

A Summer Reading Challenge Supportive Resource

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Ready,
Set,
Read!

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This resource offers a range of ideas for ways you can share stories. With Swindon Libraries, you can count these activities for The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge.

To join the Challenge:

- Join any Swindon library
- Sign up for the Challenge and get your pack
- Try six of the activities below, or do some reading from any genre of book, magazine, comic or joke book
- Then go to your local library to collect your medal.

Activities:



Listen to an audiobook. Did you know you can borrow audiobooks for free with your Swindon library card through an app called 'Borrowbox'? Search for the app on your phone or visit borrowbox.com.

Learn a new joke. Try to make someone laugh by telling them the joke.

Find five family photos. Look at them together, and then tell or listen to the story of those photos.

Find out three facts about a sport. You can practise one of the skills needed for the sport in any way that is accessible to you.

Hum a song from a film or TV series you like. Ask someone to guess what the song is. Take turns to hum and guess. Can you make up some new words to the same tune?

Party time. Find out three facts about a festival your family hasn't celebrated before. Can you pretend it's the festival now and celebrate with your family?

Reading places. Ask someone to take a picture of you reading in a funny place, your favourite place, or while doing your favourite thing.

Try yoga. Look up Cosmic Kids Yoga on YouTube and join in with one of their free Yoga Adventures.

Make a noise. Ask someone to read you a rhyme or poem. Now clap along, stomp along, or make a rhythmic noise any other way.

Draw or paint or playdough model a character from a story. Use your favourite book, TV show or film as inspiration, and talk about it with your family.

Sensory story time:

- Ask someone to put some toy animals in a box. Close your eyes and feel the toys. Try and guess what they are then tell a story about them.
- Borrow a touch and feel book from the library. Can you think of words to describe how they feel?
- Close your eyes and ask someone to offer you objects to smell. What do the smells make you think of?
- Ask someone to make noises using household objects. Say the first word that pops into your mind when you hear it.



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