

Winter Reading Challenge

Are you ready to take the Winter Reading Challenge? This challenge gives you a great excuse to make a cup of hot chocolate and cozy up with a good book. This is all you have to do to join in the fun:

Between December 1st and February 28th, try to complete as many of the reading tasks as you can. That is 90 days of reading bliss! Whether you complete one task or all twenty, you are invited to join us at the library on the final day (Monday, February 28), from 5:30-7:30, to discuss our challenge books, eat sweets, and win prizes. This challenge is designed to give you the opportunity to discover new books, authors, and genres, so have fun and broaden your reading horizons.

Tasks:

- #1: The stores are decked out in red and green for the holidays. Read a book with a predominantly red or green cover.
- #2: We spend a lot of time with friends and family during the holidays. Ask a friend or family member for a book recommendation and read the book they suggest.
- #3: Read a book by an author whose last name starts with the same letter as your last name.
- #4: The librarians choose their favorite reads on our website and on Facebook. Read a librarian's pick of the month from our website or one of our choices from our Recommendation Wednesdays on Facebook.
- #5: December 10 is National Dewey Decimal System Day. Read a non-fiction book.
- #6: January is National Blood Donors Month. Read a book with the word "blood" or "give" or "save" or "lives/life" in the title.
- #7: It's the New Year and time for new beginnings. Read the first book in a series.
- #8: In honor of the NEW year, read a book from one of the NEW shelves at the library.
- #9: January 6th is National Cuddle Up Day. Grab a hot cocoa and a blanket and read any book your little heart desires.
- #10: Read a book from one of the Illinois Awards Lists for Children and Teens: Monarch, Blue Stem, Rebecca Caudill, or Lincoln.
- #11: It's 2022! Read a book with a 2 word title.
- #12: Judge a book by its cover. Choose a book based only on the appeal of its cover. Don't look inside to find out what it's about, just take it home and read it.

#13: February is Black History Month. Read a book by an African-American author.

#14: Valentine's Day! Eat some chocolate while you read a book with a title that begins with "L" or "O" or "V" or "E".

#15: Read a Goodreads Choice Winner or nominee from whichever category you like the best, or if you're feeling bold, read one from a category you wouldn't normally choose.

#16: It's awards season. Read a book that has been made into a movie or TV show.

#17: Revisit your childhood. Read a picture book (new or old) from the children's library.

#18: Pick up a copy of the of the BookPage book review magazine at our library. Choose any book from inside and read it.

#19: Read a book you've had on your shelf at home but haven't read yet. (If you don't have one at home, check one out that you've been intending to read.)

#20: Read a new-to-you book by an author you have enjoyed in the past.

(Have a question or need help with a task? Email kgulley@harrisburglibrary.org or call 253-7455 and ask for Krys.)

Have Fun! Don't forget to keep track of the books you have read that correspond to the tasks. Don't use the same book for more than one task!

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