

Encouraging your child's reading this Summer



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read

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We would love to stay in touch with you to share occasional reading tips and invitations to events.

To sign up please message us on 07859 883798 or email Samreen at L2L2R samreen@l2l2r.org

Reading outside this Summer

Visiting a park can be a great opportunity to support your child's reading skills in a fun and engaging way.

In this magazine you will find lots of ideas for reading activities you can do outside during the holidays. We have also included some inside activities, and some interviews with local children's librarians which you and your child can read and discuss together.



Tag us in your photos of your reading activities
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Reading outside

Your child can lie on a blanket, sit under a tree or on a park bench and enjoy reading somewhere different

When you read to your child, encourage them to join in with parts of the story they know, repetitive phrases or rhyming words

If you don't have a book with you - make up a story instead or ask your child to tell you a story

Remember that reading does not just mean reading stories - encourage your child to try reading comics, poems, information books, magazines or listening to a story being read to them

Don't just save reading for bedtime - read anywhere at any time

Reading signs

Walk around the park and try to spot signs.



Can your child read any words?
Can they spot any letters that are also in their name?



What words can you find on maps?



Talk about what the signs mean.
Why do we need them?



Word Games outside



Play hide and seek with word cards (you can make your own)



Write words on the ground with chalk and ask your child to jump on the words you say



Write words on the ground using chalk - as they read, rub them out, using a water sprayer or by dipping a paint brush or toothbrush in water



Make some skittles using plastic bottles or old yoghurt pots, write words on them and knock them down with a ball





Summer scavenger hunt



Can you find?	Tick
A rock	
A leaf larger than your hand	
A tall tree	
Something red	
A bin	
A bench	
A daisy flower	
A butterfly	
Something flying	
A bicycle or scooter	*

Rainy day reading activities



Visit your local library and take part in the Summer reading challenge (see next page for details)



Sing songs together (see page 14)



Listen to a story or take part in a draw along



Hometime for children 3 and under
We've put together some fun stories and activities to help keep you and your child entertained when you're at home.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading-have-some-fun/hometime-for-your-child/>



Play games

Write instructions for your child to read and do. Turn it into a game and let them choose an instruction from a pile of cards or hide the instructions for them to find around your home.

For example:

1. Jump up and down for 1 minute
2. Hop on one foot 10 times
3. Sing a song whilst spinning around

Visit your local library this Summer



How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Visit [your local library](#) and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!*

*Please check with your local library service which rewards they will be offering.



Lucinda Murray

Meet Balham's children's librarian

Why did you become a librarian?

Stories have the power to change the world. Reading helps us understand the world and be more empathetic.

Being a librarian helps me get stories to people.

I think children's books are the best. I love working with children and I think I am good at it.

Libraries are a right. They give everyone access to great stories and spaces.

What are your favourite books?

I love any picture books by Rachel Bright and 'Julian Is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love.

For early readers, the 'Princess in Black' series by Shannon Hale. For fluent readers, 'Jamie' by L.D. Lapinski and Jacqueline Moriarty books.

What tips would you give to children to help them enjoy reading?

If you are not enjoying a book, stop and start another one. There are so many amazing books that you don't need to read ones you aren't enjoying.



Heather Bielby

Meet Tooting's children's librarian

**Why did you become a
librarian?**

It's something I've always wanted to do. Even as a child, I used to play libraries with my teddies - I'd sit them all down and read to them.

I graduated in classics and librarianship and worked in specialist libraries, before teaching English in Argentina for a number of years.

Being a community librarian draws on all of my skills - I love working with children and inspiring a love of reading!

**What are your
favourite books?**

I'm a big fan of funny, interactive picture books that get children talking and joining in. Three of my favourites are Aaron Blabey's 'Pig the Rebel', Steve Smallman's 'The Eyebrows of Doom' and Julia Jarman's 'Fussy Freda'.

**What tips would you
give to children
to help them enjoy reading?**

Experiment! You can borrow so many books every time you visit. If you start one and don't like it, life's too short - try another one! We stock a huge range of non-fiction as well as fiction - come and have a look!



Silvia Brucculeri

Meet Southfields' children's librarian

What are your favourite books?

Why did you become a librarian?

I think everyone should have books in their life. As a child, I was always carrying books around - I had at least two with me wherever I went.

I grew up in a small village in Italy where there wasn't a library, but I was lucky to be raised by parents who passed on their love of reading.

As a children's librarian, now I can support and encourage children's love of reading in the way my parents encouraged mine.

I read a lot of non-fiction and enjoy graphic novels.

I loved Sharna Jackson's 'High-Rise Mystery'. It's an engaging read, with just enough clues and hints to keep you guessing until the end.

What tips would you give to children to help them enjoy reading?

Visit the library, of course!

Look for books about subjects you are interested in and curious about.

And don't be afraid to ask for help and suggestions.



Singing as a family



Singing is important because it:



- Builds vocabulary
- Teaches about language structures such as grammar and rhyming
- Teaches concepts such as counting
- Action songs help with gross and fine motor skills (physical development)
- Helps with memory and listening skills
- Is a great way to bond and have fun with your child



Songs and nursery rhymes



Bookbug app



<https://youtu.be/2ghpEE6EpMs>



NLT songs and rhymes



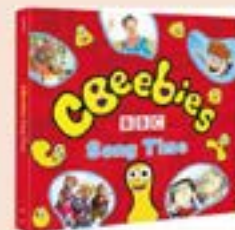
Singing nursery rhyme lyrics with babies and children

Lyrics, actions and melodies to popular nursery

https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/songs-and-rhymes/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwla-h8hD7ARIsAM9tQKuzXaTRCY13uMEsf6KZjZUGo19zvApl3FqAYzmRkX5HoswYsHXc80wAqQFEALw_wcB&utm_source=canva&utm_medium=iframe



CBeebies rhymes



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/abeebies/curation/nursery-rhymes>



Reading whilst playing

Can you try to add some reading into your child's play?



Could you make a farm, city, train station or car park from cardboard boxes?



Idea and photos from The Imagination Tree
<https://theimaginationtree.com/>

Could you make your own shop or café or vet surgery?





Can you make a comic to tell your own story?



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Who do we work with?



partner schools
in Wandsworth



children's centres
in Wandsworth



other charities
in Wandsworth



families living
in Wandsworth

What do we do?

Develop a
love of
reading



Workshops and
parent training



Training and providing
reading volunteers



Early Years' classes

Teach the
skills you need
to read



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We need more reading volunteers at our schools in Roehampton, Southfields, Battersea and Tooting

No experience necessary. You just need to be a confident reader willing to commit a regular hour each week.

Visit our website to apply

<https://www.learn2love2read.org.uk/pages/4-volunteer>



Contact Matilda at matilda@l2l2r.org for more information

