


Libraries NI is delighted to announce details of 'Silly Squad', Summer Reading Challenge 2020 produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries which will take place from **Monday 15 June**.

The Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge, is a **free**, exciting way to keep young people aged **4 - 11 years reading during the summer months**.

Children can sign up for free [here](#).

Thank you for your help in the past and we hope that you can share this information with parents.



The poster features two cartoon characters: a penguin on the left wearing a blue and white striped swimsuit and holding a beach ball, and a panda on the right wearing a blue and orange ruffled collar and a small hat. The text 'The Reading Agency and Libraries Present' is at the top. The title 'SILLY SQUAD' is in large, bold, orange and blue letters. Below it, 'Summer Reading Challenge 2020' is written in orange, and 'sillysquad.org.uk' is in black. The 'libraries NI' logo is in the bottom right corner. A small copyright notice 'Illustrations © Laura Ellen Anderson 2020' is in the bottom left.

We need your help...

to encourage children to take part

Promoting the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020 in your school is one of the most effective ways of spreading the word so we would really appreciate it if you could tell your parents and pupils about the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020 and encourage them to sign up as a way of promoting reading for pleasure.

Silly Squad is a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. This year's Challenge will be delivered through a fun, immersive and safe online platform. The aim is to encourage children to challenge themselves to read any number of books which makes them happy, in digital or print format, an eBook borrowed from the Libraries NI online catalogue or books they already have at home. Children can sign up for free [here](#).

Throughout the summer there will be online activities, videos, quizzes, games and rewards to unlock along the way. Every child who completes their own Challenge will receive a downloadable certificate.

Libraries NI offers a wide range of online reading material for children to enjoy with eBooks and audiobooks available to download and read. During lockdown we have seen

a very significant increase in the use of these services particularly for children's books. We also hope that libraries will reopen during the summer to allow families further access to books.



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Best wishes,
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