

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure promotion for children

# 734,552

children aged 4-11 took part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2017 in libraries across England, Wales and Scotland



97% of UK library authorities participated in the Challenge

Internationally a further 18,400 children took part through the British Council and armed forces



## 27,206

additional children under 4 took part with special pre-school materials



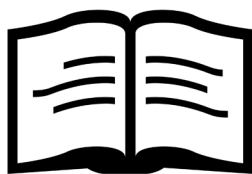
## 415,732

children completed the Challenge by reading at least 6 library books (57%)



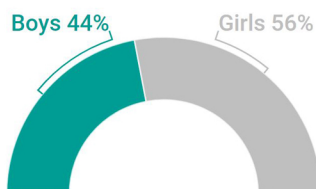
## 7,763

young people aged 12-24 volunteered in libraries over the summer



## 86,709

children joined the library as new members



Only 1 in 4 boys read outside of class every day\*  
**44%** of Challenge participants were boys



## 89,632

book reviews were written by children on [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

Data: Summer Reading Challenge UK Participation Report 2017

\*The National Literacy Trust Report 2012



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