

## Summer Reading Challenge 2026

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As part of the Summer Reading Challenge, your library is offering children the chance to do Arts Award Discover.



## What is Arts Award?

Arts Award is a set of qualifications for children and young people, that gets them involved in and excited about the arts and culture. Arts Award Discover is the first step in which children can:

- Look for examples of the arts in every day life
- Take part in arts activities
- Find out about people who make art and the art works they've made
- Share what they discovered with other people.

When they have finished Arts Award Discover, children get a certificate from Trinity College London, who manage Arts Award in association with Arts Council England.

## What are 'the arts'?

For Arts Award 'the arts' covers all sorts, including: reading, making up poems and stories, dancing, drama, music, films, photography, sewing, architecture, design, collage and model making, as well as well-known 'art forms' like painting, drawing and sculpture.

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

## How can my child do Arts Award Discover?

To do Arts Award Discover, children need to keep a record of what they do at the library. Your child will receive special Arts Award activity sheets, all with space for their pictures, photos and notes.

The Summer Reading Challenge is all about reading and talking about books. Both of these are 'taking part in the arts'. There will be lots of other creative arts activities to do at the library too.

Children can find out about the people that wrote or illustrated the books they are reading, and some libraries will have author or illustrator visits in libraries over the summer so children can meet these creators and find out more about how they work.

You can join in at home too by looking out for art all around you and finding people who make it.

To finish Arts Award Discover, children need to show other people what they have done and what they enjoyed.

The people at the library will help with all of this. At the end of the Summer Reading Challenge, they will look at the activity sheets to make sure they are completed, and then order your child an Arts Award certificate.



## Want to know more about Arts Award Discover?

The next level up is Arts Award Explore, then Bronze, Silver and Gold. All levels are available for anyone aged up to 25. You can find out more at:

[www.artsaward.org.uk](http://www.artsaward.org.uk)



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