



## Volunteer Reading Help: How we can help support your work

- **Library tickets for pupils** Many families don't realise that a library ticket is free. We'd like to encourage all children and their parents to join the library....and use it! There are no forms to fill in to get a ticket, and even if they can't produce any ID we'll still let them borrow some books.
- **Library tickets for VRH** The VRH Group ticket enables you to choose up to 50 books at a time from any Kent Library to support your work with pupils. You can keep the books for 8 weeks at a time. There are no fines to pay if the books are returned late, but we do encourage you to renew your books so that our records are up to date. You can request items free of charge via our on line catalogue, with your own PIN number. Please ask at your local Kent Library for details. This ticket is available in addition to your own, individual ticket, and you will need to show some proof that you are a Volunteer Reader Helper.
- **Library visits** Visiting the library for the first time can be a daunting experience for some families. If you're able to bring a child to the library, please contact us to arrange a visit.
- **Booktime** Every Autumn, Kent Libraries and Archives oversees the distribution of free Booktime packs to all children starting school. As well as receiving two books, children also take home a leaflet about enjoying reading, and information about libraries for their parents. Why not discuss the book with your pupil, if they are in Reception?
- **Summer Reading Challenge** The annual Summer Reading Challenge is the ideal way to keep pupils reading with enthusiasm through the summer holidays. We send an invitation to join the challenge to all primary school age children and encourage them to read six books, with incentives such as certificates, stickers and medals.
- **Reading groups** These can be a great way to motivate children, and we can help you set up a group. Your group might be aimed at a specific group of children, or you might like to invite parents and carers along too. You could discuss picture books, information books, spoken word or poetry – it's up to you! The group might meet at school, or it could take place in a public library.  
Your VRH Group ticket is the ideal way to borrow extra books from the library to support reading activities.



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### Finally... Did you know?

- All schoolchildren can reserve books free of charge. Our borrowers can choose to have their request delivered to the Kent library of their choice.
- Books can be returned to **any** Kent Library – not necessarily the library they were borrowed from!
- We have homework clubs and homework helpers in many of our libraries. Please ask at your local library for details or contact [christine.heald@kent.gov.uk](mailto:christine.heald@kent.gov.uk)
- We have free Internet access at all Kent Libraries. Children under 16 years old will need to have permission from their parents/carers to use it.
- Children can have up to five photocopies or printouts free of charge every day from the library for homework-related topics.