

# **Great reads for the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge!**

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Six young residents of Wilderville have started to notice environmental problems in their area. At first it feels like they can do nothing to help, but when they work together they discover that united they have the power to make Wilderville a place for people and nature to thrive. Can you help them?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to keep up your enjoyment of reading over the summer holiday. Join the Challenge in your local library, read 6 books over the summer and pick up the mini-prizes after each book. Completers get a certificate, a medal and the chance to win an extra prize in our lucky dip! Starts Saturday 3 July.

Find out more at [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) or ask in your local Islington Library.

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to join the Challenge and to give them this booklist.

All books are in stock in Islington Libraries and can be reserved free of charge in any Islington library or on our online catalogue. Some of the titles will also be available as eBooks/eAudiobooks.

You can read any library books as part of the Challenge - not just the ones on this list.

## Will you be a lucky winner?

Everyone who takes part in the Summer Reading Challenge will be entered into our Lucky Dip with the chance to win Kindles, book tokens and Love to Shop vouchers.



## PICTURE BOOKS AND EARLY READERS

### **Agents of the Wild: Operation Honeyhunt** **Jennifer Bell**

When 8-year-old Agnes is signed up for SPEARS (the Society for the Protection of Endangered and Awesomely Rare Species), she has no idea of the adventures that lie ahead.

### **Barney Goose** **Carol Ann Treacy**

Tom the lighthouse keeper finds an egg washed up on the beach in West Cork. When it hatches, young Barney Goose lives happily with Tom, until he feels a need to fly!

### **Billy and the Mini Monsters: Monsters Go Camping** **Zanna Davidson**

It's Billy's school camping trip. His worst nightmare is having to go to the TOILET in the DARK. What if he gets lost in the SCARY WOODS? What if there are WEREWOLVES?

### **Curious Questions & Answers About Saving the Earth** **Camilla de la Bédoyère**

A sideways look at the plight facing our beautiful planet and explains how kids can come to the rescue.

### **Danny Dodo's Detective Diary: Learn all about extinct and endangered animals** **Nick Crumpton**

Danny Dodo is a detective on a mission. Over the years, hundreds of amazing animals have disappeared. Where did they go? Why did they vanish?



## **Do You Love Bugs?**

**Matt Robertson**

Crawly! Hairy! Maybe a bit scary? Snails slime upside down. Eeek! Worms can somersault and butterflies smell like cake. YUM. Wait, don't eat them... Because bugs are truly BRILLIANT!

## **An Engineer Like Me**

**Dr Shini Somara**

Zara is curious about everything! Travelling around the city with her gran, she sees all kinds of fascinating things.

## **The Extraordinary Gardener**

**Sam Boughton**

Joe is a boy just like any other, but he loves to imagine. Joe lives in a tower block and his world is rather grey. But he spends his time imagining a wonderful world filled with exotic plants and unusual animals.

## **Fletcher and the Caterpillar**

**Julia Rawlinson**

Fletcher finds a caterpillar under a juicy green leaf. With the help of his friends, he introduces it to lots of games. But all it wants to do is munch.

## **The Great Dodo Comeback**

**Fiona Sandiford**

Dodos have been extinct for over 300 years. But what if they could be given another chance at life? Just imagine that!

## **Into the Wild**

### **Robert Vescio**

Roman is a lone wanderer and the wild is his to explore. Yet despite his amazing adventures and fascinating discoveries, Roman is still searching for something.

## **King of the Swamp**

### **Catherine Emmett**

McDarkly lives quietly all on his own, growing orchids in his dank swamp, until one day his peace is disturbed by an arrogant king who wants to turn the swamp into a roller-skate park.

## **Animal Explorers: Lola the Plant Hunter**

### **Sharon Rentta**

Lola the polar bear has a passion for plants, but there aren't many flowers in the Arctic. There's only one thing for it: she'll have to trek to the Amazon jungle!

## **Look What I Found in the Woods**

### **Moira Butterfield**

Discover a world of wonder on a woodland walk, as you set off on an outdoor adventure to find natural treasure, from prickly pine cones to swirly snail's shells.

## **Lottie Loves Nature: Bee-ware**

### **Jane Clarke**

Lottie loves wildlife and dreams of becoming a nature show presenter like Samira, host of her favourite programme Every Little Thing

## **The Magic Ocean Slide**

**Emma Beswetherick**

Join best friends Katy, Cassie and Zia on a series of amazing adventures as they work together to save the planet...

## **Mammoth**

**Anna Kemp**

When an Ice Age mammoth finds himself in a modern day city, he's not at all sure what to make of this huge, gleaming forest.

## **Meet the Oceans**

**Caryl Hart**

SPLOOOOSH! We're off on an exciting underwater adventure in our submarine to meet the oceans and seas of our blue planet.

