



Summer Stars 2020

Summer Stars is the Right to Read national Summer Reading Programme for children that runs from the 15th of June until the end of August. For 2020, the usual programme format of borrowing books, receiving incentives and holding events in libraries cannot be delivered in the same way so we adapted the approach to provide the following:

Activities for Summer Stars 2020:

- **Summer Stars BorrowBox:** Children can browse, borrow, read and listen to the Summer Stars collection of children's e-books and e-audio books through the public library's BorrowBox app. This is free for all members to use from anywhere, anytime. Non-members can join online for free at <https://www.librariesireland.ie/join-your-library>. From the 15th of June, there will be a special Summer Stars section on Borrowbox which will have a range of hundreds of children's e-books and e-audio books with individual collections for 0-4, 5-8, 9-12 and 13+ .
- **Online Storytime:** Summer Stars story time will be delivered by library staff and Irish authors including chapter-a-day readings from books, available through local library social media pages and through the video gallery in development at www.summerstars.ie.
- **Story Competition:** For 2020, there will be a Summer Stars Story Competition with the theme *An Unexpected Adventure*. The competition will run from the 1st of July to the 31st of August with three age categories (6-9, 10-14 and 15+) and entries will be shortlisted to a final 15 in each category. The finalists will be judged by a panel including Irish authors to identify overall winners.
- **Books:** As public libraries continue to expand the services being provided on a phased basis over the coming months, some authorities will provide Summer Stars book lending services to children where possible.
- **Reading cards and reviews:** Children can track their reading progress with reading cards which can be marked each time a book is read, online or in print form. A reviews section on www.summerstars.ie allows readers to upload their views on what they have read.
- **Online Quizzes:** Local authorities will provide Summer Stars online quizzes and scavenger hunts over the period, promoted locally.

Full details of the programme are available at www.summerstars.ie.