

## Winter Reading Challenge 2024-2025

*Are you ready to take the Winter Reading Challenge (WRC)? This challenge gives you a great excuse to make a cup of hot chocolate and cozy up with a good book. Here's what you do:*

*Between December 2nd and February 24th, try to complete as many of the reading tasks as you can. There will be a finale party on Monday, February 24, 2025, where we will discuss what we read, have some snacks, and win prizes! Read all 20 or just one, you are still invited to join us at the finale party. This challenge is designed to give you the opportunity to discover new books, authors, and genres, so have fun and broaden your horizons.*

### **Tasks:**

#1 - An easy one to start: Read any book you want!

#2 - Use the WRC cootie catcher at the library on the WRC Display to find a book! (There are directions on the display.)

#3 - "A Christmas Carol" was published on December 19, 1843. Read a book with CHRISTMAS or CAROL or GHOST in the title, or involves time travel.

#4 - Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Hoping for a white Christmas, let's read a book with snow on the cover or SNOW in the title.

#5 - Welcome 2025 - read a book with 5 words in the title.

#6 - Library Shelfie Day is January 22nd. Read a book from your personal library shelf that has been on your TBR (to be read) list.

#7 - 90 years ago on January 11, 1935, American aviator Amelia Earhart became the first person to make a solo flight from Hawaii to California, USA. Read a book with an airplane on the cover.

#8 - Happy NEW Year! Read a book from one of the library's NEW shelves.

#9 - January 15th is National Hat Day. Read a book that has a person wearing a hat on the cover or has HAT in the title.

#10 - We all do it – read a book you picked based on the cover.

#11 - 75 years ago on January 21, 1950, author George Orwell died. Orwell was actually a pen name; his real name was Eric Arthur Blair. He is best known for his classic novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. Read a dystopian novel or a book written under a pen name.

#12 - Time to meet someone new! Read a biography, memoir, or autobiography.

#13 - February is Black History Month - read a book by a Black author.

#14 - Presidents Day is February 17. Read a fiction or nonfiction book about a president or the presidency as a whole.

#15 - Pick up a copy of the BookPage book review magazine from the library and read a book listed inside.

#16 - Thomas Edison's birthday is February 11. Read a book with the word LIGHT or ELECTRIC in the title.

#17 - Valentine's Day! Read a book by an author whose last name begins with H or E or A or R or T.

#18 - Happy birthday to you (early or late or right on time)! Read a book published in the decade you were born.

#19 - Choose a book from any display in the library to read.

#20 - Read a Goodreads Choice Winner or nominee from the category of your choice.  
([goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com))

*Have a question or need help with a task? Email [ewhitlock@harrisburglibrary.org](mailto:ewhitlock@harrisburglibrary.org) or call 618-253-7455 and ask for Evan. Have fun and 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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