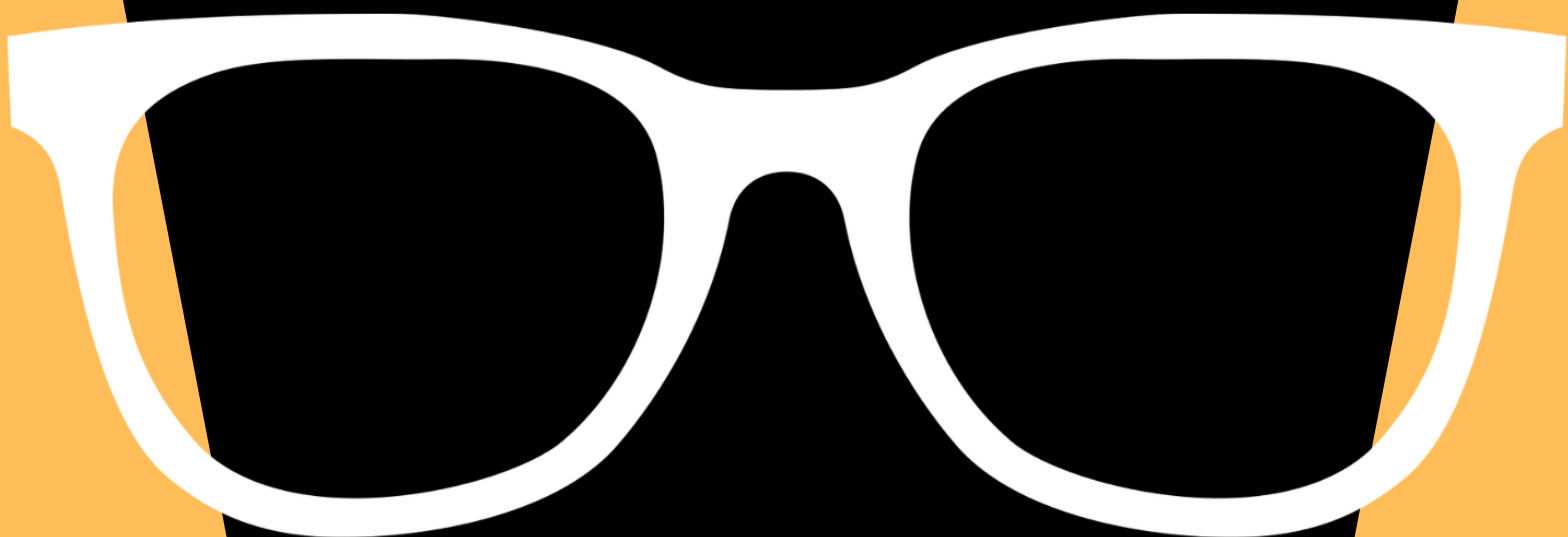


penticton public library presents

ULTIMATE BOOK NERD

YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGE



TEENS
JAN-DEC 2023

**READ.
RECORD.
REPEAT.**

HOW IT WORKS:

REGISTER

online and pick up your Ultimate Book Nerd Welcome Package at the Library

READ

a book from 25 of the different categories

RECORD

the books you read in each category

ROCK

your Ultimate Book Nerd Prize Swag when you've completed the challenge!

THE CATEGORIES

Read a book for 25 (one every 2 weeks) of the following categories. One book per category (no doubling up!)

Not sure what to read for each category? Ask a library staff member!

Note: this year, teens can also opt to challenge themselves to read 50 books and complete all the categories, but only 25 are required for a prize.

- A book with food on the cover
- A book about witches, wizards, or magic
- A book with a number in the title
- A book about the outdoors
- A book from any display in the library
- An author's debut novel (first book)
- A retelling of a fairy tale (twisted or not)
- A book published in 2022 or 2023
- A book that was adapted into a TV show or movie
- A book that features a physical or magical transformation
- A book that has a main character who is cursed
- A mystery
- A book that tackles a tough topic
- A book recommended by a friend
- A book with illustrations
- A non-fiction graphic novel
- Reread your favourite book
- A book by a queer author (2SLGBTQIA+)
- A book about loss or grief
- A book that teaches you something
- An ebook or downloadable audiobook
- A book about a video game/board game
- A book about growing up
- A book with aliens
- A book with cryptids or monsters
- A book with a blue cover
- A book with nonbinary or trans main character
- A book from the YAC recommends list
- A book that is written in verse, poetry, epistolary letters, or free verse
- A book with multiple narrators
- A book with more than one dimension or universe
- A book with an animal on the cover
- A book set on another continent
- A book that was translated
- A book with a yellow cover
- A book with 4 words in the title
- A book with the words storm, lightning, thunder, or rain in the title
- A book whose author's first name shares the initial of their last name (A.A., K.K., etc)
- A book set on the beach
- A book that has won an award
- A book from the YALSA book list
- A book you've watched the movie for but haven't read
- A book published the year you were born
- A book you keep putting off reading
- A book with ghosts, spirits, or hauntings

