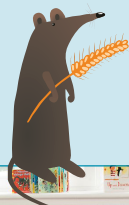




Welcome to the Library

Parents, carers and children





Benefits of visiting your local library



Sharing books and stories is all about having fun together.

Reading your child stories, singing songs and nursery rhymes helps to stimulate their imagination and encourages learning. It helps children to develop language, listening, and communication skills.

What can you find in the library for children?

We cater to children of all ages, from picture books for babies to a wide range of non-fiction to help with homework. e-books, and e-talking books are also available. Children have their own areas in the library where they can read, study and have fun.



Bookbug

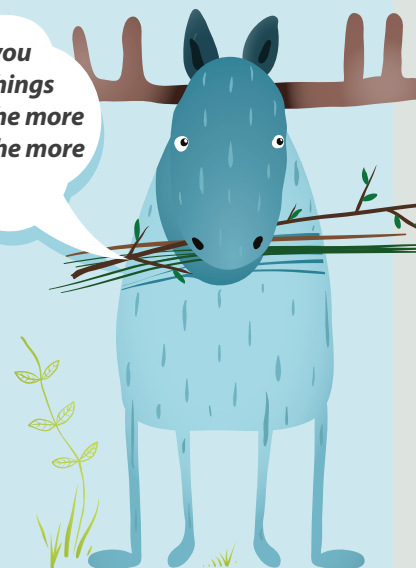
Bookbug encourages parents and carers to enjoy books with their children from as young an age as possible, developing a lifelong love of books. Bookbug sessions are fun, free and friendly events, available in most libraries. Each session lasts around 30 minutes and includes songs, stories and rhymes. Free Bookbug bags are gifted to all children in Scotland at your baby's 6-16 week health check, toddler immunisations and when they start nursery at 3 years old. If your child does not attend the health visitor or nursery, you can collect your free Bookbug bag at your local library.

Ask your local library about joining the Bookbug Library Challenge, where you get to read books and collect beautifully illustrated certificates.

What can I borrow?

Children can borrow up to 20 items for a 3 week loan period. Items can be renewed online, by phone or in person.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go"
Dr Seuss



Storytime

Storytime introduces children under the age of 5 to the exciting world of books. The stories will be fantastically fun and outrageously silly. We'll help you develop their love of reading and taking part in fun social activities.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six books during the long summer holiday.

There is a different theme each year. Children can read whatever they like - fact books, joke books, picture books, talking books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library. Every time children finishes a book they get stickers and rewards, plus there is a medal presentation for everyone who finishes. There are also lots of fun events and activities taking place throughout the summer for those who are taking part in the challenge.

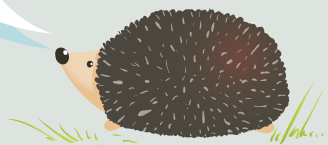
Other activities and events

There are all sorts of fun, free and friendly events held throughout the year in your local library - We have author visits, teddy bear picnics, craft sessions, Lego clubs, jigsaw clubs, coding clubs, book groups for young people and various activities to celebrate events throughout the year.

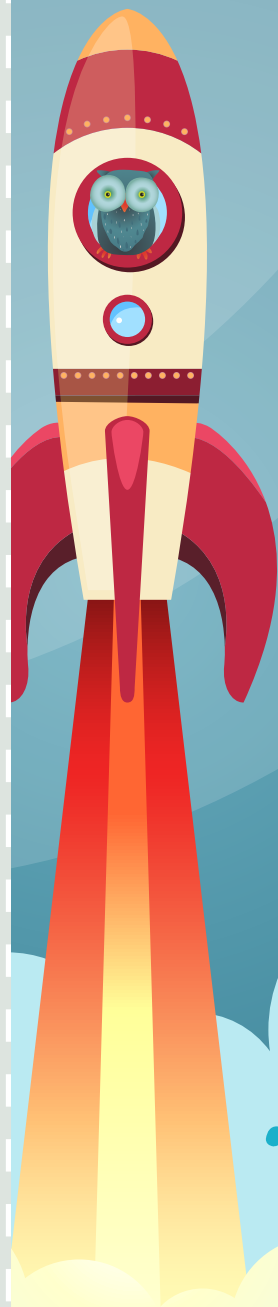
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I read lots of books for the Summer Reading Challenge. It was great fun and we had a party!



Please ask an adult to cut out this bookmark for you



Let's go on a reading adventure ✨



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