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Dear Principal,

Fingal County Council Library Service will run the *Summer Stars Reading Programme* for children in all library branches during the summer holidays from July to the end of August. The *Summer Stars* programme is a free programme and we would be delighted to welcome all children and their families to join in. We are very happy to work with teachers and families to encourage children to continue reading and writing and to participate in our range of storytelling and other fun activities during the summer months.

Each child who registers for *Summer Stars* at their local library joins in the fun of reading lots of exciting books during their summer holidays. They will receive their own *Summer Stars Reading Card* to record their progress along the way and a library reward stamp will be added to their reading card at the library after each book read. Children will be encouraged to continue reading throughout the programme. Fun rewards will be provided along the way. At the end of the challenge, all children who participate are invited to attend an award event at which they will be presented with their award certificate.

Children and families will also have access to fun reading activities on the *Summer Stars* webpages at www.librariesireland.ie/summer-stars/. The resource includes lots of fun activities, games, talking ebooks, stories, reading tips, book suggestions and funny interviews with children's authors and other celebrities.

Events for children will also be held in libraries during the summer.

Yours sincerely,

Swords Library