

## Summer Reading Challenge 2013 and Chatterbooks Reading Groups

### Information sheet for libraries and local CU staff

The Children's University Trust (CU Trust) is delighted to be continuing as a partner of the Reading Agency and to have the Summer Reading Challenge 2013 as one of its nationally validated learning activities. All libraries operating the scheme in England, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man will become recognised Children's University (CU) *Learning Destinations*, and all Children's University *Passport To Learning* holders will be able to gain stamps in their learning passports for taking part in the scheme. This year we are particularly pleased to be able to include Chatterbooks reading groups as part of the Learning Passport, as a year round activity complementing the Summer Reading Challenge.

### How it works

#### Chatterbooks

Children aged 5-12 can attend weekly, fortnightly or monthly sessions at their local library sharing reading experiences and taking part in creative activities. The precise format of activities is decided locally and CU managers can agree the allocation of time to the learning Passport within the nationally agreed parameters.

#### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge 2013 will again be organised locally by public library services who buy the resources and run it in their libraries, working closely with schools and other partners in the area.

Children aged 4 to 11 years (or aged 5 to 11 years for Children's University) are invited to read 6 books over the course of the summer holiday. They join at their local library and a summer reading challenge pack gets them started. There are stickers and rewards to collect along the way, with a certificate and often a medal if they read 6 books.

This year the theme for the Challenge is *Creepy House*, illustrated by Chris Riddell. An interactive website will launch in June, where children can record the books they've read, select their next reads from the Book Sorter, and chat about favourite books and reading experiences. The Summer Reading Challenge promotes libraries as inspirational places, where library staff offer children invaluable advice and support for their reading.

#### How the Children's University *Passport To Learning* works with the Summer Reading Challenge

Children can take their passport to their local library and have it stamped for 1 hour of Children's University learning per book – so up to 6 hours of Children's University learning if they read all 6 books. In addition, they could earn up to a further 4 hours if they complete the extension activities or any specially organised local activities.

#### How the Children's University *Passport to Learning* works with Chatterbooks Reading groups

Initially, children can include up to five hours of this time in their passports. This may be increased in negotiation with the local CU manager, depending on the balance of other activities in their passport.

## Note to library staff and local CU Managers

All libraries can download the official Children's University *Learning Destination* logo electronically for display directly from the Reading Agency website. The library will print and display the logo in accordance with our branding guidelines.

It will be the responsibility of the local CU manager to ensure that all participating libraries in their area are uploaded to the CU website as public Learning Destinations.

It will be the responsibility of the children to present their passports for stamping/signature. This can be done at regular intervals for Chatterbooks Reading Clubs, and/or when the children receive their certificates for the Summer Reading Challenge.

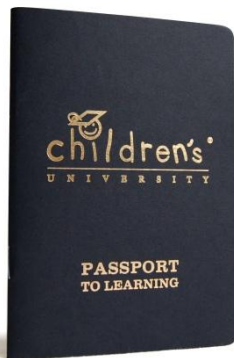
It will be the responsibility of the library staff to ensure that children's passports are stamped to reflect the hours agreed below:

### Chatterbooks Reading Groups

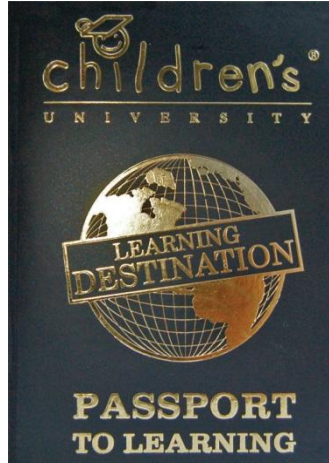
- Initially up to 5 hours in total for each CU award level (additional time may be negotiated at the discretion of the local CU manager)

### Summer Reading Challenge

- 1 hour per book read, maximum total of 6 hours for 6 books read;
- Extension activities for the scheme – a maximum of 2 additional hours;
- Additional, locally organised activities for the scheme – a maximum of 2 hours;
- Total maximum for the full scheme 10 hours.



*Passport To Learning*



*Learning Destination poster*