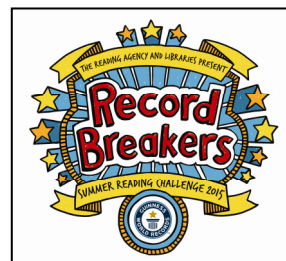
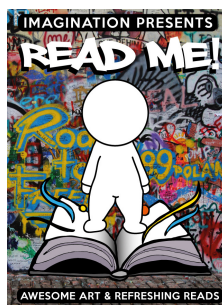


2015 - Norfolk libraries looking to break records this summer to support literacy

In 2014 over 12,000 children in Norfolk aged 5-11 took part in the public libraries Mythical Maze **Summer Reading Challenge** and for 11 – 18 year olds the **ImagiNation** arts activity. We know that reading over the summer supports children to maintain and improve literacy levels.



In 2015 Norfolk Libraries are aiming to break this record and encourage more children to have fun with books, keeping up their reading over the holidays with an offer for children and young people of all ages. **We hope that all schools will work with us in partnership to support this.**

New for 2015 - a Record Breakers challenge for pre school **children 0-5** with stickers and a certificate for sharing 6 books.

Summer Reading Challenge for **children 5-11** will discover AMAZING world records as they read their choice of 6 library books, collect stickers to complete the poster and gain a certificate and medal. Young volunteers will be working in libraries as role models to support children.

For **11 – 18** year olds, **ImagiNation** has ideas for art, photography etc. inspired by books. See the blog for more information www.imaginationeast.org.uk Contact the SLS team for a power-point presentation to be emailed that can be used in assemblies.

There will be all kinds of fun in Norfolk libraries over the Summer, including special Record Breakers themed events. Anyone can contribute to a **national pledging record at selected libraries 11th, 12th and 13th July** and we will also be hoping for the largest number of people in Norfolk listening to the same story at the same time **11:00 on Saturday 25th July**.

Please can all early years settings and schools promote the challenges and events by welcoming public library staff in to schools when they are available and using resources in schools.

There is a link to template text for primary school newsletters and a Record Breakers trailer on the Norfolk School Library Service webpage, www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls and resources for schools: <http://readingagency.org.uk/children/practitioners-guides/summer-reading-challenge-resources-for-teachers.html> Find out more at the Summer Reading Challenge website: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

The whole family can get reading and enjoy free activities this summer by visiting any Norfolk library or mobile.

For information about public libraries including opening times and details about events visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries or call 0344 800 8020

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