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SILLY SQUAD

Summer Reading Challenge 2020
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The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020 starts on Friday 5 June and runs throughout the summer holidays, finishing at the end of September. It's aimed at children aged 4 – 11 and is completely free! With COVID-19 disruption meaning that public libraries are currently closed and many children still being home schooled, for the first time in Kent, the Summer Reading Challenge is going to be a digital only activity to keep children reading and support parents / carers with children already at home.

This year's theme is "Silly Squad" – focussing on funny books, happiness and things that make us laugh. Children taking part in the challenge join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into many different kinds of funny books. It features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson (Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair).

Usually children visit their local library to register and collect a wallet, stickers and other rewards as they progress through the challenge, reading a total of six books. This year's Challenge is different – it's a digital Challenge! It's free to access, featuring games, quizzes and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading related activities at home. Children can choose their own reading goals, create book reviews, play games and collect virtual rewards. Parents and guardians can register their children online at www.sillysquad.org.uk via the safe, sign-up process.

Although library buildings are closed, Kent Libraries will continue to deliver the Challenge by promoting it to families, and eBooks and eAudio books are free to borrow from www.kent.gov.uk/libraries with titles for children as well as adults – there is a special children's catalogue on our Overdrive platform (click on the 'explore' option to find it). eBooks and eAudio books are automatically returned so you don't need to keep an eye on the due date! If you need help with online catalogue, contact our Ask A Kent Librarian Team <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/free-computers-and-wifi/ask-a-kent-librarian>