

Hello Everyone,

My name is Philippa and I work for County Durham Library Service. I'm here to tell you about something which I think you will really like. Have you heard of the Summer Reading Challenge? NO! Where have you been!? The Summer Reading Challenge is held every year produced by the Reading Agency and delivered in association with libraries, like us!

We have some AMAZING plans this year including FREE craft activity bags and FREE online events including a draw along with Liz Million.

We love the Summer Reading Challenge and know you will too. This years theme is Wild World Heroes and Heath McKenzie has drawn some great illustrations which my friend Sophie will tell you more about as well as give you some more details on the challenge.

Hi Everyone, and welcome to your Summer Reading Challenge.

This year the Reading Agency are taking us on a reading adventure with the Wild World Heroes. Meet David, Willow, Marcus, Faiza, Carys and Callum.

The Heroes all live in Wilderville. It's a pretty cool place, but recently the Heroes have noticed a few problems. Our Heroes need your help to fix them and to make Wilderville the best place to live for humans and animals. All the Heroes know that we share our world with a whole host of wonderful creatures. Here are their animal companions: Charlie the Chaffinch, Shelby the Crab, Hazel the Red Squirrel, Doug the Dog, Webster the Spider and Mouse the Cat! You can head down to your local library to join the Reading Challenge for free. When you do you'll receive your very own collector poster featuring a map of Wilderville. You can chose your own books to read over the holidays and when you do you'll collect stickers for each on. You can use these to fill in your poster and complete the

challenge to become a wild world hero! You'll get to explore lots of different locations and habitats. Join the Heroes for a walk through the woods, visit the beach, or hang out in the town. What wildlife do you think you will find? Become a wild world hero and discover how you can make a difference to the place that you live. The fun continues at home too. The Reading Agency has created the Wild World Heroes website where you can play games, review your latest reads and enter competitions to win amazing Summer Reading Challenge prizes. You can share your favourite books with other children taking part in the Challenge and even unlock extra rewards for your reading. We're not done yet, we're still planning on our usual summer craft sessions and activities. Because we have to socially distance our libraries are putting together craft packs for you to take home and we've even got some exciting online events lined up for you. Head down to your local library and ask the staff for more info. We'll be announcing all our events on our Facebook page too, so make sure you give us a like, or ask your parents to do it for you. We're so happy to be able to run the Summer Reading Challenge again and we're looking forward to seeing you back in the libraries. Have a wonderful summer. See you soon!