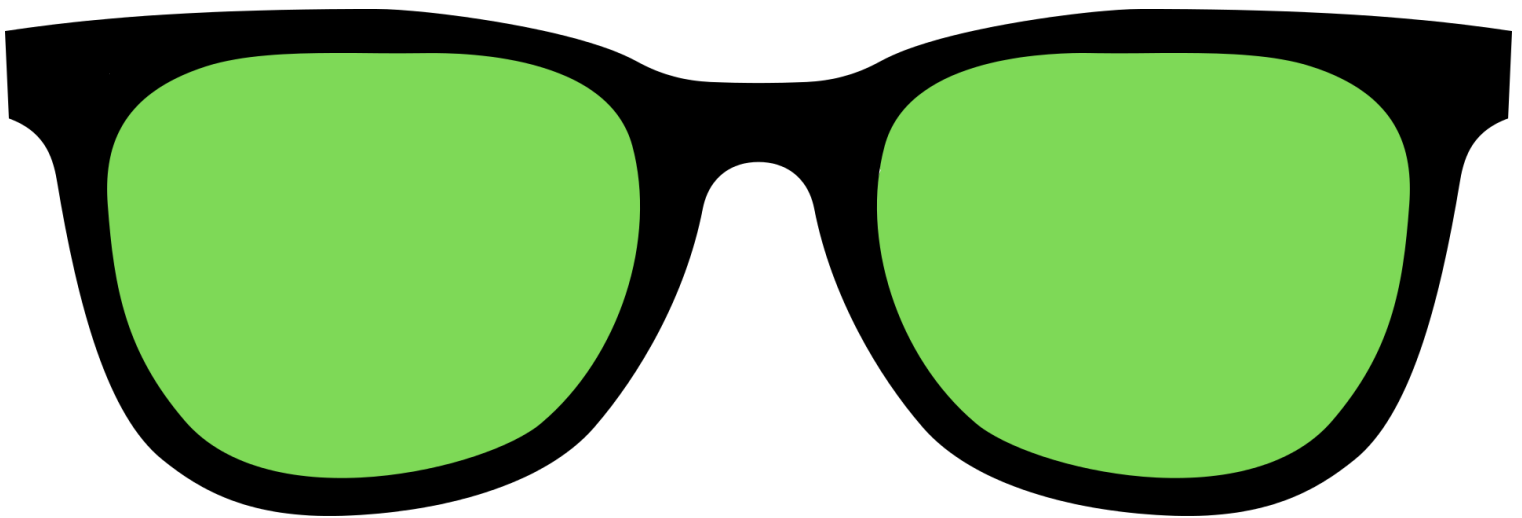


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# ULTIMATE BOOK NERD

YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGE



**JAN - DEC 2022**

**READ • RECORD • REPEAT**

**KIDS CHALLENGE**



# HOW IT WORKS:

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## 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

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Read a book for 25 (one every 2 weeks) of the following topics  
One book per topic! No doubling up please.

Not sure what to read for each category? Ask a Librarian!

- A book about time travel
- A fairy tale
- A story about an animal
- A biography
- A book by an author with the same first initial as you (eg: L, A, D, T)
- A Canadian author
- A non-fiction book from the 600s
- A book recommended by a librarian
- A book about sports
- A book set in another country
- A graphic novel
- A book with a one-word title
- A book with the word "secret," "hidden," "mystery," or "lost" in the title
- A book that teaches you a new skill
- A mystery
- A book whose main character is a different gender than you
- An audiobook
- A book with a red cover
- A book published in 2021
- A book about a character with diversabilities
- A book by an Indigenous author
- A book about the forest or trees
- A book with beautiful artwork
- A book that tells a story without words
- A book about insects
- A book about flying
- A book about dreams or wishes
- A book that has magical creatures or cryptids
- A book about or set in space
- A book with robots
- A book about friends or friendship
- A book about family
- A book with a cover you like
- A book that was made into a movie or TV show
- A book with a hot air balloon or airship
- A book recommended by friends or family

