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	Neston Library Summer Reading Challenge	CE3/41

The Rural Locality Librarian has asked if Neston Town Council would consider funding two Summer Reading Challenge activities at Neston Library.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national initiative which encourages children to enjoy reading over the summer holidays. It aims to increase literacy levels, giving children a better start when returning to school in September.

Children can join the challenge from 9th July, where they get a collector's pack upon registration. They then receive stickers each time they read at least two books. Those who complete the challenge (6 books) receive a certificate and a medal. Each year there is a theme and libraries offer a wide range of free events and activities based around this theme. This year the theme is "Gadgeteers" and the Rural Locality Librarian is hoping to offer sessions which include science, digital, recycling, innovation and storytelling about gadgets. There will be a variety of competitions that the children can enter.

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- Animals Takeover – children will learn how clever animals can be, especially when it comes to finding food, and the tools that they use. Children also get to handle different type of animals - £80.
- Fun Science - Wacky Jackie will carry out mad experiments using all sorts of science gadgets - £100.

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