

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Encouraging children to read for pleasure is a key part of their school journey and there are many benefits to discovering a love of reading.

To encourage all children in Newham to discover books and a love of reading, Newham Libraries are working with primary schools in Newham to ensure that primary aged children are members of the library and are able to take part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge.

As a Council service, libraries have a legitimate interest to be able to use the data held by the council (child's name, address, age and gender) to create library memberships for children. Using this information, we will join your child to the library and enrol them on the Summer Reading Challenge. They will be sent a library card home from school in the coming weeks. Library membership is free, books can be borrowed for three weeks at a time and can be renewed for longer if no other child wishes to borrow them.

Don't worry if your child already has a Newham library card, once your child receives their new library card, you can drop the old one back to any Newham library or simply keep it and borrow twice the number of books.

If you do NOT want your child to have a library card then please email [LibraryOptOut@newham.gov.uk](mailto:LibraryOptOut@newham.gov.uk) and we will ensure that we do not join them to the library service.

If you have any questions about this process or want to know more about the library then please don't hesitate to contact us on 0203 373 3871

We will be contacting you again in a couple of weeks to tell you more about the summer reading challenge and the exciting opportunities for your child.

Your faithfully,  
Newham Libraries

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