

# Book Crawl at the library: information for parents and carers

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## What is Book Crawl?

Book Crawl is a scheme to reward young children with certificates when they visit a library to borrow books. Children up to the age of five can take part, and there are ten different certificates for them to collect, each of which has been illustrated by a well known children's artist, including Tony Ross, Lara Jones and Nick Sharratt.

## How does it work?

Just ask in your local library for a Book Crawl collector's card.

Every time children visit the library to borrow books they will be given a sticker. The stickers come in five different colours and children can choose which one they like best. When they have collected four stickers they will receive a certificate.

Children who collect the whole set of ten certificates are presented with a gold, sparkly Prizewinner certificate, and they can also choose either a Bookstart bear or a free book to take home as well.

## Why do it?

It is important for young children to enjoy sharing books at home. It helps them develop concentration and stimulates their imagination, as well as extending their language and listening skills. But most of all it is a great excuse to enjoy a cuddle together!

## Is there a follow on to Book Crawl?

Yes, children aged six years and over can begin Book Track, which encourages them to read books at home and then discuss them with library staff. They are given a personal folder in which to record the books they read, and they are rewarded with badges and stickers as incentives at key points along the way. For those who read 100 books, there is a gold badge and a certificate to acknowledge their achievement.

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