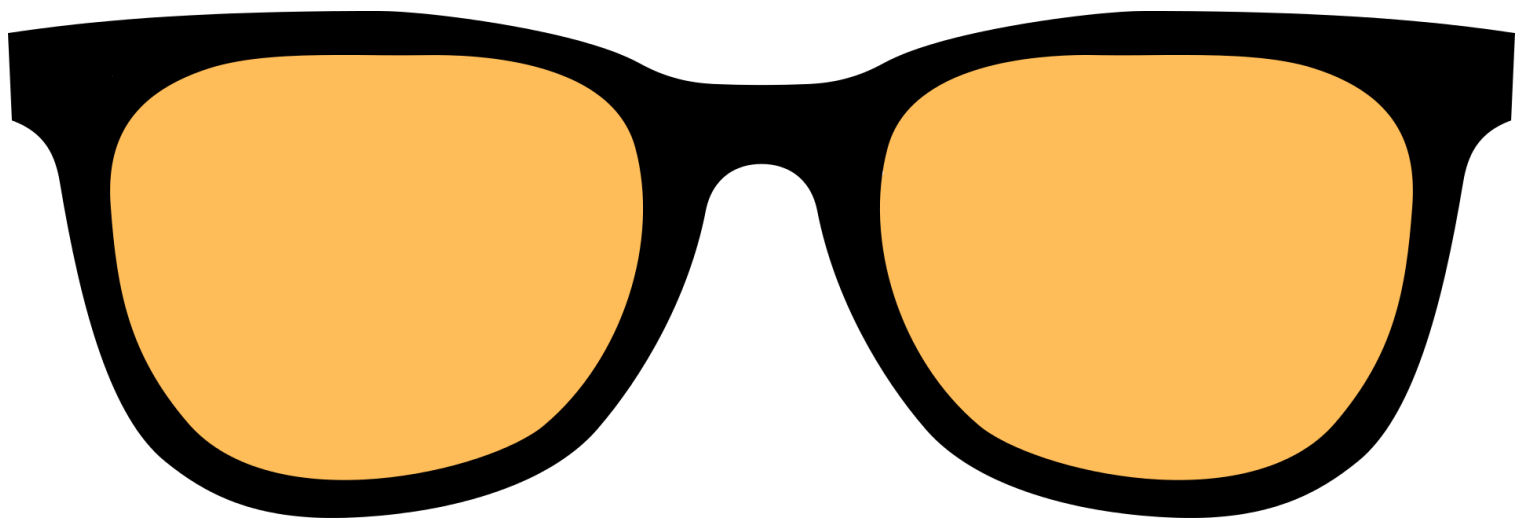


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ULTIMATE BOOK NERD

YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGE



JAN - DEC 2022

READ ● RECORD ● REPEAT

TEEN CHALLENGE

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!

- A non-fiction book
- A book about mental health (fiction or non-fiction)
- A historical fiction book
- A book by a Canadian Author
- A graphic novel
- A book whose main character is a different gender than you
- An own voices novel
- A book about royalty
- A book whose main character is LGBTQIA+
- A book recommended to you by Library staff
- A book with a purple cover
- A book by an Indigenous author
- A steampunk book
- A book with zombies or the undead
- A "slice of life" or high school drama novel
- A fantasy novel
- A book that takes place on a space ship
- A book with a Black, Indigenous, or Person of Colour main character
- A book with a face on the cover
- A book with a one-word title
- A book from your to-be-read pile
- A book written by someone with the same first initial as you
- A book with the word "lies," "truth," "never," "secrets," or "hidden" in the title
- A banned or challenged book
- A book set during the winter
- A book featuring Slavic folklore
- A survival story
- A book about sibling relationships or drama
- A book about or featuring cooking/food
- An audiobook
- A book about the future (apocalyptic or otherwise)
- A book about friends or friendship
- A book about travelling or road trips
- A book about going to college
- A book about music or musicians
- A book you picked based on the cover

NON-FICTION

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: _____

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MENTAL HEALTH

Suggestions:

1. *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
2. *History is All You Left Me* by Adam Silvera
3. *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow
4. *(Don't) Call Me Crazy* edited by Kelly Jensen
5. *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* by Patrick Ness

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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HISTORICAL FICTION

Suggestions:

1. *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth E. Wein
2. *Midnight at the Electric* by Jody Lynn Anderson
3. *My Plain Jane* by Cynthia Hand
4. *A Spy in the House* by Y. S. Lee
5. *All the Days Past, All the Days to Come* by Mildred D. Taylor

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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CANADIAN AUTHOR

Suggestions:

1. Kenneth Oppel
2. June Hur
3. Pam Withers
4. E. K. Johnston
5. Susin Nielsen
6. Courtney Summers
7. Vicki Grant
8. Arthur Slade
9. Danielle L. Jensen
10. Colleen Nelson

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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GRAPHIC NOVEL

Suggestions:

1. *The Wicked + The Divine* by Kieron Gillen
2. *Giant Days* by John Allison, Lissa Treiman and Max Sarin
3. *Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant* by Tony Cliff
4. *Monstress* by Marjorie Liu and Sana Takeda
5. *Journalism* by Joe Sacco

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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MAIN CHARACTER A DIFFERENT GENDER

Having trouble finding a book for this category?

