

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 25th, try to complete as many of the reading tasks as you can. That is 86 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 (Saturday, February 25th), from 1:00-3:00, 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: An easy one to get started: Read any book you want to read.
- #2: From Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, we do a lot of eating. (I do anyway.) Read a book with food on the cover OR with any kind of food name in the title.
- #3: December 10 is National Dewey Decimal System Day. Read a non-fiction book.
- #4: On December 18, 1966, the cartoon adaptation of Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* was aired on CBS for the first time. Read a book with a predominantly green cover in honor of the Grinch.
- #5: The Winter Solstice is December 21st. This marks the day with the shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. Read a book with the word "winter" or "night" or "dark" or "short" or "long" in the title.
- #6: I'm dreaming of a White Christmas. Read a book with "snow" or "cold" or "white" or "Christmas" in the title OR a book that has a snowy winter scene on the cover.
- #7: January 1st! Read the 1st 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 5 is National Bird Day. Read a book with a picture of a bird on the cover OR the word "bird" or any bird name (robin, nightingale, canary, etc) in the title.
- #10: The first Beatles album was released in the United States in January 1964 and Beatlemania ensued. Choose a book whose title contains a word from one of your favorite Beatles songs. For example, I love "Here Comes the Sun" so I could read *Midnight Sun* by Jo Nesbo or *Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis for "I've Just Seen a Face."
- #11: It's 2023! Read a book with a 3 word title.

- #12: Choose a book from any display at the library and read it.
- #13: February is Black History Month. Read a book by a Black author.
- #14: Valentine's Day! Eat some chocolate while you read a book whose author's last name begins with "H" or "E" or "A" or "R" or "T."
- #15: February 20th is National Love Your Pet Day. Read a book with an animal on the cover OR an animal name in the title.
- #16: Read a book that has been made into a movie or TV show.
- #17: Pick up a copy of the BookPage book review magazine at our library. Choose any book from inside and read it.
- #18: Revisit your childhood. Read a picture book (new or old) from the children's library.
- #19: Is your "To Read" list as long as mine? Read a book from your pile and check it off your list!
- #20: We have a lovely book at the library called *Bibliophile*. Thumb through it to look at the lovely illustrations and then choose any book from inside to read.

(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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