

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Winter Reading Challenge](#) at your local library!

### **What is the Winter Reading Challenge?**

The Winter Reading Challenge is a fun activity put together by Essex Library Service for children aged 0-11. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and to visit their local library.

They will join Lyra the penguin as she travels around the world with her magic book to find out more about endangered animals.

Children will complete 6 challenges (from a list of 12), and it's **FREE** to take part.

### **How can my child take part?**

Visit your [local library](#) to sign up. Your child will:

- Receive their Challenge folder
- Choose 6 challenges to complete (from a list of 12)
- Earn a sticker for each challenge they complete
- When they've complete 6 challenges they will receive a certificate and, whilst stocks last, they will also receive a packet of seeds and a free book from Penguin Books.
- Over the winter we will also be releasing videos about Lyra's journey so keep an eye on our YouTube Channel ([Youtube.com/essexlibraries](https://www.youtube.com/essexlibraries)) and social media channels (@EssexLibraries).

### **When?**

Throughout the winter from **25 November to 3 February**. Unsure where your closest library is - use the Essex Library Service [website](#) to check.

Head to your local library this winter and sign up! You can find out more about the challenge on the [library website](#) and if you have any questions, please ask staff in the library.

We look forward to seeing you!

Best wishes

**Essex Library Service**



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