

This email looks best with images enabled.  
To view this email online, [follow this link](#).

# YOUR LIBRARY @ R? KNOWLEDGE • DISCOVERY • ENTERTAINMENT

## Autumn 2020: Back to School and Back to Libraries

As children head back to school for the Autumn term, find out more about some of the changes at Leicestershire's libraries, as well as what's new for children.



### New childrens' books now available

Record numbers of books are being published this autumn and our libraries are now receiving lots of fantastic new titles to encourage children to read as part of their return to learning. Library opening hours are being further extended to give families more opportunity to [schedule a visit](#).

This builds on the success of our [click and collect](#) service, which allows members to request a selection of books as recommended by library staff, a service offered to children as well as adult library users.



### Summer Reading Challenge: Silly Squad

The Digital Summer Reading Challenge has been extended to **30 September 2020**, so children will have a few more weeks to sign up or continue to use the website.

Leicestershire Libraries have had around **1,700** children participating so far, one of the highest numbers of participants in the East Midlands!

Even more children are welcome to join until 30 September 2020.

“I felt a bit sad when I read this book, as Ruby has a worry that won’t go away. In the end though she works out how to make it go away. I understand worries a bit more now.”

*Primary school pupil*

reading-well.org.uk

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Libraries Connected

THE READ AGENCY

### Reading Well for Children

As schools begin to reopen this September, children and families may be seeking support to help understand and manage their questions and worries during this transition. **Reading Well for children** recommends reading to help children **understand their feelings and worries** and **cope with tough times**. Many of the books on the list cover topics that children and families may be experiencing at this time, including **worry, loss and bereavement**, and dealing with **troubling world events**.

The Reading Well for Children [book list](#) contains some of the examples below but there are plenty more to choose from at larger town libraries in Leicestershire.

- **Ruby's Worry** by Tom Percival
- **Something Bad Happened: A kid's guide to coping with events in the news** by Dawn Huebner
- **What's Going on Inside my Head? Starting conversations with your child about positive mental health** by Molly Potter and Sarah Jennings
- **Me and My Fear** by Francesca Sanna



### Help us write our Super Silly Summer joke book

We are still on the hunt to find the silliest jokes in Leicestershire and we need your help!

### #WrigglyReadersAtHome

Wriggly Readers at Home continues to be a great success.

Anyone aged 12 and under can take part! **We really need a few more jokes (our target is 30 jokes, but we still only have 13) so it would be great if you could encourage your classes to contribute.**

Please [send us your silly jokes and drawings](#) until **30 September** and we'll publish our favourites in a special super silly eBook that will be available for library members to borrow free from our Borrowbox at the end of the summer!

## Keep in touch

Keep up to date with news and events by following our social media channels.



Library rhyme and story times can help with children's literacy and listening skills, preparing them for the classroom.

**We're delivering our virtual library story time, Wiggly Readers every week** for everyone to join in!

If you haven't managed to catch it yet, it goes live on [our library Facebook](#) every Tuesday at 10.30am and then remains on Facebook for a month.