



Organised by charity The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children. Last year 1349 North Lincolnshire children took part in the *Space Chase* challenge, with 683 being awarded a medal. That means thousands of books were read – a lot of reading fun, and all free at local libraries.

In a new survey from The Reading Agency children reveal their top reading choices and who influences them. Reading was cited as something that made children feel relaxed and happy during lockdown, with a quarter (26%) saying characters in books have made them laugh during this difficult time. Chapter books have proved the most popular reads, chosen by 3 in 5 children (61%), with 40% of children opting to read comics. 57% of boys and 65% of girls chose chapter books, and 49% of boys and 30% of girls read comics.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Silly Squad is a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. Children can join now and take part even though libraries are closed, and keep track of their books, reviews and rewards online here <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> The challenge will end on Saturday 26th September 2020.

Giddy Gang members wanted

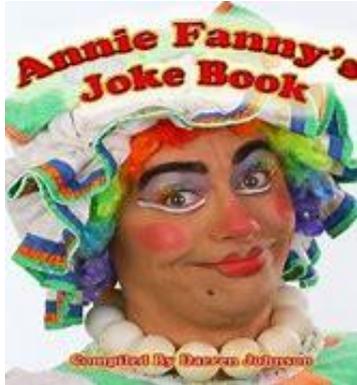
North Lincolnshire Libraries are forming their own "Giddy Gang" meeting weekly through MS teams from week commencing 20th July. The informal virtual book group for children aged 8 – 11 years old will explore funny books, happiness and laughter supporting the theme for year's Summer Reading Challenge, Silly squad.

Children will explore a range of fiction, non-fiction, comics and poetry. Members will have an opportunity to talk about the books they have read as part of the challenge and listen to recommendations from their peers too.

Parents need to register their child's interest in joining the "Giddy Gang" by emailing their child's name, age, e-mail contact and preferred day and

time of meeting to library.enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk by Monday 13th July.

Annie Fanny's Funtime Friday



Supporting this year's Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge and North Lincolnshire Libraries.

Scunthorpe panto legend will be sharing a couple of jokes from *Annie Fanny's Joke Book*. For a chuckle follow:

<https://www.facebook.com/northlincolnshirelibraries>

Every Friday 17 July – Friday 4 September 2020

North Lincolnshire Library Service

North Lincolnshire Libraries have subscribed to a new app Borrowbox, an e-book and e-audio book service, an exciting extension to libraries' existing on-line offer to support children and young people with Silly Squad Reading Challenge.

We have a large range of high quality online resources for study and/or the reading for pleasure for all at home.

Explore the link below:

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/libraries/online-resources/#1537357115867-847589a8-3df7>

All resources can be accessed free with North Lincolnshire Library membership.

Membership can easily be obtained by emailing library.enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk

You will be enrolled remotely and your card number will be sent by email, which will give you immediate access to all our online resources.

Reopening of Libraries - Ready Reads

Ready Reads is a 'click and collect' book loan scheme, and is the first step in a phased return for library services, to ensure staff and customers are kept safe.

From 14 July 2020, library customers can borrow books via this scheme from Scunthorpe Central. Library staff will handpick a selection of books,

which can then be issued to the customer's library card, before being bagged up and a collection time arranged.

To order your Ready Reads visit <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/readyreads>
Anyone without internet access can call the Contact Centre on 01724 297000 to order.

Summer Events

North Lincolnshire Libraries will be hosting and promoting a number of author events and activities over the summer including:

Reading Together Day – 16 July 2020. Families are invited to join a celebration of reading with a full day of activity. Schedule to be announced on Thursday 9 July. For more info

www.readingagency.org.uk/news #ReadingTogether.

Involving authors David Baddiel, Cressida Cowell, Jacqueline Wilson and Tom Palmer plus more.

Sign up to our library e-newsletter go to www.northlincs.gov.uk and click on the red envelope to sign up or follow our facebook page regularly for more details.

<https://www.facebook.com/northlincolnshirelibraries>

By championing the Summer Reading Challenge in your school, you will be continuing to support your pupils' learning during the holidays, ensuring they return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

For further information on the Silly Squad Summer Challenge or North Lincolnshire library services please contact jemima.kelly@northlincs.gov.uk or library.enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk

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