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# SILLY SQUAD

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

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Summer 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Have you heard about the annual Summer Reading Challenge for children?

The challenge is a national initiative, delivered by libraries in partnership with The Reading Agency, to encourage primary age children to continue to read throughout the summer holidays.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge is a little bit different due to Covid-19, however children can still enjoy the challenge and in Bradford there are two options for participation.

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*Jacqueline Wilson, author and supporter of the Summer Reading Challenge says:*

*"I feel the Summer Reading Challenge is extra important this year! How sensible to have a Silly theme. We've all had to deal with serious and scary issues, so it's time for a bit of fun. There are so many comical and crazy children's books to cheer us all up. Let's get reading and get happy!"*

## Option One

At Bradford Libraries we are delighted that we can offer Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge packs for those children who order and collect books from our re-opened libraries. These packs consist of a Silly Squad book bag, folder to record books read and 3 sets of stickers.

And, because we want to reward and support all children who have returned to the library after such a long time at home, each child will receive a Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020 certificate, no matter how many books they manage to read this summer! Certificates will be sent via school in October, provided children have given their school name on registering.

Our Summer Reading Challenge packs are a unique offer from Bradford Libraries as we feel it is important to encourage as many children as we can to continue their reading journey and of course, we can ALL still enjoy books and have lots of fun reading together.

The Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge packs will be available from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** at our re-opened libraries and will continue to be available until the end of September or until stocks last.

Children will need a library ticket to register. If your child hasn't got a ticket already they can join the library online at [www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries).

Children accessing eBooks and eAudio books can also receive a Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020 certificate by completing the Summer Reading Challenge form on our Borrow box page.



### Option Two

The Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020 officially launched its national digital platform on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June and you can join online NOW until September. Register at [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk)

You'll find the Silly Squad team ready to help children discover and read for fun, happiness and laughter. Children can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting their own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. It will help to keep track of your child's books, reviews and the rewards they unlock along the way.

There are lots of brilliant book suggestions and tips on how to keep reading even while schools and libraries are closed, along with silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep children entertained at home.

*Rediscover Reading Fun This Summer with Bradford Libraries!*



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