

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT
ANIMAL AGENTS
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

Summer Reading Challenge

In all Essex Libraries
15 July -2 September

Take part in the Challenge by reading the books and catching the crooks.

Children aged 10 and over can take part in a new ImagiNation 17 challenge where they can create artworks or write reviews inspired by the books they have read.

For more information visit
www.libraries.essex.gov.uk

Read 6 books and receive 6 hours of CU Learning credits (a maximum of 10 credits is available)

Southend Pier

Visit Southend Pier and complete the Pier Quiz. Download from
www.essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk
Public Learning Destinations
Southend

Collect a stamp on your quiz sheet as you leave and receive 2 hours of CU Learning Credits

Kindness Month

August is Kindness month. Take part in and write about acts of kindness before the end of August. You could help younger siblings with reading, writing or numbers; make a card for a friend or family member; bake something for a charity bake sale or take part in a sponsored event for charity

1 hour CU Learning Credit



Code Kingdoms Worksheets

Are you interested in Coding?
We have 2 Code Kingdoms Puzzle Packs available.

You will find these on the National Children's University website
www.childrensuniversity.co.uk
[Learn with Us](#)

Each pack 1 hour of CU Learning

Build a fizz inflator!

Tired of blowing up balloons yourself? Construct a fizz inflator and you won't have to! You'll need vinegar, a small balloon, some bicarbonate of soda and some paper. Take some pictures and explain how your fizz inflator works!

Your instructions:
www.sciencebob.com/build-a-fizz-inflator

1 hour CU Learning Credit

Colchester Cultural Trail
Why don't you visit?

History, art, design, performing arts, music or literature. The Trail has something for all and has been designed to inspire new ideas and provide new experiences. Some activities are free and some have a cost. Some activities have been organised just for the summer holidays, don't miss out.

For a copy of the Trail visit
www.essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk
and click on the link to the Bulletin Board

Beach Art

Create a piece of beach art using shells, driftwood, seaweed and other things you might discover on the shoreline.
Create a piece of art with them ... take a photo or take the finished piece into school

Celebrity Chef

Make a delicious summer lunch for your family. Take pictures of the feast and write the recipe down to make your very own mini recipe book.

Travel Writer

If you travel somewhere on holiday (at home or abroad) this summer, keep a holiday diary and write down something new and exciting that you learned each day.

Trailblazer

Discover a new town or city by downloading a [Huntfun/Treasure Trails/Curious About](#) trail from the internet

Receive 1 CU Learning Credit for each activity completed



Must See Movies

Head to the 'Into Film: Must see Movies before you grow up' website www.intofilm.org/msm
Pick a category. Watch one of the movies listed. Download one of the FREE Must See Movies activity sheets and complete the activities.

1 hour CU Learning Credit

Design and make a Sun Dial

With the sun shining it's the perfect time to make a Sun Dial.

A Sun Dial is a clock that uses the position of the Sun to indicate the time.

Typically a rod casts a shadow upon a plane or surface. On this surface are found markings that indicate the time by the position of the shadow.

There are several types of Sun Dials but we would like you to research, design and test your own.

1 hour CU Learning Credit

Dream Bigger!

What are your hopes and dreams? Create a vision board for your future plans and aspirations

1 hour CU Learning Credit

Landmark Challenge

Use Lego, or something similar, to recreate a landmark from around the World or a landmark closer to home. Is there a building in your community that stands out?

2 hours CU Learning Credit for a picture of your building and a snap of the landmark you have created.

ESSEX BOOK FESTIVAL

How Big is your imagination?

Can you write a Super Short Story?

Have a go at writing a super short story in 75 words. Essex Book Festival will give a prize to the best response, prompted by the words

Once I found a magic book and when I looked inside....

Finish this story in 75 words and email it to

hello@essexbookfestival.org.uk

Or post it to:

Essex Book Festival
Creative Centre for Writing
University of Essex
Colchester CO4 3SQ

Please include your name/age and parent/guardian email address or phone number

3 hours CU Learning Credits for your entry.

Crazy Sports Day

Plan your very own crazy sports day for your friends/siblings – this is like a normal sports day but with crazier games! Choose three silly games like football golf, a walking race, or a dance off. Nominate a referee, write down your rules, and keep a leader board.

1 hour CU Learning Credit

Role reversal

Do you have an older or elderly person in your family?

You're never too old to learn something new, so pick something you've learnt recently and give them a lesson so they can learn all about it too!

Then make a little test for them to see what they can remember.

Did you enjoy being a teacher?

Did your pupil remember what you taught them?

Now ask them to teach you something new too.

1 hour CU Learning Credit

Collecting CU Learning Credits

Before a CU Learning Credit can be collected, CU Learners will need to show some evidence (to their school/teacher or to us at the Essex CU office) that the activity has been completed. You can either post or email the evidence to admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk.

The evidence could be a photograph, a diary/poster, a recording or some writing about when and how they completed the activity.

CU Learners are encouraged to record their thoughts and ideas, thinking about how they completed the activity and what they liked about it.

We would like to say a great big thank you to CU Scotland and Kent CU for some of their inspirational ideas....we hope you enjoy completing these challenges.