- Ask Library staff to help you search
- Look for books that have been reprinted a second or third time
- Ask our Library staff about inter-library loans for books outside of our library!
- Bonus: If you find a character who is gender fluid, this still counts because they are still not always the same gender as you!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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AN OWN VOICES NOVEL

"Own voices" refers to a book written by a member of the marginalized community from which it depicts. For example, a book written by a disabled person about a disabled person.

Suggestions:

1. *American Street* by Ibi Zoboi
2. *Akata Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor
3. *Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens* edited by Marieke Nijkamp
4. *Juliet Takes a Breath* by Gabby Rivera

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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ROYALTY

Suggestions:

1. *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee
2. *The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner
3. *The Girl of Fire and Thorns* by Rae Carson
4. *Mary, Bloody Mary* by Carolyn Meyer
5. *The Kingdom of Little Wounds* by Susann Cokal

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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LGBTQIA+ MAIN CHARACTER

Suggestions:

1. *Ramona Blue* by Julie Murphy
2. *Let's Talk About Love* by Claire Kann
3. *The Girl From the Sea* by Molly Knox Ostertag
4. *The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta
5. *The Witch King* by H. E. Edgmon

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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RECOMMENDED BY LIBRARY STAFF

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Who to ask:

- Julia, the Youth Services Librarian
- Lara, the Youth Services Technician
- Any of the circulation desk staff
- Any reference desk staff
- If you want, you can ask to see if a cataloguer is free!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

PURPLE COVER

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Suggestions:

1. *The Dead and the Dark* by Courtney Gould
2. *And I Darken* by Kiersten White
3. *The Bone Witch* by Rin Chupeco
4. *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell
5. *This Lullaby* by Sarah Dessen

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

INDIGENOUS AUTHOR

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Suggestions:

1. Cherie Dimaline
2. Lee Maracle
3. Catherine Knutsson
4. Katerie Akiwenzie-Damm
5. Richard Van Camp
6. Cynthia Leitich Smith
7. Jacqueline Guest
8. Melanie Florence

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

STEAMPUNK

Suggestions:

1. *The Friday Society* by Adrienne Kress
2. *The Unnaturalists* by Tiffany Trent
3. *A Winter's Promise* by Christelle Dabos
4. *Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel
5. *Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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ZOMBIES OR THE UNDEAD

Suggestions:

1. *Girls Save the World in This One* by Ash Parsons
2. *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer* by Lish McBride
3. *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* by Carrie Ryan
4. *Rot & Ruin* by Jonathan Maberry
5. *Eat Your Heart Out* by Kelly deVos

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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"SLICE OF LIFE"/HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

Suggestions:

1. *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell
2. *Dumplin'* by Julie Murphy
3. *As Easy as Falling Off the Face of the Earth* by Lynne Rae Perkins
4. *It Sounded Better in My Head* by Nina Kenwood

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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FANTASY

Suggestions:

1. *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
2. *Sabriel* by Garth Nix
3. *Wings of Ebony* by J Elle
4. *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula K. Le Guin
5. *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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IN SPACE/ON A SPACESHIP

Suggestions:

1. *Honor Among Thieves* by Rachel Caine and Ann Aguirre
2. *Skyward* by Brandon Sanderson
3. *The Darkness Outside Us* by Eliot Schrefer
4. *Defy the Stars* by Claudia Gray
5. *The Loneliest Girl in the Universe* by Lauren James

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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BIPOC MAIN CHARACTER

Suggestions:

1. *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera
2. *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson
3. *Six Crimson Cranes* by Elizabeth Lim
4. *Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland
5. *Hunted by the Sky* by Tanaz Bhathena

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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FACE ON THE COVER

Suggestions:

1. *Sky in the Deep* by Adrienne Young
2. *Growing Up Trans: In Our Own Words* edited by Dr. Lindsay Herriot & Kate Fry
3. *This Poison Heart* by Kalynn Bayron
4. *Powwow Summer* by Nahanni Shingoose
5. *10 Things I hate About Pinky* by Sandhya Menon

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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ONE-WORD TITLE

Suggestions:

1. *Muse* by Brittany Cavallaro
2. *Pashmina* by Nidhi Chanani
3. *Lobizona* by Romina Garber
4. *Crest* by Jae Waller
5. *Blackout* (various)

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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FROM YOUR TO-BE-READ (TBR) PILE

Your TBR pile is that stack of books you have in the corner of your room, the library books you've maxed out on renewals, and the list you have stuck on multiple sticky notes on your computer monitor (okay, that last one might just be us.) Grab the book on the top or bottom of the pile and read it!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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AUTHOR SHARES YOUR FIRST INITIAL

Suggestions:

- try and pick an author you haven't read before
- you can browse our collection or do a search on the computer
- both fiction AND non-fiction books count
- (graphic novels and manga too)
- Still need help searching? Just ask a staff member!

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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"LIES," "TRUTH," "NEVER," "SECRETS," OR "HIDDEN" IN TITLE

Suggestions:

1. *The Truth About Keeping Secrets* by Savannah Brown (two in one!)
2. *The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly* by Stephanie Oakes
3. *The Queen's Secret* by Melissa de la Cruz
4. *Every Hidden Thing* by Kenneth Oppel
5. *The Never Tilting World* by Rin Chupeco

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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BANNED OR CHALLENGED BOOK

Suggestions:

1. *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
2. *Two Boys Kissing* by David Levithan
3. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
4. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
5. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

For an exhaustive list on all the banned or challenged books in Canada, visit <https://www.freedomtoread.ca/challenged-works/> or hover your phone's camera over the QR code above!



Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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TAKES PLACE DURING WINTER

Suggestions:

1. *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
2. *Frozen: Heart of Dread Book 1* by Melissa de la Cruz and Michael Johnston
3. *The Bitter Kingdom* by Rae Carson
4. *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo
5. *Blankets: An Illustrated Novel* by Craig Thompson

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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FOLKLORE AND FAIRY STORIES

Suggestions:

1. *Don't Call the Wolf* by Aleksandra Ross
2. *Uprooted* by Naomi Novik
3. *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo
4. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
5. *Lore* by Alexandra Bracken

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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SURVIVAL STORY

Suggestions:

1. *Trapped* by Michael Northrop
2. *Peak* by Roland Smith
3. *I am Still Alive* by Kate Alice Marshall
4. *The 5th Wave* by Richard Yancy
5. *Tomorrow When the War Began* by John Marsden

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS OR DRAMA

Suggestions:

1. *Caraval* by Stephanie Garber
2. *Just for Clicks* by Kara J. McDowell
3. *The Great Big One* by J. C. Geiger
4. *The Upside of Unrequited* by Becky Albertalli
5. *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice & Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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ABOUT FOOD OR COOKING

Suggestions:

1. *A Pho Love Story* by Loan Le
2. *It's Kind of a Cheesy Love Story* by Lauren Morrill
3. *Burger Wuss* by M. T. Anderson
4. *With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo
5. *What I Like About You* by Marisa Kanter

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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AUDIOBOOK

Suggestions:

1. *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
2. *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Barnes (e-audiobook)
3. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
4. *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore
5. *A Spy in the House* by Y. S. Lee

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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ABOUT THE FUTURE (APOCALYPTIC OR NOT)

Suggestions:

1. *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman
2. *The Selection* by Kiera Cass
3. *The Scorpion Rules* by Erin Bow
4. *Warcross* by Marie Lu
5. *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIP

Suggestions:

1. *Runaways: Find Your Way Home* by Rainbow Rowell, Kris Anka
2. *Verona Comics* by Jennifer Dugan
3. *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
4. *Sawkill Girls* by Claire Legrand
5. *Lumberjanes* by Noelle Stevenson

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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TRAVELING OR ROAD TRIPS

Suggestions:

1. *Why We Took the Car* by Wolfgang Herrndorf
2. *Mosquitoland* by David Arnold
3. *Honey, Baby, Sweetheart* by Deb Caletti
4. *Brightly Burning* by Alexa Donne
5. *9 Days & 9 Nights* by Katie Cotugno

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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GOING TO COLLEGE

Suggestions:

1. *Giant Days* by John Allison & Lissa Treiman
2. *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell
3. *Check Please!* by Ngozi Ukazu
4. *You Say It First* by Katie Cutugno
5. *We Are Okay* by Nina LaCour

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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MUSIC OR MUSICIANS

Suggestions:

1. *Hidden Voices: The Orphan Musicians of Venice* by Pat Lowery Collins
2. *Suncatcher* by Jose Pimienta
3. *The Haters* by Jesse Andrews
4. *Last Things* by Jacqueline West
5. *Super Fake Love Song* by David Yoon

Title Read: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Thoughts: _____

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BASED ON THE COVER

Yeah, everyone does it - and you can too!

