

All-Year Reading Challenge

From the Berlin-Peck Memorial Library

Frequently Asked Questions

Don't see your question here? Feel free to ask a Librarian at the Adult Reference Desk!

Challenges

Why are there three different challenges?

Variety! You can pick whichever one is the most fun for you. They all work the same way: read five books, get a pin.

Do I need all three?

Nope! We suggest you pick just one to focus on.

Can I switch challenges or do more than one?

Yes! Just remember: you can only record a book ONCE across all three challenges. Once a book is checked off, and you've received a pin, you can't use it again (that's cheating!)

Do I need to complete the whole page?

Nope! But we will be very impressed if you do.

Books

Date Read

Please only include books that you started reading this year.

Format

YES, you can count audiobooks, ebooks, and graphic novels.
NO, you cannot count magazines, movies, or television.

Length

There is no restriction on page length or word count.
We encourage you to branch out and explore poetry, graphic novels, short stories, novellas, short non-fiction, and other forms of literature.

Reading Level

There is no restriction on reading level.
Every adult should feel comfortable participating, regardless of their reading level.

We do ask that you read within your own reading level and only include books that you read for yourself. Do not include books that you are reading to someone else.

I found a novella that's ALSO about food AND has a bird on the cover AND it's set in Appalachia!

Can I use it to complete multiple reading prompts?

Nope! You can only use each book once.



The Form

What's the 'Library Use' box?

That's the box we use to check off books when we give out pins. Please don't write in it.

Do I really have to know which day I finished the book?

Nope! If you prefer, you can put a check mark or X in the box. This box just tells us you've finished the book.

I lost my form!

That's alright; we'll give you a new one.

Try to rewrite it the best you can and check off any books for which you've already received pins. Count your pins to help remember how many books you've checked off.

Participation and Prizes

Is there an age limit?

Technically, no, there is not an age limit.

With that said, this challenge was designed for adult readers and adult (or young adult) books.

It's probably not suitable (or fun) for children. The pin prizes are also sharp and unsuitable for children. Teens and young adults are welcome to participate.

Can I participate online?

Unfortunately, no. This challenge is in-person only.

If you have questions about curbside pickup or our homebound service, please contact us.

Do I need to visit weekly/monthly/etc. to pick up my pins?

Nope! You can visit as often (or seldom) as you'd like. Some readers prefer to get their pins immediately, while others wait until the end of the year and get their pins all at once.

Will you mail the pins?

No, we do not mail contest prizes.

Further Questions

Give us a call!

Call the Adult Reference Desk at 860-828-7126 during library hours.

Send us an email!

Email us at library@berlinpeck.org and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

If you have a time-sensitive question, please call.