Yakima Valley Libraries

2020 WINTER READING CHALLENGE



BEEN MEANING TO READ	RE-READ A FAVORITE BOOK	OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE	BIOGRAPHY / MEMOIR	SUGGESTED BY A LIBRARIAN OR BOOKSELLER
COVER CAUGHT YOUR EYE	PICTURE BOOK OR GRAPHIC NOVEL	PNW AUTHOR OR SETTING	PUBLISHED IN 2020	LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK
GENRE YOU DON'T USUALLY READ	#WENEED DIVERSEBOOKS	PASSIONATELY RECOMMEND A BOOK	BY A DEBUT AUTHOR	ALTERNATE HISTORY
TIED TO CURRENT EVENTS	COVER HAS IMAGE OF SOMEONE FACING AWAY	RELATED TO MONEY	AWARD WINNER	GIVES YOU THE WARM FUZZIES
BY AN AUTHOR OF COLOR OR AN INDIGENOUS AUTHOR	MYSTERY / THRILLER	FAITH / RELIGION	PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP	400+ PAGES

THIS SOUNDS GREAT! HOW DO I PLAY?

- 1) Pick up a Bingo card at your local community library or visit www.yvl.org/winter to print one from the YVL website.
- 2) Read! And work toward a BINGO or blackout by filling in book titles and authors on your Bingo card.
- 3) Return your completed card to your local library by March 31st and fill out an entry form to be entered in a raffle for one of several prizes.

DO I HAVE TO READ PRINT BOOKS?

Nope! You're encouraged to enjoy all book formats, including books on CD, ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, etc.

DO I HAVE TO READ LIBRARY BOOKS?

Obviously, we love it when you check out books from your local community library, but books you own, borrow from a friend, or buy, all definitely count!

WHAT IF I NEED IDEAS ABOUT WHAT TO READ?

If you're stumped or would like book suggestions for some of the Bingo squares, ask library staff or a local bookseller, check out NoveList Plus, or use one of YVL's online book lists, some of which were specifically created for this program.

MY CHILD(REN) WOULD LOVE THIS! CAN THEY PLAY, TOO?

Sorry, no. This program is limited to adults 18 and older; however, we invite children and teens to participate in our annual Summer Reading Program, which begins in June.

I READ A BOOK THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO MULTIPLE SPACES ON MY BINGO CARD. CAN I DO THAT?

Again, no—you can only use each title once.

WHAT IF I STARTED A BOOK IN 2019, BUT FINISHED IT AFTER THE NEW YEAR, AND / OR BEFORE I GOT MY BINGO CARD?

If it fits one of the categories, feel free to use it! As long as you were still reading the book at the start of 2020, it counts.

WHY DOES MY FRIEND'S CARD HAVE DIFFERENT SQUARES THAN MINE?

Since traditional BINGO cards are all different to make the game more interesting, we decided to offer a few different book BINGO cards, too.

CAN I COMPLETE MORE THAN ONE BINGO CARD?

Of course. It's a Reading Challenge, after all—so, read away! (Why not try to fill them all?)

YOU MENTIONED PRIZES. TELL ME MORE...

If you complete and return your game card by March 31st, you can enter your name in a drawing for one of several prizes – you choose which prize jar you would like your entry to go in. Prizes include gift cards, VIP library experiences, and more.

For each BINGO you complete, you will also automatically be entered in a drawing for one of our grand prizes. Visit www.yvl.org/winter to see the complete list of prizes.

WHAT COUNTS AS A BINGO?

A completed BINGO card can have up to five bingos –at which point you also have a blackout, meaning all the squares have been filled in. But remember: each fill-in square can only be counted once.

A card with a single bingo gives you one entry. A card with two bingos gives you two entries and so on. A card with a blackout gives you five entries – and they don't all have to go into the same drawing.

WHEN WILL WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED?

We'll draw names in early April and will contact winners by phone or email. If your name is drawn and we haven't heard from you within seven (7) days from when we first tried to contact you, we will draw another name. Limit one prize per winner.

THE FINE PRINT:

You are on your honor to read the books before adding them to your Winter Reading Challenge bingo card. Cheating, skimming, or just reading reviews will invoke bad winter karma which may include sniffles, lack of marshmallows in your hot chocolate, or losing your mittens.

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