

# Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



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## 2025 Summer Reading Challenge: Information for Nottinghamshire schools



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## Encourage your pupils to join the FREE Summer Reading Challenge with Nottinghamshire Inspire Libraries

Presented by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11. Last year, in Nottinghamshire, over 8,000 children took part.

Recent research shows that only 1 in 3 children and young people now enjoy reading, a drop of 33% since 2005 (Clark, et al., 2024). We're on a mission to change this and we need your help! We'd love you to encourage your pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays and is perfect way to support your pupils' learning during the holidays, ensuring they return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

### How it works:

- Children can sign up any Nottinghamshire Inspire library, where they will receive a special collector's sticker booklet.
- Children borrow and read 6 library books of their choice – logging their reading to earn stickers to complete the sticker booklet.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to talk to children about the books they have read.
- Children who complete the Challenge in libraries receive a certificate and a medal.
- An online challenge with digital rewards is also available on the official Challenge website [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

### The Summer Reading Challenge:

- Significantly improves reading confidence and independence
- Ensures pupils are ready for their autumn return, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
- Aids the successful transition between year groups and key stages

### Schools resources

Schools can find resources to help promote the challenge at [www.inspireculture.org.uk/StoryGardenResources](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/StoryGardenResources) these include a poster, suggested text for newsletters/websites, web graphics and a video introduction to the challenge. Plus details of two free to attend virtual assemblies we are hosting on Thursday 10th July at 2pm and Friday 18th July at 10am.

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**2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden at all Nottinghamshire Inspire Libraries**  
**Saturday 5 July - Sunday 7 September**

Story Garden celebrates nature and the great outdoors with a magical twist.

On joining the challenge.  
 Children receive a Story  
 Garden sticker booklet

There are stickers to collect  
 for every book read.  
 Children choose the books  
 they want to read.

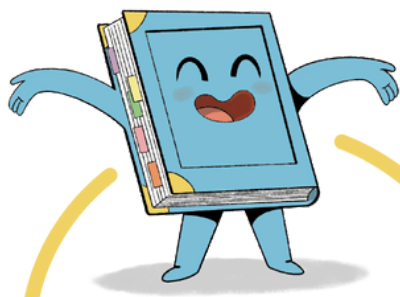
After 3 books there is a  
 bookmark to collect



Every child who  
 completes the  
 challenge by reading  
 6 books receives a  
 medal and certificate



It's FREE to  
 take part



## Suggested newsletter copy

If you are able to support with letting parents know about the Summer Reading Challenge there is suggested text below.

### **2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden at Nottinghamshire Inspire Libraries 5 July - 7 September**

Join the FREE Summer Reading Challenge and earn rewards for reading. This year's theme is Story Garden, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Suitable for children aged 4 - 11.

### **2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden at Nottinghamshire Inspire libraries 5 July – 7 September**

This summer Inspire libraries will be tapping into a world of imagination and digging into brilliant books in the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden.

Produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries across the country the Summer Reading Challenge is a brilliant way to maintain children's reading enthusiasm throughout the summer break.

Children read six library books of their choice over the summer, collecting rewards along the way. Every child who completes the challenge will receive a certificate and medal.

Story Garden is running in all Inspire libraries until Sunday 7 September, suitable for children aged 4 – 11. It's completely FREE to take part.

Under 4s can take part in our mini challenge too

Find out more at [www.inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

There are graphics to accompany the text at  
[www.inspireculture.org.uk/StoryGardenResources](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/StoryGardenResources)