Find the first book on the shelf that has a cover that speaks to you, check it out, and read it. You don't even have to peek at the synopsis, just dive right in!

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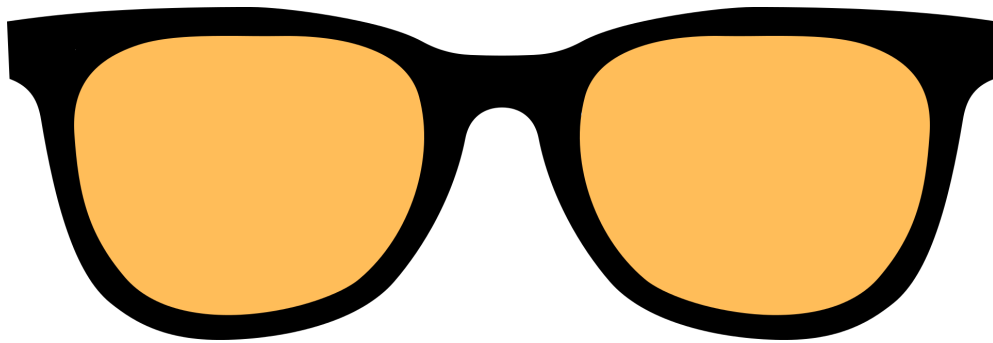
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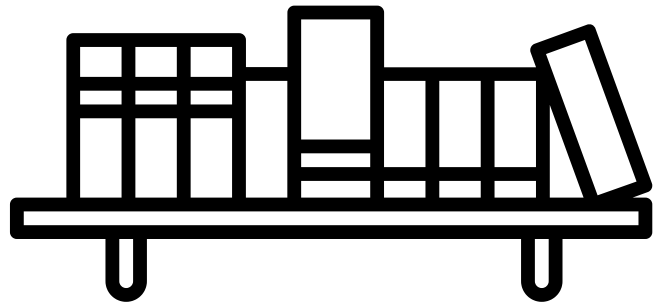
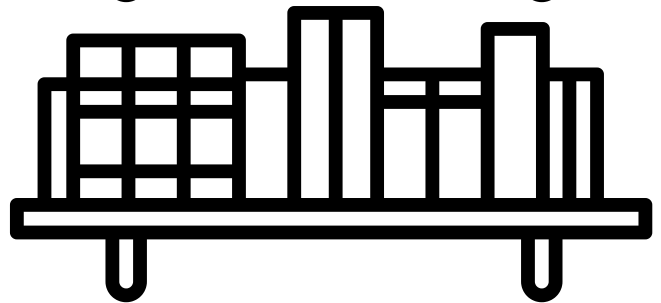
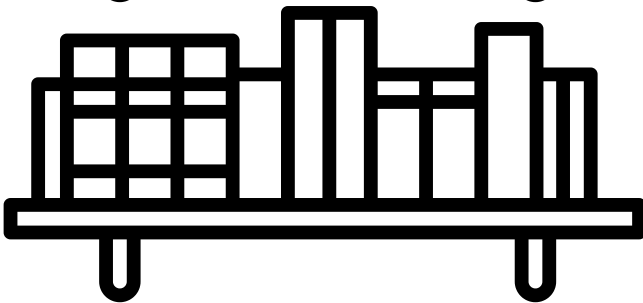
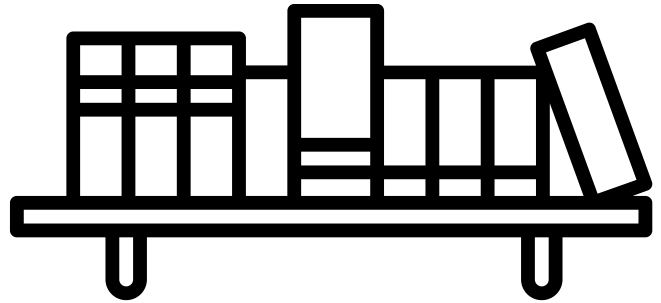
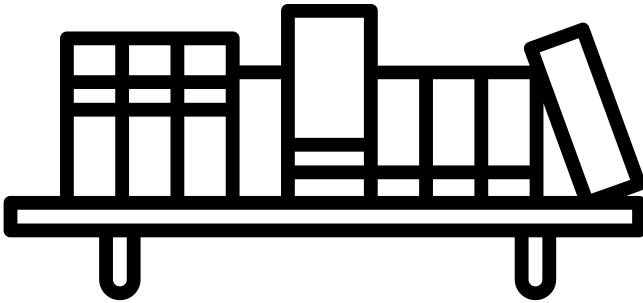
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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING
THE CHALLENGE!**



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