## **Mrs Bibi's Elephant**

**Reza Dalvand**

When Mrs Bibi is told her pet elephant has to go, she reluctantly packs her bags and heads off somewhere where they can live together in happiness.

## **Nature Trail**

**Benjamin Zephaniah**

All around us, from parks to gardens and flowerpots to pavements, there's a world of wonder just waiting to be discovered. Why not look a little closer and see what you find?

## **Omar, The Bees and Me**

### **Helen Mortimer**

Encourages children to look after nature in local communities planting wild flowers to form bee corridors.

## **One Day on Our Blue Planet... In the Outback**

### **Ella Bailey**

Spend the day with this bouncy joey to learn all about life in the outback.

## **Pedro the Puerto Rican Parrot**

### **Beverly Jatwani**

Dominic takes Pedro the parrot under his wing, nursing him back to health, before releasing him back into the wild.

## **Percy: One Springy Day**

### **Nick Butterworth**

The Fox is playing hide-and-seek with Percy and the animals of the park. He's got a great hiding place in Percy's workshop but hasn't noticed that there is a pot of strong glue dangerously close by

## **Pirate Mums**

### **Jodie Lancet-Grant**

Billy's family is not what you'd call ordinary. His mums won't listen to NORMAL music. Their clothes are highly unusual, they have a rude parrot for a pet, and their taste in house design is, well . . . FISHY.

## **Setsuko and the Song of the Sea**

**Fiona Barker**

Setsuko loves the sea. She swims its shallows.  
She dives its depths. But she worries that her  
friends have chosen to abandon her way of life.  
Then she meets a whale who also fears he is the  
last of his kind.

## **Stella and the Seagull**

**Georgina Stevens**

Spurred into action when her seagull friend gets poorly  
from eating plastic, young Stella is soon on a campaign  
for change.

## **Swim, Shark, Swim**

**Dom Conlon**

Swim around the world with Shark as he explores  
ocean forests and coastal reefs, meeting  
Hammerheads and Great Whites, stingrays and  
dolphins in a search for the place he calls home.

## **Too Much Stuff**

**Emily Gravett**

Meg and Ash are a pair of magpies who are building a  
nest for their perfect eggs. From cuckoo clocks to mops  
and socks, a pram and even a car – their need for stuff  
seems endless.

## **A Way With Wild Things**

**Larissa Theule**

Meet Poppy - if you can find her! Poppy loves  
bugs, and can usually be found carrying on  
conversations with ladybirds or sitting outside  
among the brightly coloured wildflowers.

## **The Weed**

### **Quentin Blake**

A charming, fantastical story about discovery, the potential for growth, the power of an idea and the importance of having faith in the unknown.

## **The Whale Who Wanted More**

### **Rachel Bright**

Humphrey the whale is on a quest: to find the one perfect object that will make him feel complete. He roams far and wide, gathering endless undersea treasure as he goes.

## **Wigglesbottom Primary: Dino Chick**

### **Pamela Butchart**

The strangest things happen at Wigglesbottom Primary! When Year Two is chosen to look after some eggs that are about to hatch, they KNOW something is strange about one of them. What if it's not a chick egg, but a DINOSAUR EGG??

## **Winnie and Wilbur: The Bug Safari**

### **Valerie Thomas**

When Winnie and Wilbur discover life in miniature, the bugs in their garden suddenly seem very big indeed. It's the start of an exciting safari.

## FOR AGES 8-11 AND MORE CONFIDENT READERS

### Activists Assemble: Save Your Planet Ben Hoare

The world can seem a scary place to live. Worries and fears about our planet and the impact of human behaviors are widely discussed. But you can help!

### Anisha, Accidental Detective: School's Cancelled Serena Patel

Anisha can't wait to show off her volcano project at the science fair...and maybe win the prize trip to the national space centre. But when the volcano explodes and floods the school, Anisha is disqualified.

### Bloom: The Surprising Seeds of Sorrel Fallowfield Nicola Skinner

Sorrel Fallowfield is growing up – in a REALLY surprising way...

### The Boy Who Met a Whale Nizrana Farook

A thrilling adventure set in fictional Sri Lanka, jam-packed with peril and kidnap and a huge blue whale!

### Cast Away: Poems for our Time Naomi Shihab Nye

With poems about food wrappers, lost mittens, plastic straws, refugee children, trashy talk, the environment, connection, community, responsibility to the planet, politics, immigration, junk mail, garbage trucks, all that we carry and all that we discard.

## **The Creature Keeper**

### **Damaris Young**

The perfect magical read for kids who love animals and care about saving the environment!

## **Earth Friends: Fair Fashion**

### **Holly Webb**

The first fantastic book in the series about four friends who want to make the world a better place.

## **Effie the Rebel**

### **Laura Wood**

Effie is changing the world, one classroom at a time.