This year we are also offering SIX (6) free spaces for teens who want to choose something not on the list.

FOOD ON THE COVER

1

Suggestions:

1. *When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon
2. *A Pho Love Story* by Loan Le
3. *Love & Gelato* by Jenna Evans Welch (ebook)
4. *Hungry Hearts: 13 Tales of Food & Love* by multiple authors (digital audiobook)

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

WITCHES, WIZARDS, OR MAGIC

2

Suggestions:

1. *The Smoke Thieves* by Sally Green
2. *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell
3. *House of Dragons* by Jessica Cluess
4. *Witch Hat Atelier* by Kamome Shirahama
5. *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black
6. *A Face Like Glass* by Frances Hardinge

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

NUMBER IN THE TITLE

3

Suggestions:

1. *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo
2. *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey
3. *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
4. *This One Summer* by Jillian Tamaki & Mariko Tamaki
5. *Three Dark Crowns* by Kendare Blake

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

THE OUTDOORS

4

Suggestions:

1. *I Am Still Alive* by Kate Alice Marshall
2. *Lightfinder* by Aaron Paquette
3. *The Lovely and the Lost* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
4. *The Wild Lands* by Paul Greci
5. *Peak* by Roland Smith

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

FROM A LIBRARY DISPLAY

5

Suggestions:

- This can be from any library display, it doesn't have to be just from the YA area!
- We usually swap out displays once each month, so if you don't want to read one from a current display, you can wait a bit

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

AUTHOR'S DEBUT (FIRST NOVEL)

6

Suggestions:

1. *Wings of Ebony* by J. Elle
2. *Last One to Die* by Cynthia Murphy
3. *Jade Fire Gold* by June CL Tan
4. *Girls at the Edge of the World* by Laura Brooke Robson
5. *We Hunt the Flame* by Hafsah Faizal

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

FAIRY TALE RETELLING

7

Suggestions:

- *Uprooted* by Naomi Novik
- *The Magic Circle* by Donna Jo Napoli
- *The Perilous Gard* by Elizabeth Marie Pope
- *Snow White and Rose Red* by Patricia C. Wrede
- *Egg & Spoon* by Gregory Maguire

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

PUBLISHED IN 2021-2022

8

Suggestions:

1. *A Wicked Magic* by Sasha Laurens
2. *So This is Ever After* by F. T. Lukens
3. *Echoes and Empires* by Morgan Rhodes
4. *You Have a Match* by Emma Lord
5. *Ace of Spades* by Faridah Abaika-lyimide

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

ADAPTED INTO A TV SHOW/MOVIE

9

Suggestions:

1. *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman
2. *Shadow & Bone* by Leigh Bardugo
3. *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
4. *Paper Girls* by Brian K. Vaughan, Cliff Chiang and Matt Wilson
5. *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

MAGICAL/PHYSICAL TRANSFORMATION

10

Who to ask:

1. *Lycanthropy and Other Chronic Illnesses* by Kristen O'Neal
2. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
3. *Six Crimson Cranes* by Elizabeth Lim
4. *Seraphina* by Rachel Hartman
5. *This Savage Song* by Victoria Schwab

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

SOMEONE IS CURSED

11

Suggestions:

1. *A Spark of White Fire* by Sangu Mandanna
2. *Lore* by Alexandra Bracken
3. *The White Cat* by Holly Black
4. *We All Fall Down* by Natalie D Richards
5. *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

A MYSTERY

12

Suggestions:

1. *The Cousins* by Karen M. McManus
2. *The Dead and the Dark* by Courtney Gould
3. *House of Hollow* by Krystal Sutherland
4. *The Girls I've Been* by Tess Sharpe
5. *White Smoke* by Tiffany D. Jackson

