



Preschoolers can become superstars at the library this summer!

Ready, Set, Read!, this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#), is a celebration of reading, sport, games and creative play presented by **The Reading Agency** and delivered via public libraries. This summer a superstar team of friends and their faithful mascots need your child's help to complete a fictional obstacle course and the more your child shares and enjoys library books, the closer the team makes it to the finish line!

The challenge starts in your local library on **Saturday 8 July 2023**. It's free to take part and a great way to encourage children to explore and share books for enjoyment. There are fun rewards to collect as children read or share stories but, best of all, they are free to choose whichever library books they like. There is a great selection of books to choose from – including touch and feel board books, picture books and beginner reads - the choice is theirs!

There are two challenges available. The **Ready, Set, Read!** Mini Challenge is particularly suitable for preschool children, collecting stickers as they share library books and receiving a special 'gold medal sticker' and a certificate when they complete. Older children may like to join in with the main challenge. Whichever challenge you wish to take part in simply register online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/src from the end of June. Children will then receive a special codeword which they tell to staff in their local library in order to collect the first of their special rewards.

Grown-ups may like to pick up a few books for themselves on their family visit to the library. Research shows that children enjoy reading and improve their skills when adults around them read too. If you are looking for book inspiration browse our [recommended reads](#) article on our website to help you find your next great read.

Our libraries also run lots of free regular activities such as Rhyme Time and Storytime, as well as special activities throughout the school holidays. Explore our [What's On](#) website to discover what is taking place at your local library.

Are you ready to take up the challenge? **Ready, Set, Read!** is free - you just need a library card to register - and if you don't have one yet you can arrange one of those for free too. Visit your local library or [Summer Reading Challenge - West Sussex](#) to find out more.

So, what are you waiting for? The challenge is only a hop, skip and a jump away!