



## Preschoolers can become Marvellous Makers at the library this summer!

The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, **Marvellous Makers**, is a celebration of reading and creativity, presented by **The Reading Agency** and delivered via public libraries. Developed in partnership with Create, a leading creative arts charity, this year's challenge aims to fire up children's imaginations and unleash storytelling and innovation through the power of reading.

The Summer Reading Challenge starts in your local West Sussex library on **Saturday 13 July 2024**. It's free for families to take part and is a great way to encourage children to explore and share books for enjoyment. Children are free to choose whichever library books they would like, with fun rewards to collect as they read. There is a great selection of books for babies, toddlers and preschoolers to choose from – including touch-and-feel board books, picture books and beginner reads - the choice is theirs!

There are two versions of the challenge available. The Mini Challenge is suitable for children under 4 years old, collecting stickers in their Marvellous Makers passport as they share library books, and receiving a special gold sticker and a certificate when they finish. Children aged 4 years and over can join in with the main challenge, where they'll receive a fold-out poster, scratch-and-sniff stickers, and other fun rewards.

For either version, simply register online at [arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src](https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src) from the end of June. Everyone who signs up will receive a special code word, which children reveal to staff at their local library to receive the first of their Marvellous Makers 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 [arena.westsussex.gov.uk/reading](https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/reading) to 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 the What's On section of our website [arena.westsussex.gov.uk/events](https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/events) to discover what is taking place at your local library.

Are you ready to take up the challenge? **Marvellous Makers** is free - children just need a library card to register - and if they don't have one yet, this can be set up for free too. Visit your local library or [arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src](https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src) to find out more.

Get creative – get reading!