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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TACKLES A TOUGH TOPIC

Suggestions:

1. *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone
2. *Boys Run the Riot* by Keito Gaku
3. *Get Well Soon* by Julie Halpern
4. *The Greatest Thing* by Sarah Winifred Searle
5. *Calvin* by Martine Leavitt

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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RECOMMENDED BY A FRIEND

Suggestions:

- Ask any friend of yours what book to read next!
- It can be YA, or something not from the YA section
- Don't forget - if a friend recommends something and you start it and don't like it - you can stop reading that book and try something else. Not everyone likes the same stuff! (And that's okay)

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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WITH IMAGES IN IT

Suggestions:

1. *Tales from Outer Suburbia* by Shaun Tan
2. *The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge* by M.T. Anderson
3. *Draw the Line* by Laurent Linn
4. *Everything Everything* by Nicola Yoon
5. *The Sleeper and the Spindle* by Neil Gaiman

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

NON-FICTION GRAPHIC NOVEL

16

Suggestions:

1. *Almost American Girl* by Robin Ha
2. *Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang
3. *Tomboy* by Liz Prince
4. *Palestine* by Joe Sacco
5. *Pride of Baghdad* by Brian K. Vaughan

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

RE-READ YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK

17

Suggestions:

- It can be your favourite book when you were 5
- or your favourite book when you were yesterday year's old
- Any favourite book will do!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

BY A QUEER (2SLGBTQIA+) AUTHOR

18

Suggestions:

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Becky Albertalli | 6. Gabby Rivera |
| 2. Adam Silvera | 7. Malinda Lo |
| 3. Alice Oseman | 8. Meredith Russo |
| 4. David Levithan | 9. Maia Kobabe |
| 5. George M. Johnson | 10. Leah Johnson |

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

ABOUT LOSS OR GRIEF

19

Suggestions:

1. *We Are Okay* by Nina LaCour
2. *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera
3. *How it Feels to Float* by Helena Fox
4. *You've Reached Sam* by Dustin Thao
5. *Sorry for Your Loss* by Jessie Ann Foley

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

TEACHES YOU SOMETHING

20

Suggestions:

1. *The Disability Experience* by Hannalora Leavitt
2. *Continuum* by Chella Man
3. *Growing Up Trans: In Our Own Words* edited by Lindsay Herriot and Kate Fry
4. *Body Positive: A Guide to Loving Your Body* by Emily Lauren Dick
5. *Dancing at the Pity Party* by Tyler Feder

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

EBOOK/DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOK

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Where to find digital books:

- Libby: a free app for Apple and Android. Just use your library card and pin number (last four digits of your phone number) and log into an account!
- Hoopla: a free app for Apple, Android, and web browsers like Chrome/Firefox. You'll need to make an account with your email, a password, library card, and pin number.

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

ABOUT A GAME (VIDEO, BOARD, TABLETOP RPG)

22

Suggestions:

1. *Warcross* by Marie Lu
2. *The Eye of Minds* by James Dashner
3. *Otherworld* by Jason Segel
4. *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
5. *In Real Life* by Cory Doctorow and Jen Wang

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

ABOUT GROWING UP

23

Suggestions:

1. *Giant Days* by John Allison
2. *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow
3. *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley
4. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
5. *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

WITH ALIENS

24

Suggestions:

1. *Honor Among Thieves* by Rachel Caine & Ann Aguirre
2. *Tin Star* by Cecil Castellucci
3. *Aurora Rising* by Amie Kaufman
4. *Sgt Frog* by Mine Yoshizaki
5. *The Pioneer* by Bridget Tyler

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

WITH CRYPTIDS OR MONSTERS

25

Suggestions:

1. *Fly by Night* by Tara O'Connor
2. *Hunter* by Mercedes Lackey
3. *Monstress* by Marjorie Liu
4. *Beasts Made of Night* by Tochi Onyebuchi

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

A BLUE COVER

26

Suggestions:

1. *Jackaby* by William Ritter
2. *I Killed Zoe Spanos* by Kit Frick
3. *The Upside of Unrequited* by Becky Albertalli
4. *Ink and Bone* by Rachel Caine
5. *Tremendous Things* by Susin Nielsen

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

NONBINARY OR TRANS MAIN CHARACTER

27

Suggestions:

