



For our younger readers

The Summer Reading Challenge 11 July to 12 September 2015 - Record Breakers

Last year over 8000 Dorset children aged 4-12 years participated in the Summer Reading Challenge – the national Reading Challenge run annually by libraries and The Reading Agency.

This year 'Record Breakers' will bring together the worlds of fact and fiction, challenging young readers to explore some of the astonishing real-life achievements and world records featured in the Guinness World Records Books as part of their Summer Reading Challenge 2015.

Collecting stickers as they go, young readers will discover weird, wonderful and wacky records from around the world in six different categories: Cool Tech, Way to Go!, The Big Stuff, Animal Magic, People Power and Action! Adventure!

As part of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, The Reading Agency are attempting to set a Guinness World Records title for the **most pledges received for a reading campaign**. In Dorset Libraries pledges will be collected during opening hours on Saturday 11 July; which is also be our official start date for this year's Challenge. We have to achieve over 1000 pledges to qualify, so mark the date in your diaries NOW!!!

Christine will be visiting the Primary School after half term to explain the challenge to the children, and she will be in the Library on 11th July to collect pledges.

The Desmond Elliott Prize 2015

Here is the shortlist of three books in the running to take home the "most prestigious award for first-time novelists" (Daily Telegraph).

Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey
Maud is forgetful. She makes a cup of tea and doesn't remember to drink it. But there's one thing Maud is sure of: her friend Elizabeth is missing. .And no matter who tells her to stop going on about it, to leave it alone, to shut up, Maud will get to the bottom of it.



A Song for Issy Bradley by Carys Bray

Meet the Bradleys. In lots of ways, they're a normal family: Zippy is sixteen and in love for the first time; Al is thirteen and dreams of playing for Liverpool. And in some ways, they're a bit different: Seven-year-old Jacob believes in miracles. So does his dad.

But these days their mum doesn't believe in anything, not even getting out of bed. How does life go on, now that Issy is gone?

Our Endless Numbered Days by Claire Fuller

1976: Peggy Hillcoat is eight. She spends her summer camping with her father, playing her beloved record of *The Railway Children* and listening to her mother's grand piano, but her pretty life is about to change.

Her survivalist father, who has been stockpiling provisions for the end which is surely coming soon, takes her from London to a cabin in a remote European forest. There he tells Peggy the rest of the world has disappeared.



How you can take part in the Record Breakers Reading Challenge:

Join the Challenge at the library by filling in a registration card and collecting a Record Breakers fold out poster.

- As you read six books you collect stickers to stick onto your poster.
- On reading six books and completing the Challenge you will qualify for a medal which will be given to you in the library. A personalised certificate will be sent to the school for presentation. This will be despatched in early October.
- The Summer Reading Challenge website which is live all year will be given a make over for the Challenge and offers a great range of information, useful links, activities and games to compliment the challenge. www.record-breakers.org.uk
- In addition, you can explore Wood of Words www.woodofwords.org a place where children and adults can explore the magical world of children's books. You will need your Dorset Library card to log on and join in the many activities on offer.
- The 'Guinness Book of Records' will be available in the Library only so that as many of you as possible have access to it.

And just to make sure our Pre-school children don't miss out -

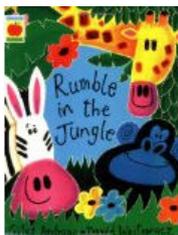
Bookstart week starts Monday 8th June!

Join the fun as we swing into jungle reading adventures from Monday 8 to Sunday 14 June 2015...

Just pop into the library to collect some free gifts including facemasks, pairs cards and booklets including *Rumble in the Jungle!*

We're thrilled that Giles Andreae's beloved picture book will be given to every one of you who comes to the library during the Week.

In other exciting news: children's author and TV presenter, Cerrie Burnell, has recorded the voiceover for our *Rumble in the Jungle* online storybook, which will go live in June!



Reading every day is the message behind National Bookstart Week. Getting into the habit of sharing stories, books and rhymes every day (even for just 10 minutes) shows children that reading is a fun activity, while helping them understand their world and get ready for school and beyond.

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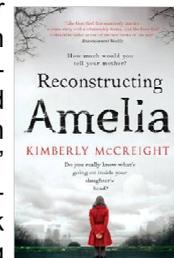
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Recommended by Alison – Home Library Service Volunteer from the Royal Voluntary Service:

Reconstructing Amelia by Kimberly McCreight

This is a sad but compelling read about a mother trying to find out what made her 'perfect' daughter not only cheat in an exam, but then jump off a building when she was caught. I liked the way the story switched between the two viewpoints and the 'dark' side of school life was brilliantly described. It's the author's first book and I'm looking forward to reading more by her.



Can you help?

We are looking to train some new members to join our happy band of volunteers. When holiday times come around we sometimes have to ask our existing helpers to perform extra duties. It would be lovely if we could have some more 'occasional' helpers to cover these busy times.

If you think you could offer 3 hours occasionally please contact Christine Peters via the Library... many thanks.

The old order changeth - yielding place to new (Alfred Tennyson)

At last week's Management Group meeting the members kindly agreed to my wish to retire from my position as their Chairman. Although I have only been Chairman for just over 2 years, my involvement with Stalbridge Library first started in 2006 when the County Council first tried to close us and 14 other libraries. It is now time to spend more time on other interests including grandchildren (and their parents, of course).

I am delighted that Barry Russell, who has been my deputy in all but name, has agreed, and was elected, to become the new Chairman. At the same time Margaret Jackson became the new Treasurer and Carole Blakesmith took over the duty of Secretary from Van Brember.

I have really enjoyed these last 2 years, not least because of the tremendous encouragement and support I have had from so many people—you, the library users, the management team and all our wonderful volunteers.

For the moment I will remain the Chairman of the Friends of Stalbridge Library, and also the temporary acting Editor of this Newsletter—but I do hope that I can relinquish both those jobs very soon!

Library Opening Times

Monday 2.00—5.00

Tuesday 10.00—12.30, 2.00—5.00

Wednesday 12.00—2.30

Thursday 3.30—6.30

Friday 2.00—5.00

Saturday 9.30—12.30