The Summer Reading Club is led by State Library of Queensland in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association and Australian Public Library Alliance.
SECONDARY SCHOOL GREAT READS

Discover new worlds and a curiosity of creatures in these book titles. Cross them off as you go!
Share your reviews of these titles online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au

- The Magic Pudding by Norman Lindsay
- Black Cockatoo by Carl Merrison
- The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman
- Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve

- Hakea Hustler by Carl Merrison
- Tales of the Peculiar by Ransom Riggs
- Frogkisser by Garth Nix
- Loyal Creatures by Morris Gleitzman

- Pretty Monsters by Kelly Link
- The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler
- Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
- Neverwhere by Neil Gaiman

- Animorphs Series by K.A. Applegate
- Amulet Series by Kazu Kibuishi
- The Midnight Zoo by Sonya Hartnett
- In the Dark Spaces by Cally Black

- Ballard for a Mad Girl by Vikki Wakefield
- Gap Year in Ghost Town by Michael Pryor
- The Secret Science of Magic by Melissa Keil
- Downdrift by Johanna Drucker
DISCOVER NEW WORLDS!

Welcome to the SRC Secondary Activity Booklet—created with curious creatures in mind. Completing the activities in this booklet is just one way to participate in the 2018 Summer Reading Club Curious Creatures program this year. Be sure to join in the SRC action at your library and online!

At your library

☐ Sign up for your own library membership card.
☐ Borrow books from the great reads list.
☐ Collect a reading log.
☐ Visit your library all summer long.
☐ Ask your librarian for more information about animals, creatures and things that inspire curiosity.
☐ Participate in the SRC activities at your library to receive SRC themed incentives and prizes.*

* Note: Programs, activities and incentives delivered locally are provided at your library’s discretion. Check with your librarian or library’s ‘What’s On’ to find out what is on offer for you at your library this summer!

Summer Reading Club online
www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub

Please note:
Online activities are independent to the programs, activities and incentives that may be offered locally at your public library. Registration in the online program or logging books through the SRC website does not enter your child into library in-house competitions. Please visit with your librarian for participation guidelines for local library activities. For questions relating to online participation visit the SRC Website or contact the SRC Team at summerreadingclub@slq.qld.gov.au

FIGURE IT OUT?

Using only numbers 1 through 9, complete the equations so that the puzzle is true. Each number is only used once.

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DOUBLE PUZZLE

Unscramble each of the clue words. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to the other cells with the same number in the grid below to discover the hidden message. The clue words are all curious creatures.

RODCELCOI

BYABY

COADOBTIN

RAWSCAYSO

BONGOG HOMT

HUSLUPR CEDSERT TOCKOCOA

GTREA HITWE KARHS

DECIHNA

LYGNIF OXF

NAAGNO

AROOGNAK

RUABAKKOOR

RELDBYR

MUBTAN

FERLIDL DENKEC RADZIL

GONDUG

MAELE LOFW

CUCUSS

BINROWA TLREKEOI

LYBIB

TINMANSAA LIVDE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
COMPLETE THE PICTURE
Use the completed image as a guide to finish the picture below.
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Something is a little curious around here. One of these Lorikeets is not like the other. Can you spot the one that is different?
WORD SEARCH

Find all 46 of the hidden words. Words in the grid can be diagonal, forward, backward, up, and down.

FAWOJBTUMSTDDQEHKXGNSNZULCKXZGK
UKWKXLXGEPYEMVXJGOARBAOECMXTH
YLDLEKDKEFPKWICPSUSPICIONHIDVK
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Adventure
Anthropomorphic
Avenue
Awesome
Bizarre
Blinky Bill
Botanical
Burrow
Bush
Camouflage
Creatures
Cuddlepie
Curiosities
Den
Detective
Discovery
Dreamtime
Exploration
Explore
Fantastic
Fantastic Beasts
Flora
Foliage
Forest
Generations
Geology
Hunch
Instinct
Investigate
Investigation
Journey
Landscape
Legend
Megafauna
Microscopic
Mythical
Nest
Ocean
Paranormal
Snugglepott
Soundscape
Strange
Suspicion
Unusual
Weird
Zoological
CROSSWORD

Use the clues and titles from the Secondary Great Reads list to solve the crossword puzzle. The list is available for download from the Summer Reading Club website.

