

North Yorkshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Children can find out all about looking after the natural world this summer when North Yorkshire libraries and the Reading Agency invite them to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge.

The Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11, encouraging them to read six library books over the summer holiday period. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes, and is all about what they can do to make a difference to the environment and stand up for the planet.

To take part and be a Wild World Hero, children just need to sign up at their nearest library. They'll be given a colourful fold out map of an imaginary place called Wilderville.

As they read their chosen books, they will receive stickers (some scratch & sniff!) and can use the stickers to fix an environmental problem and make Wilderville a better, greener place to be. There are more free incentives to collect along the way and those who complete the Challenge will receive a medal and a certificate to celebrate their achievement.

The challenge is open to all children aged four to 11, and they can choose from a vast range of books at the library or download them as an eBook from the catalogue. There are loads of fantastic new books about protecting the planet and our wildlife but they don't have to stick to that theme – any library book they want to borrow will count. It's a great way to encourage children to keep up their reading skills during the long break.

A brilliant programme of online events for families will also support the Challenge, including a cartoon workshop, a story hunt, finding out why rubbish isn't rubbish and how to be a North Yorkshire Rotter! Look out for more details of the events and great reading recommendations on the @nycclibraries Facebook page and local library pages too.

The challenge starts in libraries on Sat 10th July and finishes on Sat 11th September.