

## NOTTINGHAM CITY LIBRARIES SUMMER OF FUN NEWSLETTER

This summer Nottingham City Libraries is sadly unable to offer our usual summer programme of activities.

So instead we have developed a brilliant range of activities for children to take part in and enjoy online. There's something for children of all ages!

You can find details of all the activities and events listed in the newsletter on our website:  
[www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/sof](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/sof)

Our libraries are starting to reopen and you can keep up to date here:  
<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/coronavirus>



To celebrate the start of the holidays and to officially launch our programme on Monday 27 July 10am – 3pm we have an exciting day of entertainment lined up.

We've storytellers and stories, illustrators, music from Johnny of Johnny & the Raindrops and an exclusive interactive retelling of Roald Dahl's The Twits. For the full line-up and times see the website.



This year the Summer Reading Challenge has gone online. To take part in Silly Squad, children need to sign up online to unlock digital rewards, activities, games and video content as well as rewards for reading anything they like – from library eBooks to comics at home or listening to books read live online - whatever makes you happy!

Silly Squad has already started and will run until September. Just visit the Silly Squad to get started. A grown up will need to help with signing up.



This summer Nottingham City Libraries is challenging you to read as many books as you can, and for every 6 books you read and review, you can enter a draw to win some fantastic prizes!

Starting Saturday 11 July right through to Saturday 12 September, Love to Read is open to children of all ages, little ones can get help from grown-ups or older brothers or sisters.

The more books you read, the more times you can enter, and the more times you enter, the greater chance you have of winning! You can enter online or submit your reviews on paper.

You can review anything you like including:

Books you have at home  
E-books borrowed from the library  
Stories you have listened to as part of StoryParks  
Stories you listened to, from libraries and Storytime with Stacey.  
Joining Silly Squad and reviewing these books too!

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### Stories, crafts and activities

Enjoy Storytime with Stacey every Monday morning at 11am then try out our special craft ideas and explore lots more related activities. There will be a different theme every week.

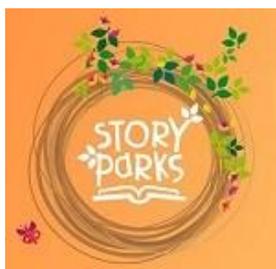


You can see the full programme and videos so far on the website.

You can see Storytime with Stacey on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamLibraries>

## StoryParks Nottingham

When StoryParks launched in 2019, with help from the Nottingham Building Society, our Libraries were brought to our Parks. This year everything is being brought to you online, for you and your family to enjoy in the comfort of your own home!



The StoryParks website already has an ever growing number of online videos and ideas; from bug-hunting and drumming to mindfulness and storytelling. It's also packed full of activities to engage and inspire your children at home. You will find everything in the brand new StoryParks digital library on the StoryParks website.

Once the school holidays start, Libraries are excited to offer weekly Storytelling Sessions with related craft ideas and links to other activities to help keep children busy and entertained.

Visit the StoryParks website:  
<https://storyparksnottingham.com/>

## The Mystery of the Undiscovered Island



Somewhere there is an undiscovered island, a magical underwater place with unique plants, birds, fish and giant coral that lights up and sings.

However, to find it we need some young explorers to help us work out some mysterious messages and find out what lives in this fantastic place. Every Tuesday there will be a new mission to help solve the mystery.

## Storytelling with Nicky Rafferty

Have you ever tried to tell a story from memory? Every month Nicky will tell a new story and provide an activity to try out so you can become confident storytellers too!



Listen to the story, try the activity and then recreate the story yourself.



Sing along, laugh along and read along with us every Wednesday at 11am on Facebook as we entertain you and your little one with some of our favourite stories and nursery rhymes:

<https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamLibraries>

## Keeping the kids busy – all year round!

Nottingham City Libraries website has a range of activities and information sources. Browse for new ideas for books to read, fun ideas for things to do at home as well as educational and home learning resources:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/keeping-the-kids-busy/>