Across

2. The rescue of her totem animal leads to the discovery of personal inner strength.

4. This Australian classic details the adventures of one cheeky koala.

6. This featured title is authored by the Australian Children’s Laureate for 2018-19.

9. Ransom Riggs continues to perpetuate intrigue with this new collection of original stories and peculiar tales.

12. Set in inner-city Melbourne this ghost-hunting tale is filled with curiosity and adventure.

13. In this eco-tale animals mutate, taking on human characteristics and behaviours.

14. In this series, five children inherit incredible powers enabling them to transform into the animals they touch.

15. The discovery of an abandoned zoo leads to a curious adventure.

Down

1. A classic Australian tale about the ultimate ‘all you can eat’ dessert.

3. In this series mobile cities engage in curious combat for survival in a post-apocalyptic future.

5. This curious tale is filled with talking dogs, mischievous wizards, an evil stepfather and loads and loads of toads.


8. After checking into this book, you won’t want to check out!

10. This story within a story tells the tale of a book of the same name owned by one Mortimer Folchest.

11. This story of discovery involves a star freighter, space alien kidnappers and an impossible choice. Curious?
A-MAZE-ING ADVENTURES
Help our Curious Creature find its way out of the maze.

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FILL IN A WORD
Are you up for a challenge? Fit all the Fantastical Beasts from the list below into the grid!

Crup  Occamys  Demiguise  Acromantula
Hodag  Unicorn  Erumpents  Bowtruckles
Nundus  Nifflers  Puffskein  Snallygaster
Centaur  Streeler  Wampuscat  Swoopingevil
Kneazle  Thestral  Hidebehind  Hornedserpent
Murtlap  Werewolf  Runnespoor

Visit Pottermore online to learn more about these curious creatures.
Got to: https://www.pottermore.com/collection/creatures-fantastic-beasts
READY, SET, REBUS!

Can you solve these visual word puzzles? It will require thinking outside the box. Use the clues below to guide your sleuthing.

CRACKING THE CODE

Rebus pictures are often made with letters, numbers or images, to cryptically represent a word, phrase or saying.

The following clues are the main ways a Rebus puzzle might be encrypted:

1. **Position** – how are the words sitting
2. **Highlighting** – an arrow, underlining or bolded text may suggest where to look for a clue.
3. **Direction** – when a word is spelt in a particular direction other than left-to-right it is usually a clue.
4. **Size** – large words or small words are often used to suggest concepts like big, small, skinny, etc.
5. **Numbers** – numbers or frequency of words can be a clue for their word equivalent, e.g. 2 = too
6. **Colour** – sometimes a Rebus might have words or symbols in colour. Expect the colour to be a clue to solving the puzzle.
7. **Style** – the style of the font is sometimes relevant. It might represent words such as tall, slanted, bold, etc.
8. **Sound** – sometimes a Rebus will have to do with sound. Though the sound might not be exact, it will be close enough to recognize, e.g. 2222 DAY = (2s, day) or Tuesday.
9. **Image** – if a puzzle has an image it will definitely form part or most of the clue.

These clues have been surmised from Rebuses.co. For more help visit [https://www.rebuses.co/how-to-solve-a-rebus-puzzle/](https://www.rebuses.co/how-to-solve-a-rebus-puzzle/)
CURIOUS QUESTIONS

Grab some friends and give these ‘Would you rather’ curious questions a go!
Two cards have been left empty for you to create your own questions.

