



Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at
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We are delighted to announce that The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge theme is Mischief Makers, linking in to the 80th anniversary of the Beano Comic. It will begin in libraries on Saturday 14th July and end on Saturday 8th September.

This year, you will need to sign your child up to the challenge at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src. If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is vital for children's life chances, and that children who use libraries are twice as likely to be above average readers. The Summer Reading Challenge builds confidence and independent reading, while preventing the dip in children's literacy levels during the long break from school. It encourages them to develop the habit of reading for pleasure, one of the aims of the National Curriculum for English.

The Challenge is to read six books during the summer that have been borrowed from the library and are appropriate for each child's reading ability. Children can also read eBooks and eAudio books borrowed through our website if they prefer. The Challenge is aimed at children in the four to eleven age group, but older children can take part if they wish. If your child is not reading on his/ her own yet they can still take part by sharing their books with you or by using audio books.

To take part in this national scheme, children need to have their own library card. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature on it (a driving licence is ideal as it has all of these) to the library and you can join the whole family, or you can [join online](#) and have your cards posted to you.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker, a map of Beanotown and a reader record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library.

You can find out more about the challenge at: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src or by asking in the library. Visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.