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separate plan to improve lighting George Green, at a cost of £10,000, a similar response from council.

Mr Nolan added: "I am appalled. It should be centrally funded. It's outrageous that we have contributed £100 for CCTV and safety, in the 11 Street, then we are asked to come up with £40,000 for lighting."

The George Green plan would see new columns along Cambridge Road costing £10,000 and the replacement of columns on the green costing £100. Again officers suggested the committee fund the new columns out of its own budget.

Mr Allan Burgess said the placing of some of these lights would also have to be re-examined as he said the current scheme would leave large areas of the green in the dark still.

The calls for improved lighting have come after a spate of muggings and attacks in the Wanstead area, including around the two greens late at night.

Both schemes have been sent to the council's cabinet with a request that funding be drawn from other sources.

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**READ ALL ABOUT IT:** Young bookworms at Woodford Green Library celebrate completing the Redbridge reading challenge (J5R0069)



**VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY:** Hainault librarian Jude Rowsell with youngsters Emma Edwards, nine, Laura Edwards, six, Daisy Goldsmith, 12, and Jamie Stimpson, seven, who earned certificates of achievement (K5R131)

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## A voyage of discovery

THE long summer holidays saw more than 1,800 children in Redbridge head down to their local libraries and embark on the national reading voyage.

The scheme for four to 12-year-olds encourages youngsters to read children's books and write reviews of those which have an impact on them.

At Woodford Green Library in Snakes Lane West, a chart on the wall marked children's progress with each being assigned their own ship which sailed a little further with every completed book.

Librarian Alison King said: "The national challenge has been going for eight or nine years but Redbridge has

had its own thing for 30 years, and one of the things we do is encourage them to read a wide variety of books so they don't stick to one author or genre, and that's the fantastic thing about it."

At Hainault Library in Manford Way, children's author Alan Durant stopped by to sign copies of his books and present the young bookworms with certificates of achievement, while at South Woodford Library in High Road children who read 24 books or reviewed 12 will be invited to a party on Saturday, October 8.

The party will also see the creation of a collage to marking their achievement, which will be displayed in the children's library.

## Trains out of action for weekend

THE Central line between Hainault and Woodford will be suspended on Saturday and Sunday.

Grange Hill are advised to travel via Hainault and those travelling to or from Chigwell or Roding Valley should