

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Swindon Library & Information Service have been kept very busy preparing for the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge: "Silly Squad" and would like you to be a part of it!

This year the challenge will be a digital offer without the usual materials but will include a whole range of online fun for children and their families to take part in.

To take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, children (and their parents/guardians) register online and set their own challenge: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>. Just select "Swindon" from the drop down menu to identify your library authority.

This period of Lockdown has been strange and demanding and as we all know, the best thing about challenges is that they make us stop and think and give us opportunities to do things differently.

Swindon Libraries has developed an online offer for Swindon children and their families. This launches on Monday 6th July, with a whole host of fun things to watch, do, and enjoy!

- E-Audiobooks – listen to a book together!
- E-Magazines – there is a fantastic range that has something for everyone!
- E-comics – a brand new collection of comics that are definitely worth checking out!
- Live Story Times with Anish – every Tuesday at 11:00am on Swindon Libraries Facebook
- [Subtitled Rhymes and Rhyme Times YouTube videos](#)
- [Stories and Craft Ideas](#) – new videos with demonstrations and live story telling will be put up throughout the summer holidays!
- Swindon Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Blog – This is where you can let Swindon Libraries know what you have been doing! There will be lots going on and they would love for you to send them things such as photos of your pets with your favourite reading material!
- Competition – Steve Antony, local author/illustrator and Swindon Libraries Children's Patron will still be running his annual art competition and he can't wait to see all your amazing creative entries again this year!

If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge, or wish to contribute towards the SRC Blog, please contact: Debbie Jackson (Outreach Librarian, SRC Coordinator): [djackson@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:djackson@swindon.gov.uk).

Find out what's happening in Swindon Libraries by signing up to their [monthly newsletter](#).

You can also subscribe to their library blog page and receive notifications of new articles as soon as they are published. Check out [the blog here](#).



## SEND SERVICE CONTACT DETAILS

The SEND Service aim to provide you with excellent customer service and we're committed to getting back to you within 48-72 hours. To speak to a member of staff, please call 07824 868353 or 07971 715864 (telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday 8-5 and 8-4.30 Friday) or email [SENAT@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENAT@swindon.gov.uk).

The following is an FAQ that we've added this week.

You can find more Coronavirus related resources on the Swindon Local Offer by [clicking here](#).



**Are there any resources for families about the changes that children and young people may see and advice on how to deal with these changes when services re-open?**

[Autism Little Learners](#) - Resources and ideas, including easy-read stories on how to greet teachers and friends when a child or young person returns back to school, how kids may see different people wearing masks, face masks and gloves, and what is social distancing

