

# North Tyneside Schools Library Service

Newsletter Summer 2025

Our Newsletter keeps you informed of author events, promotions and highlights great new books and resources.

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This year Empathy Lab are introducing Empathy Day Festival. A ten-day nationwide festival from 2-12 June 2025, culminating in Empathy Day itself on 12 June.

This extended national campaign will provide you with a flexible framework for inspiring children to learn about empathy, put it into action and develop key empathy skills.

Empathy Lab have a great FREE festival lineup which is on page 6 of the General Toolkit which can be found here: <https://empathylab.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/General-Toolkit-2025.pdf>

Including an Empathy Day LIVE event with Elle McNicoll and Joseph Coelho.

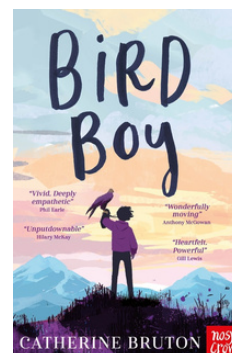
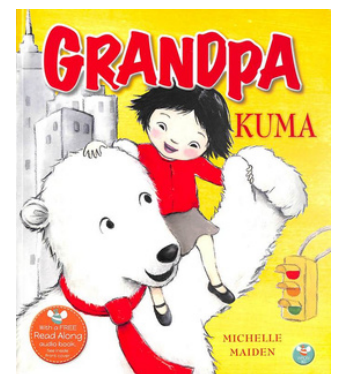
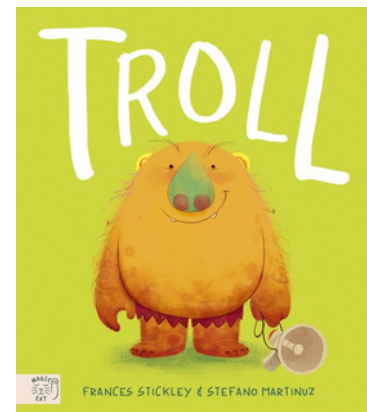
This session is suitable for age 7-14. Register here: <https://www.surveyhero.com/c/empathydaylive2025>

A range of brilliant FREE empathy-rich stories from some of your favourite writers can be accessed at the following link. Suitable for KS1-3:

<https://empathylab.uk/empathy-shorts/>

Download the 2025 Read for Empathy Collection at <https://empathylab.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Read-for-Empathy-3-11-Guide-2025.pdf>

All of the titles can be requested from SLS



# Summer Reading Challenge 2025

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children, presented by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries.

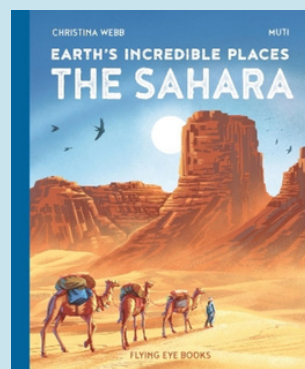
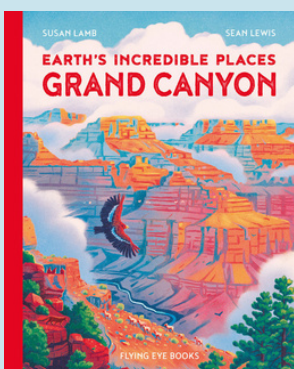
The challenge encourages children aged 4-11 years to keep reading during the school summer holidays and is proven to significantly improve children's reading confidence. It also gives families the chance to access books and lots of fun family activities in libraries throughout the Summer - all for free.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about adventures in nature and the great outdoors, and will launch on Saturday 13th July. All literacy co-ordinators will receive a letter and some publicity to promote the challenge. Please contact your local library if you would like to arrange a class visit or would like a member of library staff to deliver a SRC assembly in your school.



## Non-fiction choice

We have just received two lovely additions to our growing Flying Eye Books *Earth's Incredible Places* series collection.



## Dates for your diary

13th July-Summer Reading Challenge launches in North Tyneside Libraries  
7th - 18th July- Collections for schools

North Tyneside Schools Library  
Service is open Monday to Friday  
9am - 5pm

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