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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Children across the county are invited to join the Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021, at Oxfordshire libraries from Saturday 10 July.    The competition held in partnership with charity the Reading Agency, encourages children to borrow and read any six library books over the summer. The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way for children to keep up their reading skills and confidence over the summer holidays and prevent the common holiday reading dip.    **Councillor Neil Fawcett, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Safety, said:** "This is a great chance for children to ignite and develop a love of reading combined with a chance to win some great prizes. We welcome and encourage children across the county to visit the library and enjoy some great books over the summer."    **Summer Reading Challenge ambassador Steve Backshall, said:** "I am thrilled to be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge 2021. The Reading Agency has teamed up with the World Wildlife Fund for Wild World Heroes, an exciting nature-themed reading challenge that will inspire children to take action for the environment. Wild World Heroes will spark conversations about the issues facing our planet, from plastic pollution to wildlife decline and will show how we can all work together to look after our world.    "By taking part in the challenge, children will unlock the benefits of reading for pleasure – it’s never been more important for young people to keep up their reading skills and confidence over the summer holidays. Wild World Heroes is a brilliant way to get children reading and talking about big issues! Happy summer of reading!"    In this fun, free challenge, children will team up with the Wild World Heroes and their friends to them help make Wilderville become a better, greener place to live.    The challenge is packed full of ideas children can use to care for their environment and inspire them to stand up for the planet. Once they complete the challenge, they will receive a Wild World Heroes certificate and medal. They will also be entered into a prize draw with a falconry experience at Millets Farm with VIP entry, national book tokens and more to be won.    Taking part in the Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge is easy. All children need to do is sign up at their nearest library, where they will be given a special collector’s folder to keep a record of their reading journey.    Wild World Heroes launches in libraries open across Oxfordshire on Saturday 10 July and runs until Saturday 11 September 2021.    Find out more on the Summer Reading Challenge on the council’s [website](http://email.oxfords.senderservices.net/c/eJx1j81uwyAQhJ_G3Ir4Jxw41GnzGhExGxsVQwTE7uMXR7lWWmmknZ1Zfd5OcGIKwepCvAZvB8a4YEp3RYs1Sqi7ACedvFHFJdGKEkmNYUIBP0kU7dLaow78c2CXPvu-4_x7z8XXJRTAc97w86cb9bmuUAo4H9I8LS5GSDOgYBlhlGiiKRGaUkyxOI-XURnyLb644uM4CPJuxBWSh1KhbGGCihM0VGzMJbnaYINUczKs388HDZ7yipp9kX28mNCR7--vPvdlOlj_b-7mH2VXW4E).    Children who are unable to get to a library can join in the fun at home with a [digital summer reading challenge](http://email.oxfords.senderservices.net/c/eJx1j9FuwyAMRb8mvA2BIWQ88LC0629UFLtJVAIT0GqfP9L3WZYs-dpX96AL9AmG0e63eN3QDQBKg5n6ZKuzfsTbGBAt3v0tGLJCeBh7SSATFItube2nDuprgEvv-tx3KoU8bmkJq4-R0kI8l4U_H11nmwMBUkxikkJPUnLJ9Wm-zMaKb31WRs3zoEX-veeClVdKSKVSeW2BKk_UWHExl-RroxelmpOFfr8c8XnIO2vujfLxhmDHfw9yxdyX6YD737mLf9fpVt4). | | | | |
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