# TIME TRAVEL

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## Suggestions:

1. *Time Traveling with a Hamster* by Ross Welford
2. *Knights of the Kitchen Table* by Jon Scieszka
3. *Gideon the Cutpurse* by Linda Buckley-Archer
4. *Time Sight* by Lynne Jonell
5. *Time Cat* by Lloyd Alexander

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FAIRY TALE

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## Suggestions:

1. *A Tale Dark & Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz
2. *Valiant* by Sarah McGuire
3. *Goose Chase* by Patrice Kindl
4. *Baba Yaga's Assistant* by Marika McCoola
5. *Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel* by Megan Morrison
6. *Into the Woods* by Lyn Gardner

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# STORY ABOUT AN ANIMAL

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## Suggestions:

1. *The Boy Who Spoke Dog* by Clay Morgan
2. *A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Perry
3. *Varjak Paw* by S. F. Said
4. *Silverwing* by Kenneth Oppel
5. *The White Giraffe* by Lauren St. John

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# BIOGRAPHY

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## Suggestions:

1. *Knucklehead* by Jon Scieszka
2. *Mercy* by Nancy Furstinger
3. *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick
4. *Sylvie* by Silvie Kantorovitz
5. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# AUTHOR WITH THE SAME FIRST INITIAL AS YOU

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## Suggestions:

- Browse through the library bookshelves until you find a match
- Ask a library staff person to help you search
- Type your name into the catalogue and using the "keyword anywhere" search option - you might get lucky that way!

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CANADIAN AUTHOR

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## Suggestions:

1. *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
2. *The Belonging Place* by Jean Little
3. *No Safe Place* by Deborah Ellis
4. *The King of Jam Sandwiches* by Eric Walters
5. *The Sky is Falling* by Kit Pearson

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FROM THE 600s OF NON-FICTION

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## Suggestions:

- The 600 section of non-fiction has a very big range of topics!
- Some of these topics include: medicine, health and anatomy, cooking, sewing, pets and pet ownership, woodworking, fashion, furniture...
- You can browse the 600 section in our Junior Non-Fiction area - just go past the Totem Pole on the way to the Children's library and keep going straight!

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# RECOMMENDED BY A LIBRARIAN

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## Suggestions from Julia:

1. *The Nameless City* by Faith Erin Hicks
2. *Bluecrowne* by Kate Milford
3. *The Evil Wizard Smallbone* by Delia Sherman

- You can also ask another Librarian from the Library for a recommendation - we have four people who can help!

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ABOUT SPORTS

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## Suggestions:

1. *Hockey Night in Kenya* by Danson Mutinda and Eric Walters
2. *The Ball Hogs* by Rich Wallace
3. *Fast Break* by Mike Lupica
4. *My Life as a Diamond* by Jenny Manzer
5. *Saving the Team* by Alex Morgan

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SET IN ANOTHER COUNTRY

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## Suggestions:

1. *Escape Under the Forever Sky* by Eve Yohalem
2. *Me, Frida and the Secret of the Peacock Ring* by Angela Cervantes
3. *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
4. *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman
5. *Asha and the Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan
6. *Bronze and Sunflower* by Cao Wenxuan

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GRAPHIC NOVEL

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## Suggestions:

1. *Sunny Side Up* by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm
2. *Cardboard* by Doug TenNapel
3. *Tower of Treasure* by Scott Chantler
4. *Trespassers* by Breena Bard
5. *Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ONE-WORD TITLE

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## Suggestions:

1. *Woof* by Spencer Quinn
2. *Crunch* by Leslie Connor
3. *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce
4. *Super* by Matthew Cody
5. *Framed!* by James Ponti
6. *George* by Alex Gino

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## "SECRET," "HIDDEN," "MYSTERY," OR "LOST" IN TITLE

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### Suggestions:

1. *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
2. *Secrets at Sea* by Richard Peck
3. *The Hidden Oracle* by Rick Riordan
4. *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart
5. *Lost* by S. A. Bodeen