## **Endangered Animals**

### **Sam Hutchinson**

A beautifully illustrated picture book containing 11 endangered animals, including Sumatran Tigers, Cross River Gorillas and Hawksbill Sea Turtles.

## **Fantastically Great Women Scientists and their Stories**

### **Kate Pankhurst**

Read the true stories of amazing scientists and discover things that are out of this world.



## **Guardians of the Planet**

**Clive Gifford**

This environmentally positive book contains everything children need to become guardians of the planet.

## **Helping Our Planet**

**Jane Bingham**

This hands-on guide is filled with suggestions for everyday actions and choices that will help readers take better care of the Earth.

## **Hoot and Howl across the Desert : Life in the world's driest deserts**

**Vassiliki Tzomaka**

Readers are invited to travel across some of world's driest landscapes and discover the remarkable animals and plants that survive in desert climates, both hot and cold.

## **How to Save the World with a Chicken and an Egg** **Emma Shevah**

This story isn't just about birds. It's about secrets, the seaside, how seagulls can trick worms into thinking it's raining.

## **It's Her Story: Marie Curie**

**Kaara Kallen**

Marie Curie was the brilliant, trailblazing scientist who discovered radium and coined the term radioactivity. This is her story.

## **Jungledrop**

### **Abi Elphinstone**

Where the map ends, the adventure begins...

## **The Last Bear**

### **Hannah Gold**

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one.

## **The Last Straw: Kids VS Plastics**

### **Susan Hood**

Learn about the growing plastic problem and meet just a few of the young activists who are standing up and speaking out for change.

## **Leo's Map of Monsters: The Spitfang Lizard**

### **Kris Humphrey**

Leo must track down a deadly Spitfang Lizard before it reaches the village. He is given one piece of advice-first they spit, then they bite.

## **The Mapmakers' Race**

### **Eirlys Hunter**

The Santander siblings are in a bit of a pickle. After the disappearance of their explorer father, they were meant to enter a challenge to complete a map for a new railway with their mother. But she gets left behind at a train station.

## Max Takes a Stand

Tim Allman

Max is on a quest to make the world a better place. From hiding his parents' car keys to preparing vegan dinners, Max is determined to help save the planet through positive direct action!

## My Name is River

Emma Rea

Dylan's mum thinks he's on the school Geography trip. Dylan's teacher thinks he's at home with the flu. In fact he's 30,000 feet up in the air on the way to Brazil.

## Our Planet

Matt Whyman

Learn how our fascinating habitats, and the plants and creatures living there, interconnect to create the one place we all call home – Our Planet.

## A Poem for Every Summer Day

Allie Esiri (Editor)

These seasonal poems – together with introductory paragraphs – have a link to the date on which they appear.

## The Secret Explorers and the Rainforest Rangers

S J King

Follow rainforest expert Ollie on an exciting mission to rescue a lost baby orangutan in the steamy rainforest of Borneo.

## **The Shark Caller**

**Zillah Bethell**

Dive beneath the waves with this spell-binding adventure of friendship, forgiveness and bravery, set on the shores of Papua New Guinea.

## **Shark Super Powers**

**Jillian Morris and Duncan Brake**

We all know about the Great White, but did you know about the shark that can glow in the dark? Or the one that can trump to lose buoyancy?

## **Tamarind & the Star of Ishta**

**Jasbinder Bilan**

Tamarind never knew her Indian mum, who died soon after she was born. Slowly, Tamarind unravels a mystery at the heart of who she is...

## **Twitch**

**M G Leonard**

Can a birdwatcher outwit an escaped convict?

## **The Weather Weaver**

**Tamsin Mori**

What if you could befriend a cloud? What weather would you choose? What if the weather matched itself to your mood, whether you wanted it to, or not?

## **Wild City**

### **Ben Hoare**

Take an unforgettable tour around the world to meet the creatures that share our city spaces – from bears to bats, penguins to opossums – and learn about how they have adapted and thrived.

## **The Wild Way Home**

### **Sophie Kirtley**

When Charlie's longed-for brother is born with a serious heart condition, Charlie's world is turned upside down.

## **Willow Wildthing and the Shooting Star**

### **Gill Lewis**

A group of children who have taken on the characteristics of the wild creatures they are named after - find that their camp has been destroyed by a flood.

## **The Wizard In My Shed**

### **Simon Farnaby**

Merdyn the Wild is from the Dark Ages. He's the world's greatest Warlock, banished to the 21st century for bad behaviour, and he's about to create a whole load of trouble for Rose, aged 12.

## **Worst. Holiday. Ever**

### **Charlie Higson**

Stan is going on holiday to Italy with his (fifth) best friend Felix and a load of strangers. Stan is absolutely terrified.

## **Zinnia and the Bees**

**Danielle Davis**

The hive of honeybees living in Zinnia's hair is actually the least of her problems.

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