



Newcastle Libraries



Welcome to the Summer Term 1 edition of the Newcastle Libraries Children's Newsletter! For more information on any of our clubs or events, please pop into your local branch, find us at facebook.com/newcastlelibraries or email us at library.childrens@newcastle.gov.uk. To book a spot at any of our events, please visit newcastlelibraries.eventbrite.com

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about sports and games. We are planning lots of exciting activities across our branches to engage children aged 5-11 in reading for pleasure during the summer holidays, and as always, there will be fantastic prizes available for some lucky readers!

Last year 1500 children from 79 primary schools in Newcastle took part in the challenge. English Martyrs Catholic Primary School won the schools trophy for most completers.

The Reading Agency found that of children who took part in the 2022 challenge:

- 77% read more over the summer holidays
- 75% improved their reading skills
- 71% felt more confident about their reading

We will be sending out resources to all primary schools in Newcastle in June and July, with information on how to join in, and all of the amazing free events we'll be holding over the summer.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready,
Set,
Read!

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Delivered in partnership with libraries.





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May Half Term

This half term holidays we are celebrating the vital work that insects do to keep our environment happy and healthy.



Save the date! Join us at City Library on **Wednesday 31 May** for a Biodiversity Festival. Dance with giant bees and butterflies, find out how insects protect our planet and plant some flowers in the library garden. Suitable for all the family.



Crafts at your local library will also have a creepy crawly theme. These are drop in sessions, all materials provided. Keep an eye on social media for more info!

Regular Activities

Drop in to any of these groups, held during term time:

Lego Club:

Kenton Library - 1st Thursday of the month, 3:30 - 5pm

Gosforth Library - 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3:30 - 5pm

Fenham Library - every Friday, 3:30 - 4:30pm

High Heaton Library - every Saturday, 11am - 12pm

Outer West Library - every Saturday, 11am - 1pm

Code Club:

West End Library - Fridays, 3:45 - 4:45pm

Reading Club:

Gosforth Library - first Friday of the month, 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Into Film - a new film club for home-educated children

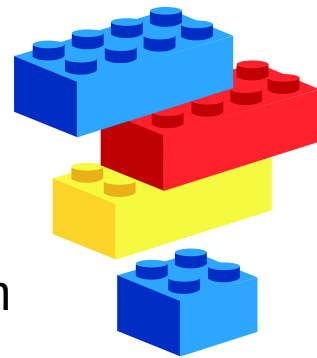
City Library - second Monday of the month, 10am - 12pm

Craft Club:

Kenton Library - 1st Saturday of the month, 11am - 1pm

Knitting Club:

Cruddas Park Library - Saturdays, 11am - 1pm





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Under Fives at Newcastle Libraries

Storytimes (term time only):

Fenham Library

Mondays, 10am to 10.30am

City Library

Mondays, 10.30am to 11am

West End Library

Mondays, 2pm to 2.30pm

Blakelaw Library

Wednesdays, 10.30am to 11am

Outer West Library

Thursdays & Fridays, 10.30 to 11am

High Heaton Library

Thursdays, 10.30am to 11am

Gosforth Library

Wednesdays, 11am to 11:30am

Fridays, 10.30am to 11am

East End Library

Fridays, 11am to 11.30am

Denton Burn Library

Saturdays, 10.30am to 11am

Cruddas Park Library

Saturdays, 10.30am to 11am

Walker Library

Saturdays, 11am

Baby Social and Weigh In:

Kenton Library, Thursdays,
11am

Sling Library:

City Library, first Monday of the
month, 11am - 12pm

We Challenge You!

This half term we are hosting tea parties in our libraries to celebrate the King's coronation, and we would love your help to get ready! Send us your best colourful bunting design, and we will use this to decorate our children's areas for Coronation week.



Draw your design on A4 paper and hand it in at your nearest library, or scan a photo of your design to

library.childrens@newcastle.gov.uk by Monday 1st May.



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Spotlight on... Reading Group Sets

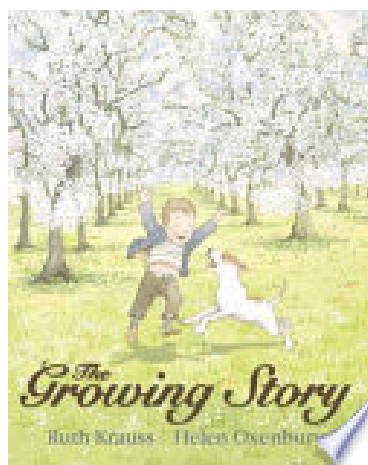
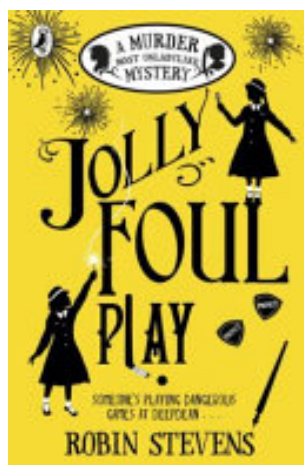
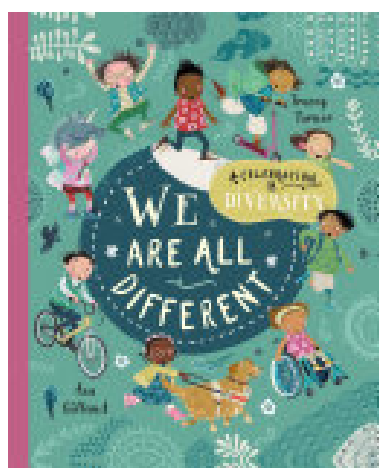
We have recently revamped our junior reading group stock and now have sets of books available to borrow for reading groups in your school or community group. We have a wide range of books, from classics and poetry to fact and brand new stories, suitable for ages 7-16. The sets contain between 6-10 books each.



Please get in touch if you are interested in making use of these books. You can view the titles available by visiting <http://tiny.cc/juniorbooksets>.



Our Favourite Books This Month



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Visit libraries.newcastle.gov.uk to search for titles, find out where they are, make a reservation (for free) and select which branch you what to collect it from!