

SUPERCHARGE

your Summer of Reading

10 ways to celebrate reading
this summer and beyond



THE WEEK
Junior

Make and bake



1 Choose a food or drink from one of your favourite books

Look up a recipe so you can try making it yourself! You could bake traditional Swedish “pepparkakor” spice biscuits from *Pippi Longstocking* by Astrid Lindgren, make mooncakes inspired by *All Four Quarters of the Moon* by Shirley Marr or prepare some marmalade sandwiches fit for Paddington Bear.

Why not try...

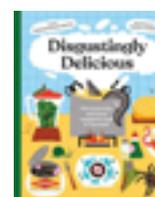
... cooking a whole meal inspired by a book? Serve up a sausage sandwich picnic based on the rooftop banquet in Katherine Rundell's *Rooftoppers*; bake an afternoon “bunbreak” of jam tarts, coconut macaroons and squashed-fly biscuits in the style of *Murder Most Unladylike* by Robin Stevens; or whip up a feast of Indian dishes inspired by *Tamarind and the Star of Ishta* by Jasbinder Bilan. Design a menu, decorate the table – then invite friends and family to tuck in.

2 Make a model of a book character

Get creative and use any materials you like – clay, fabric, papier mâché, cardboard or whatever you can find in your recycling bin. Alternatively, paint or draw a portrait. Show your creation to your friends and challenge them to guess who it is.

Read these: books about food

- **The Cooking Club Detectives** by Eva Jozefkowicz
- **Alice Éclair: Spy Extraordinaire: A Recipe for Trouble** by Sarah Todd Taylor
- **Take a Bite: Eat Your Way Around the World** by Aleksandra and Daniel Mizieliński
- **Disgustingly Delicious** by Soledad Romero Marino and Montse Galbany



Imagine and play



3 Put on a show

Team up with some friends to stage a play based on a book. Work together to write a script and get rehearsing. Don't forget to think about costumes, props and scenery. Now perform the finished play for your family and friends.

Why not try...

... making tickets, posters or even a programme to accompany your show?

4 Create your own bookshop or library

Get all your books together and sort them alphabetically or arrange them by topic. Create displays of your favourites and write reviews for each one on a card. You could even create a cosy reading corner with cushions, blankets or fairy lights. Invite friends and family to come and browse. Which book would they choose?

Read these: books about theatre

- **The Wildstorm Curse** by *Eve Wersocki Morris*
- **The Secret Hen House Theatre** by *Helen Peters*
- **The Lizzie & Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger** by *J.T. Williams*
- **The Steam Whistle Theatre Company** by *Vivian French*



Celebrate and share



5 Start a book club

Invite a group of friends to get together to discuss a book you've all read. What did you like best about it? What didn't you like? Was there anything that surprised you? Organise regular meetings and make sure you each take it in turns to choose a book to read and discuss – it's a great way to discover new favourites.

Why not try...

... getting together to watch a film or TV adaptation of a book you've read? Talk about what you thought of the adaptation afterwards. What differences were there from the original book? Which did you prefer? Don't forget the popcorn!

6 Plan and host a book-themed party

Base your celebration on a favourite book or series – or try taking inspiration from a famous party scene in a book, such as the Mad Hatter's tea party in *Alice in Wonderland* or the riverside picnic in *The Wind in the Willows*. Think about decorations, choose themed food and drink, plan games and make invitations. Invite your friends to come along dressed up as their favourite characters.



Read these: books adapted for the screen

- **A Kind of Spark** by Elle McNicoll
- **Kiki's Delivery Service** by Eiko Kadono, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton
- **The Babysitters Club: Kristy's Great Idea** by Ann M. Martin, illustrated by Raina Telgmeier
- **Lockwood & Co: The Screaming Staircase** by Jonathan Stroud

Explore and discover



7 Go on a reading adventure

Plan a day out inspired by one of your summer reads. Try a bird-watching expedition at a local nature reserve with M.G. Leonard's *Twitch*; visit an art gallery with *Trixie Pickle Art Avenger* by Olaf Falafel; have a go at an escape room with *Escape Room* by Christopher Edge; look for fossils on the beach with *The Fossil Hunter* by Kate Winter; or explore London's historic sights with *The Elemental Detectives* by Patrice Lawrence.

Why not try...

... picking a book to match your summer holiday destination? Going on a camping trip? Read *Picture Perfect* by Serena Patel. Spending a weekend in Edinburgh? Try *The Dark and Dangerous Gifts of Dolores Mackenzie* by Yvonne Banham. Off to France? Read *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. You could even write a review of your chosen book on a postcard and send it to a book-loving friend.

8 Visit your local library

Sign up for a library card if you haven't already got one and browse the shelves to discover great new reads. Find out what's going on at the library over the summer. Are there activities, events or reading challenges you can join in?

Read these: books for explorers and adventurers

- **Journey to the Last River** by *Unknown Adventurer*
- **The Strangeworlds Travel Agency** by *L.D. Lapinski*
- **Adventures on Trains: The Highland Falcon Thief** by *M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman*
- **Hilda and the Troll** by *Luke Pearson*



Research and write



9 Find out more about your favourite author or illustrator

Do some research online to learn about their books, their inspirations and any funny or surprising facts. Look for activities, games or competitions relating to books by authors and illustrators you admire.

Try this...

... check the author's website, or their publisher's, to find out how you can contact them. Write them a letter or an email to tell them what you love about their books. You might even get a letter back!



10 Ever wondered

What might happen after the end of your favourite book? Or what adventures the characters might get up to next? Try your hand at fan fiction by coming up with your own continuation of the story. You could write it, draw it or create a comic strip.

Read these: books with brilliant illustrations

- **Unleash Your Creative Monster** by Andy Jones, illustrated by Olaf Falafel
- **Write and Draw Your Own Comics** by Louie Stowell
- **Draw With Rob** by Rob Biddulph
- **How to Write Poems** by Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Matt Robertson