waterfordlibraries.ie or pick up a card from library staff when your local branch re-opens. If you can't print the Reading Card or visit one of our libraries to pick one up, that's no problem! Encourage your child to record books or comics they've read and get in touch with us before August 31st to register their name for a reading Achievement Certificate – call us on 0761 102696 or email CarrickphierishLibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie.

You can return your child's Reading Card to one of our library branches before August 31st to make sure they receive a Reading Achievement certificate in the Autumn.

Library Activities for Summer Stars 2020:

Summer Stars BorrowBox: Browse, borrow, read and listen to the Summer Stars collection of children's eBooks and eAudio books through the library's BorrowBox app.

Thousands of children's eBooks and eAudiobooks available for download now – our front page displays children's titles by age:

https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/mainPage.html?b2bSite=4836

This is free for all members to use from anywhere, anytime. Non-members can join online for free at <https://www.librariesireland.ie/join-your-library>.

Borrowing Books: As our libraries reopen we are looking forward to welcoming families back to our libraries. For now, you can order books for your family on our Contact and Collect service and collect at participating branches – Central Library Waterford and Dungarvan Library. Contact us on 0761 102484 or Library@waterfordcouncil.ie

Online Storytime: Summer Stars storytime, chapter readings and poetry readings will be delivered by our library staff including chapter-a-day readings from books, available on our library's Facebook page and online at waterfordlibraries.ie

Online Activities: Craft activities, quizzes and book club activities will be delivered by our library staff online over the summer months, available on our library's Facebook page and online at waterfordlibraries.ie.

National Story Competition: As well as enjoying the amazing worlds of books, Summer Stars is also celebrating children's imaginations by running a short story competition, 'An Unexpected Adventure!'

<https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars/story-competition-an-unexpected-adventure>

There are three age categories with great prizes for all the winners and runners-up. Word limit is 500 words and entries can be submitted by email to summerstarsstory@lgma.ie by August 31st