

Story Garden

For
0-3
year-olds

1 July to 13 September

The Mini Summer Reading Challenge is a bite-sized version of the main Summer Reading Challenge and is designed especially for our youngest readers. Finding time each day to look at a book with your child is great for their development. It will help them learn to concentrate and understand new words. It's a lovely opportunity for some quiet cosy time together too!

Here's how the Mini Summer Reading Challenge works:

- Sign up for free at your local library to receive a collector card and stickers.
- Borrow any book of your choice to take home and read together.
- Add a sticker to the collector card each time you read a book.
- When you've read six books you will have completed the Mini Summer Reading Challenge – please ask the librarian for your special gold sticker and certificate!

Prize draw

When your child completes the Mini Summer Reading Challenge they'll be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a fantastic goody bag. Each library will have its own lucky winner!

Find out more

For all the information about Story Garden, including the activity programme and competitions for 4 to 11-year-olds, visit manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge.



Go beyond the challenge

Add to the excitement by signing your child up for their very own FREE library card! It's a great way to make them feel special and part of the reading adventure.

Top tip

Encourage your child to choose the book themselves, as they'll be more interested. Remember that you don't need to read all the words either; you can look at and talk about the pictures.

Library Storytimes





Our weekly Library Storytimes are a great way to meet other parents/carers and to discover everything that libraries have to offer. These sessions are free and are perfect for babies, tots and those not yet at school. Check at your local library for details.

Visit [wordsforlife.org.uk](https://www.wordsforlife.org.uk)

The National Literacy Trust's Words for Life website is filled with quick and easy tips and activities to discover new ways you could boost your child's literacy skills. For ideas to help you have fun chatting, playing and reading together, visit [wordsforlife.org.uk](https://www.wordsforlife.org.uk)

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