

# Cast of Characters

## 9th Annual Adult Reading Challenge

char·ac·ter /'kærəktər/

noun

1. the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual
2. A person in a novel or play
3. The theme for DPL's 2021 Adult Reading Challenge

For adults, age 18+

### Objective

The ninth annual Adult Reading Challenge requires books be read based on the clues printed in the Reading Log. To complete the challenge, also read a certain ratio of books based on the tasks announced monthly via the Decatur Public Library Blog.

Each participant will be given a Reading Log, which will list prompts for book selection and have a place to record the title and author of the book read. The clues do not have to be completed in any particular order and participants may read as many or as few as they choose.

### How It Works

1. Check out & read books from Decatur Public Library
2. Once a book is finished, record the title and author on the appropriate space in the Reading Log.
3. When the Challenge draws to a close, turn in a completed reading log to the Marketing & Outreach office for validation. If all of the books recorded meet the clue/task for which they have been recorded, the participant will be entered into the appropriate prize drawing.
4. We have 3 levels of prizes for patrons and one for staff members who participate. Requirements for each level are explained below.

### Reading Logs

- Reading log entries must be written in ink before they are turned in.
- Do not use white-out.
- If unsure if a book will work for a certain clue/task, check with Rhonda or Stephanie before recording it.

### What to Read

- Books must be checked out from Decatur Public Library
- ONE book from outside DPL's collection is allowed. Mark it as "personal copy"
- Print books, eBooks\*, audio books, and eAudioBooks\* - fiction or non-fiction - work for this challenge
  - \*whether digital materials count as Juvenile or Adult is determined by its physical place inside DPL. When there is no print edition at DPL, contact Rhonda or Stephanie for a determination
- Books from the Young Adult or Adult section of DPL work for this challenge
- ONE book from our Juvenile collection, located in the Youth Services department, is allowed
- While the Adult Reading Challenge has a theme, it is designed to be broad to accommodate varied interests. Unless specified in the clue/task, participants may read any genre

### The Levels

The **A**claimed **List**  
 Read **60** Books                      MUST include **9** monthly released tasks

The **B**ookish **List**  
 Read **30** books                      MUST include **7** monthly released tasks

The **C**rackerjack **List**  
 Read **15** books                      MUST include **5** monthly released tasks

These levels are only relevant at the end of the challenge. Winners of each level are determined by random prize drawing. Participation does not guarantee a prize.

### Important Dates

Due to COVID-19, our dates this year are not set. Please check our website for updates.  
[www.myDPL.org/ARC](http://www.myDPL.org/ARC)

### Social Media

#### DPL BLOG:

<http://mydplblog.blogspot.com/>

Monthly tasks are released here!

#### FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com/DecaturPublicLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/DecaturPublicLibrary)

#### TWITTER

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### Questions?

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