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7th Annual Adult Reading Challenge

THE OBJECTIVE

Our seventh annual Adult Reading Challenge encourages our **PATRONS 18 YEARS OR OLDER** to find books to read based on the printed reading log. You will also have to read a certain number of books based on the tasks announced monthly via the Decatur Public Library blog.

Each participant will receive a reading log, which will list subjects of books and provide you with a place to record the books you read. You can read them in any order you choose. Your participation can be as involved or as simple as you choose.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. **CHECK OUT BOOKS FROM DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY.**
2. When you finish reading a book, **record the title and author on the appropriate space on your Reading Log.** (BOOKS MAY WORK FOR MULTIPLE CATEGORIES, BUT YOU CAN ONLY USE EACH BOOK ONCE. YOU DECIDE WHERE YOU WANT TO USE IT.) ****This must be done in ink and white-out will INVALIDATE a reading log.****
3. **Get your reading log validated** – READING LOGS WILL BE VALIDATED BY RHONDA OR STEPHANIE. Bring your reading log to the Marketing & Outreach office (located on the 6th Avenue side of the building; we are the first office to the right.) Anytime we are here we will be happy to validate your Reading Log. You can also email or call us if you'd like to make specific arrangements (contact information on the back). The best time to get stamps is at the monthly Book Club, since we are in and out of the office frequently.
4. We will check that the book you recorded works for the task it represents. If it does, we will stamp your Reading Log. (If not, we'll try to help you come up with an alternative.)
5. Keep reading!

DETAILS

- BOOKS MUST BE CHECKED OUT FROM DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY (YOU MAY HAVE **ONE** FROM OUTSIDE THE COLLECTION).
- InterLibrary Loans through Decatur Public Library WILL count.
- Print books, audio books, and eAudioBooks—fiction or non-fiction—from all areas of the library will count towards the challenge. You may use ONE book from the Youth Services department, but it cannot be an Easy Reader or picture book.
- The “level” matters only in terms of prizes and only once the challenge is complete.
- IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP UP WITH YOUR READING LOG. LOST READING LOGS **WILL NOT BE REPLACED**, BUT YOU MAY START OVER.
- Participation does not guarantee that you will win a prize.



WHAT ARE THE LEVELS?

At the end of the challenge period, your prize entry will be determined based on the number of books you read during the challenge. You may read books to fit the pre-printed tasks in any order you wish.

The prize levels are:

- **Governor** - Read **60** books; must include:
 - **9** from the monthly released tasks
- **Lt. Governor** - Read **30** books; must include:
 - **7** from the monthly released tasks
- **Attorney General** - Read **15** books
 - **5** from the monthly released tasks

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2019

The first of the monthly tasks will be released on our blog.

Friday, September 27th

Last date to sign-up (by 5pm)

Monday, December 2nd

To be eligible for prizes, Reading Logs must be turned in by 7pm

Thursday, December 5th

Prize winners will be announced at the Friends of the Library Christmas Open

You can earn an extra chance in the drawing you qualify for by attending 12 events at Decatur Public Library during the year.

BOOK CLUB

The Reading Challenge Book Club meets on the first Thursday of every month (except July which will be Thursday, July 11th). The gathering is from 12:00pm to 2pm in the Community Room at Decatur Public Library. You can join us for 15 minutes or the full amount of time...whatever is convenient for you.

WHAT WILL I HAVE TO READ IF I TAKE PART IN THIS CHALLENGE?

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

This year's theme for the Adult Reading Challenge is the state of Alabama. 2019 marks the 200th year since we became a state and to celebrate we are spending a year reading books and learning all about the state we call home. While the theme of the challenge is our state, *most* books that will count for the challenge do not have to be about Alabama. ***Some clues, however, are very specific to Alabama and require books to be about an Alabama person/place/thing in order to count.***

There will also be 10 tasks released on the blog - one each month from February through November. Each level of the Challenge also requires you to read a set number of the released tasks in order to qualify for a prize level. We hope you decide to accept our Challenge this year!

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HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Adults 18 and older are invited to participate in the challenge.

If you would like to sign up please contact:

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