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TEACHES YOU A NEW SKILL

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### Suggestions:

1. *My First Book of Knots* by Berndt Sundsten and Jan Jager
2. *Kids Knit: Simple Steps to Nifty Projects* by Sarah Bradberry
3. *Easy Origami* by Didier Boursin
4. *How to Cook* by Maggie Mayhew
5. *The All-New Woodworking for Kids* by Kevin McGuire

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A MYSTERY

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### Suggestions:

1. *The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse* by Bruce Hale
2. *Kat Wolfe Investigates* by Lauren St. John
3. *Ruby Redfort Look Into My Eyes* by Lauren Child
4. *Murder is Bad Manners* by Robin Stevens
5. *Eye of the Crow* by Shane Peacock
6. *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* by Wendelin Van Draanen

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MAIN CHARACTER DIFFERENT GENDER

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### Suggestions:

- Search through the catalogue for books from your favourite genre or author and see if there's one that interests you
- Browse the shelves in the children's library
- Consult with a library staff member
- Look for lists of books featuring characters with diverse gender identities

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AUDIOBOOK

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### Suggestions:

1. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
2. *The Wee Free Men* by Terry Pratchett
3. *Adventures with Waffles* by Maria Parr
4. *Boom!* by Mark Haddon
5. *A Dog's Life* by Ann M. Martin

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## RED COVER

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### Suggestions:

- Make sure the cover is *mostly* red - it doesn't have to be *all* red!
- You can pick any book from the fiction or non-fiction shelves
- Any shade of red is okay
- You can read the back of the book or the insert to see if you like it

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PUBLISHED IN 2021 (LAST YEAR)

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### Suggestions:

- Visit [search.pentictonlibrary.ca](http://search.pentictonlibrary.ca)
- Click on "new books"
- Click on "junior fiction" or "junior non-fiction"
- Browse through the titles and double check the year they were published!
- You may need to click the blue "More Info" button to find the date

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABOUT A CHARACTER WITH DIVERSABILITIES

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### Suggestions:

1. *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
2. *Roll with It* by Jamie Sumner
3. *Wink* by Rob Harrell
4. *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
5. *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INDIGENOUS AUTHOR

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### Suggestions:

1. *Fatty Legs* by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
2. *Coyote Tales* by Thomas King
3. *These Are My Words* by Ruby Slipperjack
4. *Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac
5. *The Barren Grounds* by David A. Robertson

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABOUT THE FOREST OR TREES

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### Suggestions:

1. *A True Home* by Kallie George
2. *The End of the Wild* by Nicole Helget
3. *The Tiny Mansion* by Keir Graff
4. *Tree of Dreams* by Laura Resau
5. *Nuts to You* by Lynne Rae Perkins

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HAS BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK

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### Suggestions from Julia

1. *Hicotea* by Lorena Alvarez
2. *Wildwood* by Colin Meloy
3. *Cloudwalker* by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd
4. *The Book of Mistakes* by Corinna Luyken

Remember: what you think is beautiful artwork is different than anyone else. Pick a book that you think is beautiful!

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TELLS A STORY WITHOUT WORDS

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### Suggestions: search the catalogue for "stories without words"

1. *Picturescape* by Elisa Gutierrez
2. *Lights Out!* by Arthur Geisert
3. *Midsummer Knight* by Gregory Rogers
4. *Mirror* by Jeannie Baker
5. *Flotsam* by David Wiesner
6. *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABOUT INSECTS

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### Suggestions:

1. *Bug Girl* by Benjamin Harper and Sarah Hines Stephens
2. *Bug Boys* by Laura Knetzger
3. *The End of the Beginning* by Avi
4. *The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek Library* by Linda Bailey
5. *Harry the Poisonous Centipede* by Lynne Reid Banks

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABOUT FLYING (FICTION/NON-FICTION)

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### Suggestions:

