



Newsletter

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Information that matters for people who work in libraries

Summer Reading Challenge 2017 - the results are out

- 761,758 children took part in Animal Agents across the UK, an increase of 6,550 on 2016's total.
- 44% of them were boys.
- 7,763 Reading Hack volunteers aged 12 to 24 took part



And next year's theme is Mischief Makers - inspired by the iconic children's title **Beano**, which celebrates its 80th anniversary next year.

Read more on The Reading Agency website:
<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/summer-reading-challenge-2017-results.html>

Help for people living with dementia

Hillingdon libraries have installed the first Tovertafel in a public library. The device is a small box including a projector and sensors which uses light to stimulate interaction, via a series of fun activities.

Read more about the project: <https://tovertafel.com/>
and about Hillingdon's work:
<https://hillingdonlibraries.wordpress.com/>

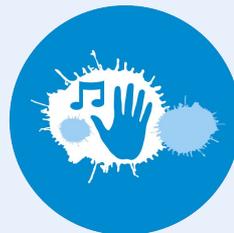
Libraries: Opportunities for Everyone (LOFE) Innovation Fund

Liverpool's '**Maker Difference**' project is underway with Maker clubs in libraries, new partnerships and lots of events held. This included the Wehearttech 'Culture Matters' project - 12 young people with disabilities were mentored to programme events in libraries.

Look out for news on 'Young Makefest' - planned for March 2018



Outcome: culture
Libraries Deliver:
cultural and creative
enrichment



The Society of Chief Librarians launched their culture offer in October. This new offer seeks to build on the excellent work already happening in library services to bring new and diverse cultural experiences to local communities. All activities will contribute to achieving the Outcome.

In libraries, people can experience performance and exhibitions, and learn new creative skills.

Read more: <http://goscl.com/culture-offer/>. The site includes the full brochure and films.

Do you have a story or suggestion of something that you would like to see here? **Email: librariestaskforce@culture.gov.uk**

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