

2018 Winter Reading Challenge Information

This year, the Winter Reading Challenge is designed to look like your class schedule. There are a variety of ways to participate in the challenge this year, at a variety of different levels. Here are the different “levels” of participation, and rewards you can earn for your participation:

Easy

1 class within a cycle day (1 book): bookmark

2 classes within a cycle day (2 books): choice of 5 extra credit points on an assignment of your choice OR your choice of seat during a regular library class

3 classes within a cycle day (3 books): Earn a Free Reading Friday during one 3rd trimester library class

Medium

4 classes within a cycle day (4 books): dress down day and invitation to “lunch in the library” party

5 or 6 classes within a cycle day (5 or 6 books): dress down day, invitation to “lunch in the library” party, and a free book

ALL of the Math, Science, or Foreign Language Classes within the cycle (6 books): dress down day, invitation to “lunch in the library” party, and a free book

Hard

Complete any of the options below for a dress down day, invitation to “lunch in the library” party, free book, and an extra 100 project grade during the 3rd trimester:

- a. One full cycle day of the schedule (5-6 books plus activities)
- b. ALL of the Period 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 classes for the cycle (7-8 books plus activities)
- c. ALL of the English OR History classes within the cycle (8 books)

Extra Super Challenging

2 or more full days of the cycle (10-12 books plus activities): see me for special, secret prize

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do all of the books I read have to fit into a certain category?

A: Yes.

Q: Why can't I just pick and choose from all over the sheet for my 2, 3, or 4 books?

A: Because I said so.

Q: What is a Twitter book review?

A: A review of a book that is 280 characters or less. Also, I will post these reviews on the library's Twitter account.

Q: What is Bookface Friday?

A: When you use a book cover to replace your face (or other body part, depending on the cover). See here for some examples: <http://www.literaryhoots.com/2016/07/bookface-friday-in-library.html>

Q: What is the find-a-book challenge?

A: Each week, I will have a question that requires you to use your library skills (catalog and/or physical organization of the library) to locate a particular book in the library. If you are able to correctly identify and locate the book, you win!

Q: What is the weekly book trivia question?

A: Each week, I will have a reading-related trivia question posted in the library. If you answer it correctly, you can check that box off of your challenge sheet.

Q: What is a WRC library activity?

A: In addition to just reading, I would like to have some book-related events during the Winter Reading Challenge. These have not been scheduled yet, but will include things like a book trivia competition, watching a movie based on a book, etc. They will take place during different Middle School free periods, including lunch, break, and after school.

Q: Can I earn house points for participating in the Winter Reading Challenge?

A: While reading books themselves will not earn points for your house, you can earn points for some of the other activities on the Winter Reading Challenge sheet. Whether or not you want to participate in the challenge, you may want to complete some of these activities because you think they sound interesting, or to earn points for your house. Here are some of the things for which you can earn points:

- write a Twitter book review: 3 points
- ask a book-related question during MM trivia: 2 points
- create fan art for a book you read: 10 points
- create a playlist for a character: 5 points
- complete the find-a-book challenge: 3 points
- answer book trivia correctly: 2 points
- take a selfie or bookface Friday photo: 3 points
- participate in a WRC library activity: 15 points

And, as always, any books you check out from the library are worth 1 point, and any review you write for the catalog are worth 5 points.

Q: How am I supposed to find books that fit the different categories?

A: Great question! At the end of this document, you will find links to a variety of resources that will help you find books for certain categories. Additionally, I will be making some lists to help you with some of the categories, and I will include a link to those lists at the end of this document as well.

Q: Can I count books I've already read for the challenge?

A: No.

Q: What if I am in the middle of a book, and I finish reading the book during the challenge?

A: If you finish the book during the challenge, you can count it toward one of the categories.

Q: Can I read a picture book to complete the challenge?

A: All books should be MIDDLE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE.

Q: When does the challenge begin and end?

A: The challenge will begin on Monday, January 22nd, and end on Friday, March 16th. This gives you 8 full weeks to complete the challenge. Please return your sheet by the end of the day (3:20pm) on Friday, March 16th. If you are in 7th grade, you may give me the trip before you leave for the DC trip on March 13th, or email me a picture of your completed sheet.

Q: What if I have a question that isn't answered here?

A: You can ask me!

Resources

[2017 Amelia Bloomer List](#)

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[2017 Rainbow Book List](#)

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[Printz Award & Honor Books](#)

[Morris Award Winners](#)

[Margaret A. Edwards Award Winners](#)

[Ms. Glass's Book Lists](#)