

Year of Reading Projects - I

Project	Partner	Audience	Locality
Parent Ambassadors	ACL	Adults/parents/carers	Basildon, Colchester, Harlow, Tendring
Looked after children	Involvement Service	Children in care/children who interact with Social Care Services	Countywide
Reading promotion in youth centres	Youth Services	Young people	Countywide
Wayback Reading Reminiscence	Partnership delivery	Children/young people/older adults	Nineteen schools across the county
Archie's Adventures			Primary schools across the county
Care home/school partnerships			Fifty schools envisioned
Dementia cafes	Partnership delivery/Essex libraries	Children/young people/older adults	Harwich. Manningtree and Frinton under consideration initially
Reading for children in receipt of alternative education	Specialist Education Services	Children	Countywide
School workshops	Virtual school	Children under corporate responsibility	Countywide
Library card for every Essex child	Essex Libraries	Parents and children	Countywide
Author visits to libraries			
Author in residence			
Winter reading challenge			
Year of Reading App	Anspear technology	Parents/children/teachers/everyone	Countywide
Early Reading project	Essex Child and Family Welfare Service (with libraries and ACL)	Parents/young children	Pilots in Laindon and Basildon, rolling out across ECFWS hubs countywide

Year of Reading Projects - II

Project	Partner	Audience	Locality
Raising Early Achievement in Literacy Phonological Awareness Working Group Communication Friendly Settings Programme	ECC Early Years	Early Years children/parents	Countywide
Herts for Learning training programme Reading Fluency Programme Training Reading Comprehension Programme Training Thinking Reading	Essex Education Task Force Reading Working group (four seconded teachers from across the county)	Teachers	Countywide
Writing and poetry competitions	Comms and Marketing/Education Directorate	Everyone in Essex	Countywide
Reading in unusual places social media challenge	Comms and Marketing	Everyone in Essex	Countywide
Queen's Platinum Jubilee reading celebrations	Lord Lieutenant of Essex and Deputy Lord Lieutenants	Primary school children (mainly)	Countywide
Reading Promotion	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	Schools and the community	Countywide
Essex Literacy and Literacy Difficulties course	Educational Psychologists	Children and young people	Countywide

Essex Year of Reading – Successes and Legacy

Multiple cross council initiatives delivered including:

- Library card for every child (150K cards delivered)
- Extensive programme of teacher CPD (Reading fluency – 4 trainers trained, Year 1, 96 schools trained so far impacting approx 600 pupils and will be ongoing)
- Large range of author visits including Michael Rosen (1000 children at MR event)
- Parent ambassadors in conjunction with ACL (2 Ambassadors, 60 volunteers, 600 parents onto courses etc),
- Memory cafes alongside library children's events
- Literacy corner in every library (74 libraries)
- Year of Reading app including stories, teaching materials and signposts to other resources
- Intergenerational poetry publication

Hailed as an excellent example of non-siloed working
Lasting collaborations built

