

## 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 the 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.



Thank you for your help in the past and we hope that you can share this information with parents. If you would like more information about this initiative you can email us at <a href="mailto:feedback@librariesni.org.uk">feedback@librariesni.org.uk</a>

## Best wishes, Libraries NI