1. *Real Pigeons Fight Crime!* by Andrew McDonald and Ben Wood
2. *What Could Go Wrong?* by Willo Davis Roberts
3. *Airman* by Eoin Colfer
4. *Flying Machines* by Ian Graham and Stephen Biesty
5. *Rocketry: Investigate the Science and Technology of Rockets and Ballistics* by Carla Mooney

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ABOUT WISHES OR DREAMS

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### Suggestions:

1. *Pony on the Twelfth Floor* by Polly Faber
2. *Wishworks, Inc.* by Stephanie S. Tolan
3. *The Tale of a Tail* by Margaret Mahy
4. *Wish Upon a Sleepover* by Suzanne Selfors
5. *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# HAS MAGICAL CREATURES OR CRYPTIDS

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## Suggestions:

1. *Bob* by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
2. *The Boggart* by Susan Cooper
3. *The Unicorn in the Barn* by Jacqueline K. Ogburn
4. *Bigfoot Boy, 1: Into the Woods* by J. Torres and Faith Erin Hicks
5. *The Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ABOUT OR SET IN SPACE

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## Suggestions:

1. *Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks
2. *Astronaut Academy* by Dave Roman
3. *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs
4. *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm
5. *Zita the Space Girl* by Ben Hatke
6. *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ROBOTS

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## Suggestions:

1. *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
2. *Frank Einstein and the Anti-Matter Motor* by Jon Scieszka
3. *Eager* by Helen Fox
4. *The Walls Have Eyes* by Clare B. Dunkle
5. *The Clockwork Crow* by Catherine Fisher

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FRIENDS OR FRIENDSHIP

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## Suggestions:

1. *The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Graff
2. *So Done* by Paula Chase
3. *The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall
4. *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth* by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ABOUT FAMILY

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## Suggestions:

1. *The Lotterys Plus One* by Emma Donoghue
2. *Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes* by Mary E. Lambert
3. *Saffy's Angel* by Hilary McKay
4. *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm
5. *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth* by Frank Cottrell Boyce
6. *Look out for the Fitzgerald-Trouts* by Esta Spalding

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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# WITH A COVER YOU LIKE

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## Suggestions:

- Any book with a cover you like counts!
- For real!
- Trust us!
- You like cats, and see a cat, and want to read it? That's totally okay!
- This one is all up to you - we're excited to see what you pick!

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MADE INTO A TV SHOW OR MOVIE

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### Suggestions:

1. *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones
2. *Cleopatra In Space* by Mike Maihack
3. *Matilda* by Roald Dahl
4. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary
5. *The True Meaning of Smekday* by Adam Rex

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HAS A HOT AIR BALLOON OR AIRSHIP

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### Suggestions:

1. *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfield
2. *The Fog Diver* by Joel Ross
3. *Jack Black and the Ship of Thieves* by Carol Hughes
4. *Dominion* by Shane Arbutnott
5. *Hamish X and the Cheese Pirates* by Sean Cullen
6. *The 21 Balloons* by William Pene DuBois

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

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## RECOMMENDED BY FRIENDS OR FAMILY

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### Suggestions:

- Ask any family or friends if they would like to share a book they read recently
- If they recommend a book and you start reading it but don't like it, you can ask for another suggestion!
- It's okay to get more than one suggestion or recommendation and pick your favourite