1. *The Witch King* by H. E. Edgmon
2. *Dreadnought* by April Daniels
3. *The Mermaid, the Witch and the Sea* by Maggie Tokuda-Hall
4. *Stay Gold* by Tobly McSmith
5. *Every Day* by David Levithan

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

FROM THE YAC RECOMMENDS LIST

28

Suggestions:

- Check the teen area to find the YAC recommends books, bookmark, and display!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

WRITTEN IN POETRY/FREE VERSE/EPISTOLARY

29

Suggestions:

1. *Sorcery and Cecelia* by Patricia C. Wrede
2. *Why We Broke Up* by Daniel Handler, art by Maira Kalman
3. *To All The Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han
4. *Bull* by David Elliott
5. *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

WITH MULTIPLE NARRATORS

30

Suggestions:

1. *The Snow Fell Three Graves Deep* by Allan Wolf
2. *Spellbook of the Lost and Found* by Moira Fowley-Doyle
3. *The Young Elites* by Marie Lu
4. *The Boy Most Likely To* by Huntley Fitzpatrick
5. *The Tiger at Midnight* by Swati Teerdhala

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS/UNIVERSES

31

Suggestions:

1. *A Darker Shade of Magic* by V.E. Schwab
2. *A Thousand Pieces of You* by Claudia Gray
3. *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
4. *The Hazel Wood* by Melissa Albert
5. *The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

ANIMAL ON THE COVER

32

Suggestions:

1. *Don't Call the Wolf* by Aleksandra Ross
2. *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
3. *The Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliff
4. *Plain Kate* by Erin Bow

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

SET ON ANOTHER CONTINENT

33

Suggestions:

1. *Akata Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor
2. *Love & Gelato* by Jenna Evans Welch (ebook)
3. *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater
4. *North of Happy* by Adi Alsaid
5. *A Fierce and Subtle Poison* by Samantha Mabry

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

TRANSLATED FROM ANOTHER LANGUAGE

34

Suggestions:

1. *The Beast Player* by Nahoko Uehashi, translated by Cathy Hirano
2. *A Winter's Promise* by Christelle Dabos, translated by Hildergarde Serle
3. *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi, translated by Mattais Ripa
4. *Ruby Red* by Kerstin Gier, translated by Anthea Bell

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

HAS A YELLOW COVER

35

Suggestions:

1. *I'll be the One* by Lyla Lee (ebook)
2. *Legend* by Marie Lu
3. *He Must Like You* by Danielle Younge-Ullman
4. *More Happy Than Not* by Adam Silvera
5. *The Rule of One* by Ashley Saunders

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

4 WORDS IN THE TITLE

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Suggestions:

1. *She Gets the Girl* by Alyson Derrick and Rachael Lippincott
2. *A Lesson in Vengeance* by Victoria Lee
3. *The Girls I've Been* by Tess Sharpe
4. *The Shadows Between Us* by Tricia Levenseller
5. *All Your Twisted Secrets* by Diana Urban

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

WITH WORDS "STORM" "SKY" OR "SEA" IN THE TITLE

37

Suggestions:

1. *A Sky Beyond the Storm* by Sabaa Tahir
2. *Siege and Storm* by Leigh Bardugo
3. *Sky in the Deep* by Adrienne Young
4. *Sky Without Stars* by Jessica Brody
5. *Skin of the Sea* by Natasha Bowen

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

AUTHOR'S INITIALS SAME LETTER (A.A., K.K. etc)

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Suggestions:

- Ransom Riggs
- Marissa Meyer
- Rainbow Rowell
- Lois Lowry
- Melissa Marr
- Philip Pullman
- Naomi Novik
- Laurent Linn

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

SET ON A BEACH

39

Suggestions:

1. *The Summer I turned Pretty* by Jenny Han (ebook)
2. *The Wicked Deep* by Shea Ernshaw
3. *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
4. *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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TAKES PLACE DURING/IS ABOUT A HOLIDAY

Suggestions:

1. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
2. *Dash & Lily's Book of Dares* by Rachel Cohn (ebook)
3. *Snow in Love* by multiple authors (ebook)
4. *Pumpkinheads* by Faith Erin Hicks & Rainbow Rowell
5. *Together at Midnight* by Jennifer Castle (ebook)

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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WON AN AWARD

YA Book Awards:

- Michael L. Printz Award
- Stonewall Book Award
- Odyssey Award
- Edgar Award
- Andrew Norton Award

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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FROM THE YALSA BOOK LISTS

Check out all the book lists at: <https://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklists> (or scan the QR code!)

