

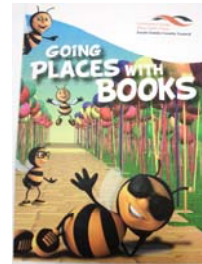
South Dublin Libraries Summer Reading Buzz 2012

South Dublin Libraries invited children in South Dublin to join in their Summer Reading Buzz for 2012. **Going Places with Books** aimed to inspire the children to read in the long summer break when reading skills can decline without the regular reading activity at school. The Summer Reading Buzz 2012 was for all children living and visiting South Dublin.

When children were registering to take part in the Buzz they were given a Summer Reading Buzz membership card and asked to enter their and library card number. Every time the children read a book, their Summer Reading Buzz card was stamped with a specially designed Bee stamp. When they had completed the card (i.e. read 10 books) the children simply handed the card into the library where it was entered into a draw for some fabulous prizes, including an eReader and a digital camera.



South Dublin Libraries also asked children to write to them and let them know where they were and what they are reading. They designed a postcard which they were asked to send from any interesting location, from sun soaked beaches to the Phoenix Park.



Our libraries supported the Summer Reading initiative and summer activities were organised around the theme of Bees, Buzzing and Reading. The picture shows Sarah with her plant and buzzy bee which she made during the summer activities programme in Clondalkin Library. Over 550 children throughout the County participated in the Summer Reading Buzz through our library network.

In addition many Summer Projects organised by schools and communities also participated and incorporated a visit from our Mobile Library into their activities.