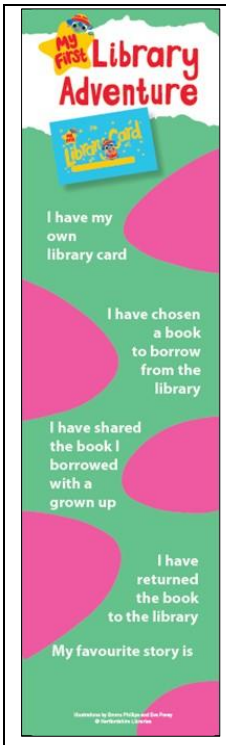
My First Library Adventure with Hertfordshire Libraries

Dear Parent / Carer

We are excited to invite your Reception child to join in with My First Library Adventure with Hertfordshire Libraries. By taking part, they can discover great books, enjoy their local library and be entered into a fantastic prize draw.

Taking part is easy! Your child needs to visit their local Hertfordshire library **twice before 19 December 2026**. They should bring their special **My First Library Adventure bookmark**, which they received at school. For each step of the Adventure they will collect a sticker on their bookmark.

How the My First Library Adventure works:





First visit to the library for stickers 1 & 2 -

Be, or become, a library member:

- If your child already has a library card in their name – they show it to a member of staff or library volunteer
- If they are not a member yet, your child can join the library. Please bring proof of your name & address

Take home books to read:

- choose and borrow one or more books
- ask a member of library staff or library volunteer for the first two stickers on the bookmark

At home: enjoy sharing the book(s) together

Second visit to the library for sticker 3 & 4 -

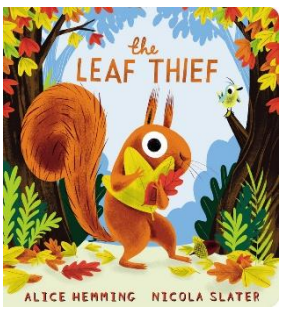
- return the book(s) to the library
- your child tells us about their favourite book
- enter the prize draw

Prize Draw

Hertfordshire Libraries are delighted to be working with author Alice Hemming and illustrator Nicola Slater, creators of the popular *The Leaf Thief* picture book series.

Children who complete their Library Adventure will be entered into a prize draw. Prizes include:

- 2 children winning a special whole-class visit to their local library for a read-and-draw-along session with Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater.
- 50 children winning a personalised book from *The Leaf Thief* series.



See the video about last year's My First Library Adventure promotion with Ged Adamson

Scan the QR code to find out more about the My First Library Adventure in 2025-26 and see the prize winners and their classmates enjoying a Read and draw-a-long with the author and illustrator Ged Adamson. (links to YouTube)

Why join the library?

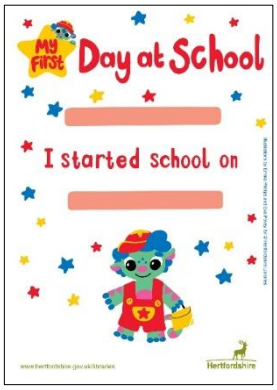


Children love to choose their own books, and it's free to join and borrow books from the library – just remember to bring them back on time or renew them if you want them for longer. Using the library regularly can help save money as you are borrowing and not buying, which is environmentally friendly too. Find out more at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/myfirst

You can find the addresses and opening times of all Hertfordshire Libraries at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

In your local library you will find hundreds of books to choose from so there is always something new to discover!

- picture books – to enjoy together
- beginning to read titles - to build your child's confidence as they learn to read
- information books – to spark their interest in learning about the world
- eBooks and eAudiobooks (including picture books) online and via the BorrowBox app – www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks



When you visit the library, please ask for a 'My First Day at School' certificate too. We look forward to presenting your child with theirs to celebrate this special milestone.

We look forward to seeing you at your local library soon.

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