- Teens' Top Ten
- Great Graphic Novels for Teens
- Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults



Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

PUBLISHED THE YEAR YOU WERE BORN

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Suggestions:

- You can do a Google search of "Books published in [year]"
- You can also double check the publication date by opening the item in our catalogue!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

A BOOK YOU KEEP PUTTING OFF READING

44

Suggestions:

- Read the book
- Do it!
- I believe in you!
- Crack that front cover open and let the words flow right into your brain!
- (For real though if you, read 3 chapters and hate it, try another book it's okay)

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

WITH GHOSTS, SPIRITS, OR HAUNTINGS

45

Suggestions:

1. *The Summoning* by Kelley Armstrong
2. *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman
3. *The Name of the Star* by Maureen Johnson
4. *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas
5. *Labyrinth Lost* by Zoraida Cordova

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

FREE READ

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Read what you want!

Title Read: _____
Date Started: _____
Date Completed: _____
Thoughts: _____

FREE READ

47

Read what you want!

Title Read: _____
Date Started: _____
Date Completed: _____
Thoughts: _____

FREE READ

48

Read what you want!

Title Read: _____
Date Started: _____
Date Completed: _____
Thoughts: _____

FREE READ

49

Read what you want!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

FREE READ

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Read what you want!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

FREE READ

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Read what you want!