WOULD YOU RATHER
Always be ten minutes late
OR
always be twenty minutes early?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Be able to see one year into your
own future OR
one year into the future of
anyone but yourself

WOULD YOU RATHER
Be able to teleport anywhere
OR
be able to read people’s minds?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Be able to control fire
OR
control water?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Have hands that kept growing as
you got older OR
feet that began to shrink as you
got older?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Know the history of every object
you touched
OR
be able to talk to animals?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Aliens making first contact with
earth be robotic
OR
organic?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Own a flying carpet
OR
a car that can drive underwater?

WOULD YOU RATHER
There was an ongoing water
balloon fight in your city
OR
an ongoing food fight?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Wake up to find a random animal
appendage has replaced your
non-dominant arm OR
permanently replace your bottom half
with an animal bottom of your choice?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Have edible spaghetti hair that
regrows each morning
OR
sweat maple syrup?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Live in a giant desert
OR
a giant dessert?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Be covered in fur
OR
covered in scales?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Be able to fly
OR
be invisible?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Have to always enter rooms
backwards OR
have to always exit rooms by
somersault?

WOULD YOU RATHER
Have a unicorn horn
OR
a platypus bill?
1. Eating chocolate causes acne?
2. If a piece of paper was folded 45 times, it would reach the moon?
3. Black holes aren't black?
4. The country of Russia has a larger surface area than the planet Pluto?
5. Oxford University is older than the Aztec Empire?
6. Pirates wore eye patches so they could see better in the dark?
7. The Great Wall of China can be seen with the unaided eye from space?
8. Mammoths still roamed the Earth when the Great Pyramid was built?
9. There are more stars in space than grains of sand on every beach in the world?
10. There are more fake flamingos in the world than real ones?
11. Cracking your knuckles too much will give you arthritis?
12. Going out with wet hair increases your chances of catching a cold?
13. Chewing gum takes seven years for a person to digest?
14. An octopus has three hearts?
15. Carrots help you see in the dark?
16. It rains diamonds on Saturn and Jupiter?
17. Shaving makes hair grow back faster?
18. Bananas grow on trees?
19. For every human on Earth there are 1.6 million ants?
20. Sugar makes children hyper?
SOLUTIONS

Figure it Out p1

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Double Puzzle p2

Crocodile
Yabby
Bandicoot
Cassowary
Bogong Moth
Sulphur Crested Cockatoo
Great White Shark
Echidna
Flying Fox
Goanna
Kangaroo
Kookaburra
Lyrebird
Numbat
Frilled Necked Lizard
Dugong
Malee Wolf
Cuscus
Rainbow Lorikeet
Bilby
Tasmanian Devil

Solution: Curious Creatures all around!

Spot the Difference p4

The circled Lorikeet has no right foot!

Wordsearch p5

Across

1. The Magic Pudding
2. Black Cockatoo
3. Mortal Engines
5. Frog Kisser
7. Pretty Monsters
8. The Nothing There Hotel
10. Inkheart
11. In the Dark Spaces

Down

1. The Magic Pudding
4. Blinky Bill
6. Loyal Creatures
9. Tales of the Peculiar
12. Gap Year in Ghost Town
13. Downdrift
14. Animorphs
15. The Midnight Zoo

Crossword p6

Across

2. Black Cockatoo
3. Mortal Engines
5. Frog Kisser
7. Pretty Monsters
8. The Nothing There Hotel
10. Inkheart
11. In the Dark Spaces

Down

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14. Animorphs
15. The Midnight Zoo

A-maze-ing Adventures p7

Fill in a Word p8

Ready, Set, Rebus! p9

True or False p11

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. False
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I can’t stop raving about:

Book title: 

Author: 

Illustrator: 

This book was about: 

I loved: 

Who should read this book? 

Now I’m reading: 

Rave by: 

Name: 

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Take your completed Book Rave to your local library or share online, by scanning and sending it to www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub/your-postings/post-to-the-gallery
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