

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

READ to the BEAT

Join FREE at your local library and earn exclusive rewards for reading



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Read to the Beat is the name of the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge – the UK’s biggest reading for fun scheme for 4 – 11-year-olds



Children sign up at their local library to start the challenge, which is to read six books over the summer break.

They can choose any books they like, as long they’re from the library. eBooks and audiobooks borrowed from our digital platforms Borrowbox and Libby also count.



Reading or listening to books with grown ups or siblings also counts towards completing the challenge.

For each book read, children collect stickers. When completed, they are presented with exclusive prizes, a certificate and medal.



Lots of fun and often FREE tie-in events running across libraries. Scan the QR code for details of what’s happening in your patch

Sign up to Read to the Beat at your local library from Saturday 4 July – while stocks last...