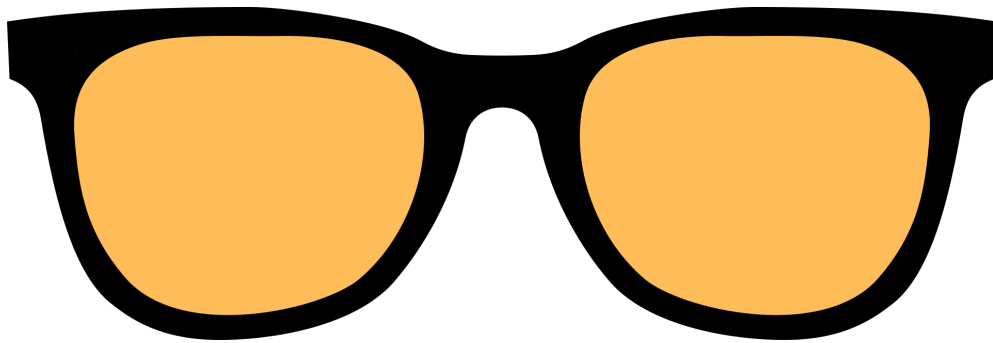
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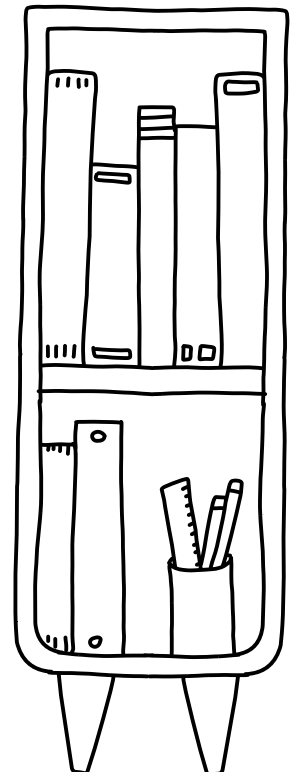
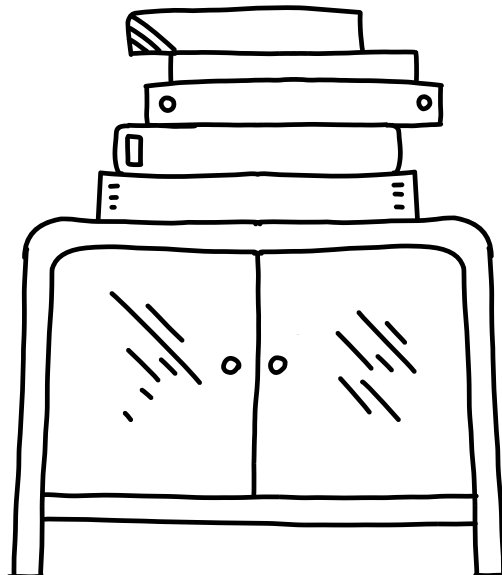
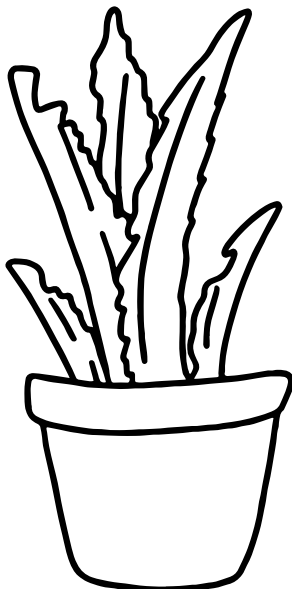
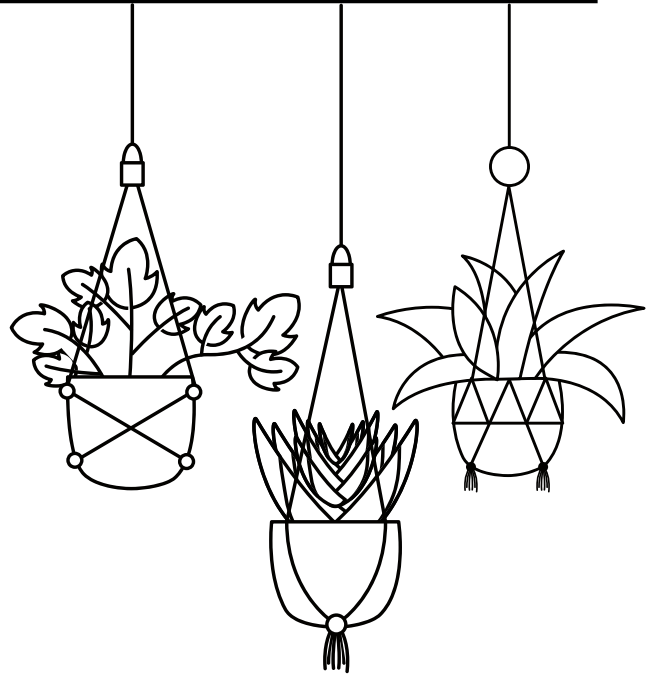
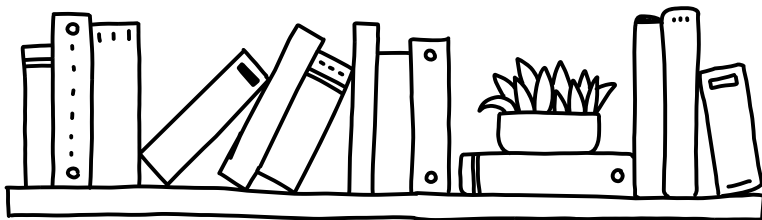
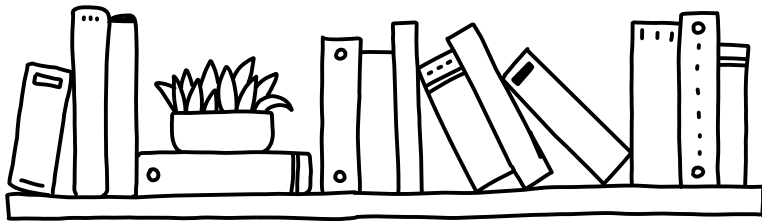
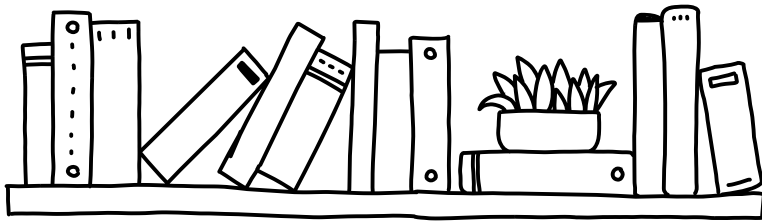
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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING
THE CHALLENGE!**



COLOUR TRACKER

Colour in a book for each entry you complete, or decorate the bookshelf however you would like!



COMPLETION FORM

When you have completed all 25 reading challenges, fill out this form and return it to Library staff.

Name: _____

Date Completed: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Library Card Number: _____

T-Shirt size (unisex)
Please circle one

XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

Library Staff Signature: _____

Staff will be in contact with you to redeem your prize.

Prizes will be available between January - February 2024 as they will be custom-ordered and printed for prize winners only. Winners will be responsible for the pick up of their prizes.

