



Get the library habit in 2008 – the Year of Reading

We invite you to visit any of our libraries in Somerset. You may be joining for the first time, reviving your membership or just continuing to make good use of the library. Whichever it is, **please come in and borrow before the end of March 2008** to ensure that you are eligible for the prize draw to be held in early April. As an active library borrower, you will automatically be entered into the prize draw and could win a **£500 first prize or one of five £100 prizes**.

Did you know that, as a library member :

- you have access to well over 2 million books, talking books, DVDs and music CDs, printed music and drama scripts through Somerset's membership of a regional consortium
- you can contact a librarian with enquiries 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- children can request books free of charge
- you can renew your loans or request items 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- you have access to free information online via the Libraries website – newspapers, journals, encyclopaedias, biographical information, British Standards, music (e.g. Grove Music Online) are just of the few of the subjects available at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries
- babies can have their own library ticket from day one
- you can save time on registering as a borrower by joining online at www.librarieswest.org.uk ('Join the Library' page)

There will be information about local events for the National Year of Reading on the "news and events" section of the Libraries' website www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries. Look out for author events, reading makeovers, the Summer Reading Challenge and Great Reading Adventure – and more.

So, we hope that you will encourage all the family to visit and enjoy all that your library has to offer - we look forward to seeing you.

If you need any further information, please phone us on 0845 3459177

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