

Reading for all the family

Books Connect

Most public libraries run reading activities or host book clubs for children and young people. Every year during the long school holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge inspires thousands of children all over the country to visit their library, read up to 6 books and receive stickers, certificates and prizes.

Orange Chatterbooks encourages children aged between four and twelve to visit libraries with their families, read and talk more about books. Every child joining an Orange Chatterbooks group gets a pack with reading lists, review notes, reading diaries and games.

There are also book clubs/activities in libraries for older children and teenagers, Manga reading groups, and Graphic novel groups. Look out for Headspace projects which are a new feature in 20 libraries around the country with special areas run by and for teenage readers.

Storytimes for under 5s, and family storytelling or book groups bring parents and children together to share stories and reading adventures in the library, children's centres or community halls.

There is something for everyone, so just ask at your library.

For more information about Chatterbooks go to:
www.readingagency.org.uk/children/chatterbooks

For more information about Headspace go to:
<http://www.readingagency.org.uk/young/headspace>