

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017



This summer, libraries everywhere are encouraging children to help solve a mystery. The annual Summer Reading Challenge, for ages 4-11, introduces families to their library, encourages children to choose books freely and independently and addresses the “dip” in children's reading that can occur over the summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure.

**In All Kent Libraries from 15 July – 16 September  
It's FREE and it's FUN!**

Children will receive a special folder which introduces the mystery and the Animal Agents who are trying to solve it. The challenge is to read at least 6 books over the summer (whatever children choose) and collect special stickers along the way. The stickers have amazing artwork by Tony Ross - some have scratch and sniff smells too! They fit into the Animal Agents folder, and collecting them all solves the mystery. On finishing, children receive a certificate and a medal (while stocks last). There are other Animal Agents themed incentives and activities as well – check them out at your local library!

Last year nearly 18,000 Kent children got involved in the Summer Reading Challenge.

*“I really enjoyed getting my medal. I was leaping around the library. I liked deciding how many stars to give to each book after I read it”.*

*“The incentive of winning a medal really helped motivate my son to get through the books as he often lacks confidence in his ability to read”.*

Find out more on the website [www.animal-agents.org.uk](http://www.animal-agents.org.uk)

Contact your [local library](#) for information on local events and activities that support the challenge.

*The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge, delivered by libraries, gets three quarters of a million children into libraries to maintain their reading skills and confidence.*