

# NOTES READING

2020

8th Annual Adult Reading Challenge

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## THE OBJECTIVE

Our eighth annual Adult Reading Challenge encourages our **PATRONS 18 YEARS OR OLDER** to find books to read based on the clues printed on the 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. We will be in the Community Room the first Thursday of each month from 12pm – 2pm for the Adult Reading Challenge Book Club. That is the best time to catch us but if you cannot attend the book club, you may drop off your reading log at the Marketing & Outreach office anytime and pick it up after one week.
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!

## WHAT DO I HAVE TO READ FOR THIS CHALLENGE? BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

While the theme of the challenge is music, *most* books that will count for the challenge do not have to be about that. ***It will be harder to find books that fit some clues***, but our challenge is designed to allow you to skip ten clues and still qualify for the top prize level.

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!



## IMPORTANT DATES

**FEBRUARY 2020**  
The first of the monthly tasks will be released on our blog.

**FRIDAY ,  
SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
Last date to sign-up (by 5pm)

**MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
To be eligible for prizes, Reading Logs must be turned in by 7pm

Prize winners will be announced at the Friends of the Library Christmas Open House (date to be announced).

## WHAT COUNTS TOWARDS THE CHALLENGE?

- Adult and YA books checked out from Decatur Public Library (you may have **ONE** from outside the collection). Juvenile fiction does not count, except where noted on the reading log.
- InterLibrary Loans through Decatur Public Library
- Print books, eBooks, audio books, and eAudioBooks—fiction or non-fiction
- Books from the Young Adult & Graphic Novel sections at DPL

## DETAILS

- 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.
- 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:

- **Legend** - Read **60** books; must include:
  - **9** from the monthly released tasks
- **Star**- Read **30** books; must include:
  - **7** from the monthly released tasks
- **Debut Artist** - Read **15** books
  - **5** from the monthly released tasks

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

(Qualifying events are the Reading Challenge Book Club, Summer Series events, and Outreach events. Others may be announced throughout the year.)

## BOOK CLUB

The Reading Challenge Book Club meets on the first Thursday of every month, from 12pm - 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. Feel free to bring a lunch!

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

If you would like to take the challenge, please contact:

Rhonda Bolan or Stephanie Cates  
Marketing & Outreach Office  
**256-340-5780** or [stephrhonda@myDPL.org](mailto:stephrhonda@myDPL.org)



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# Don't forget the eBooks!

eBooks and eAudioBooks will count towards the challenge, if they are obtained from DPL through these digital platforms:



For details about check-out allowances and more, [CLICK HERE.](#)