

Summer Reading 2024

Fantasy Fiction

Starts on **Thursday 13th June** and will run until **Saturday 24th August 2024**.

Participants of all ages can take part (0 to 100+ years) - children, young adults, families, adults, friends, and groups.

This year's summer reading theme is Fantasy Fiction to coincide with the bicentenary celebration of George MacDonald in 2024. He is often referred to as the founding father of fantasy fiction. George was born and lived in Huntly, Aberdeenshire and influenced well-known authors such as CS Lewis and Tolkien.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clkm0ejnzedo>

How do I take part?

- Participant(s) can pick up a collector's card from their local library, and download from the Live Life Aberdeenshire website - <https://www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/>
- You can register to take part by filling in our online form, ask library staff for details or go online.
- The collector's card has 8 circles to keep track of the books you have read and events you have taken part in within Libraries.
- For each collector's card completed a certificate will be awarded by staff at your local library or you can download online.
- Your completed card can be dropped off at your local library, or an eCopy sent to - **summerreading@aberdeenshire.gov.uk**
- It will then be entered into a draw to win one of many prizes which includes signed books, book bundles, gift cards and much more...

We also have a **creative competition** that everyone can take part in and prizes to be won.

- The creative competition for 2024 is for all ages to take part in.
- The competition this year will be to create a **short fantasy fiction story** and illustrate one of the characters in the created story - 500 to 750 words.
- Or you can write a story only or illustrate a fantasy creature only. There are different options for different abilities and ages.
- Creative Competition entry forms will be available to pick up from your library or download online.
- Creative competition will have 4 age group - Pre-School, 5-11 years, 12+ and Adults.
- Winners will be chosen from each Aberdeenshire area and will be published as an eBook on our Digital Library platform - Libby.

Find out more information on our website when summer reading launches on the **13th June** -

<https://www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/>

Further information is also available from Libraries HQ, Oldmeldrum -

librarieshq@aberdeenshire.gov.uk