



It is important to continue reading during the summer months. There is a lot of research which shows that children who read over the summer maintain their reading levels and return to school more prepared for the new school year. Reading also helps to develop creativity and the imagination. It's a fun and calming activity that will improve concentration and communication skills.

The best way to pick out books to read is to make it FUN!

Find a book that you will really like

Understand the story by looking at the words or reading a page

Narrow your search by choosing books about something that you are interested in

Of course there is a lot more to libraries than books. Most libraries also offer:

- ★ Comics, graphic novels and magazines
- ★ Activities and games
- ★ Computers and Internet access
- ★ DVDs and CDs
- ★ Story times
- ★ Fun reading events
- ★ Learning and reading spaces

You can check your local library website for details of any activities and events taking place locally. You'll find the website address for your local library service at

www.summerstars.ie

Summer Stars is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free of charge to all children across the country.

The **Summer Stars Reading Adventure** will run during the summer in public libraries all over Ireland. Children are invited to register for **Summer Stars** and be a part of the adventure by reading as many books as they can. All participants will be given a **Summer Stars Reading Card** to record and track their own progress. There will be rewards and incentives along the way and a grand finale event at the end for all participants.

Everyone is invited to check out the **Summer Stars** website at www.summerstars.ie which has lots of online games and activities as well as a range of animated eBooks. You will find a children's books discussion board and interviews with well-known people about their favourite books. There are also helpful tips for reading and recommended titles by age group for children to read. The books can then be borrowed from your local library service. And it's all free!

You can follow **Summer Stars** on Twitter @StarsReading and on Facebook, *Summer Stars at your Library*.



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