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thoughts: \_\_\_\_\_

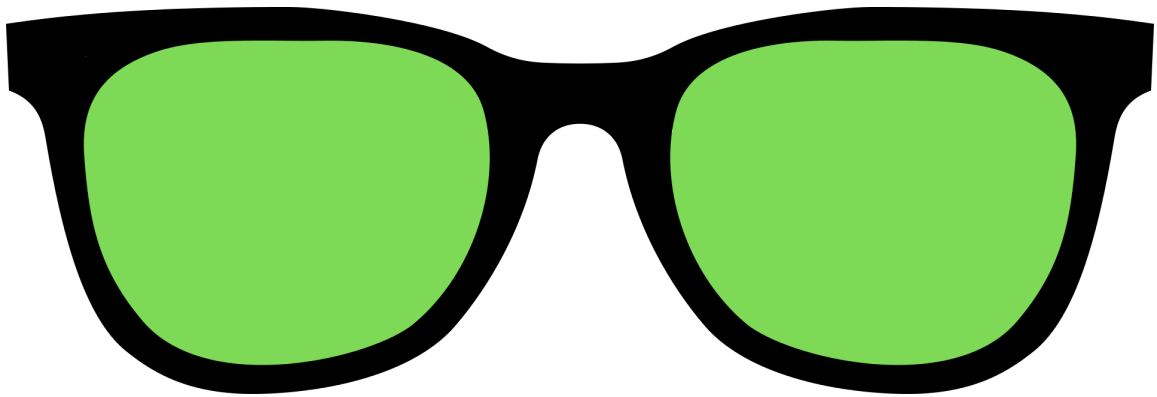
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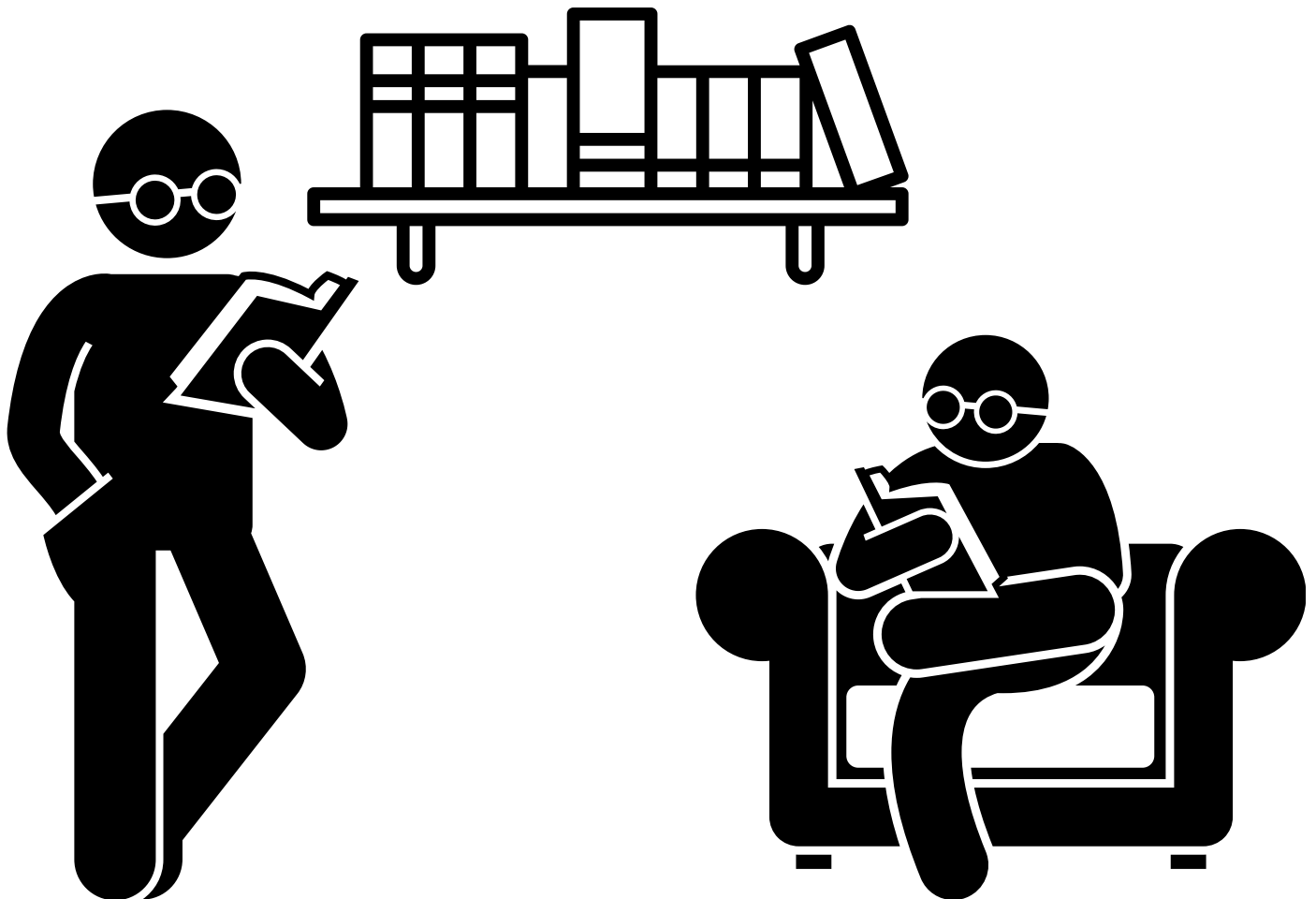
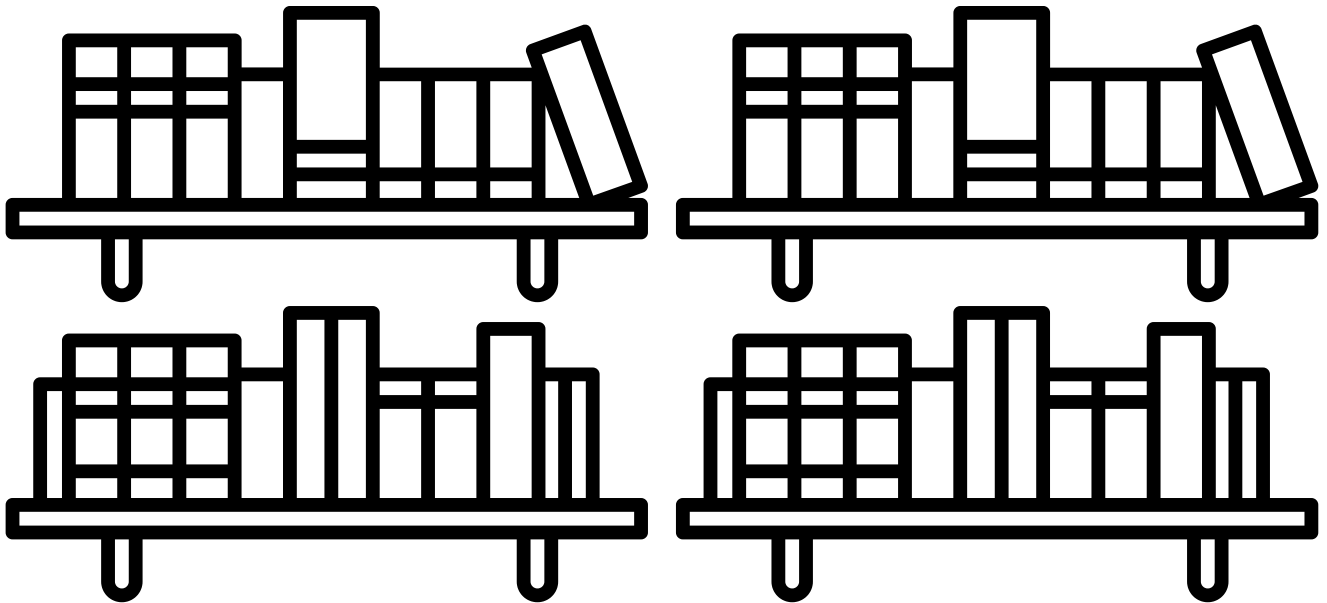
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THE CHALLENGE!**

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# COLOUR TRACKER

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



# COMPLETION FORM

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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 (Juniors)  
Please circle one

XS      S      M      L      XL

Library Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Prizes will be available between January - February 2023 as they will be custom-ordered and printed for prize winners only. Winners will be responsible for the pick up of their prizes.

