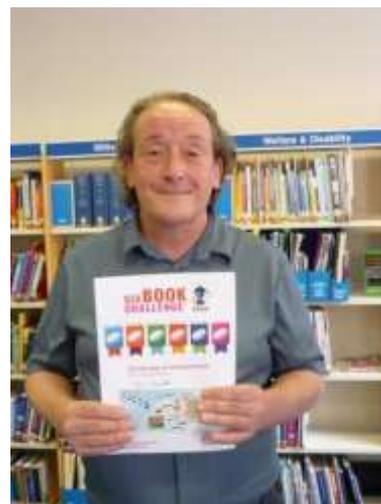


## Warrington Wolves fan completes Six Book Challenge

Jobseeker Paul Bennett, 55, went back to college in Warrington to improve his English skills last September. Since then he's completed the Rugby League World Cup Six Book Challenge, spurred on by the chance to be entered into a prize draw for RLWC2013 tickets.

"I've been studying Entry Level 3 English. I've been unemployed for three years and I wanted to improve my job applications. I did OK at school, leaving with seven CSEs (as they used to be called) including maths and English. But I wasn't confident about my reading or writing. I was bullied and so I never really got the chance to read much; I couldn't concentrate. But once I was working - I went straight from school into a job with British Rail - I used to read the *Daily Mail* each day from back to front, and do the crossword.



"I've enjoyed being back at college; it's been interesting and I'm in a good class of students who are all in the same boat and want to learn. When someone from the college library came to tell us about the Six Book Challenge, and said that anyone could sign up, I was all for it straight away.

"One of the big attractions was that the college was entering people who completed the Challenge into a prize draw for Rugby League World Cup 2013 tickets. I'm a big Warrington Wolves fan, and some of the matches are due to be held at their stadium. I also liked the idea of reading alongside the rugby league players who have got involved themselves with the Six Book Challenge. It gives you an added incentive to know that they are doing it too - after all, they can't play rugby all their lives, and like all of us, they'll need other skills too!

"It's a long time since I've sat down and read a book, but I read mainly Quick Reads short stories to complete the Challenge. I like mystery and history stories, so I read books on Sherlock Holmes and Henry VIII.

"The Six Book Challenge helped me get back into reading, and I was really proud of myself for doing it. Now I'm also doing a reading challenge at my local library, and I'm reading a book about Wayne Rooney. I'll definitely keep reading, because it helps me to relax - it takes your mind off things when you get into a story."

To find out more about running the Six Book Challenge visit [www.readingagency.org.uk/adults](http://www.readingagency.org.uk/adults) or see our new website for adult literacy learners at [www.readingagency.org.uk/sixbookchallenge](http://www.readingagency.org.uk/sixbookchallenge)



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