# Yakima Valley Libraries 2021WINTER READING CHALLENGE



YAKIMA VALLEY LIBRARIES

# THIS SOUNDS GREAT! HOW DO I PLAY?

1) Pick up a Bingo card at any 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 on your card.

3) Return your completed card to your library, OR submit your card online, by Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

# **DO I HAVE TO READ PRINT BOOKS?**

Nope! You can enjoy all book formats, including books on CD, e-books, e-audiobooks.

#### WHAT IF I NEED IDEAS ABOUT WHAT TO READ?

If you need suggestions for some of the bingo squares, ask library staff for help, or use one of YVL's Winter Reading book lists.

### 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 2020, 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 2021, it counts.

### 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 WHEN WILL WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED? 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.

# YOU MENTIONED PRIZES. TELL ME MORE ...

If you complete and return your game card by March 31<sup>st</sup>, you can enter your name in a drawing for one of several prizes - you choose which prize pot you would like your entry to go in.

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.

# HOW DO I SUBMIT MY RAFFLE ENTRIES?

Raffle entries MUST be received no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

- Option #1: Online Raffle Entry
  - 1. Write your name across the top of your game card in pen or marker
  - 2. Take a clear photo of your card, ensuring that your name is visible
  - 3. Complete the online raffle entry form, where you'll be asked to upload the photo of your game card
  - 4. Submit the form along with your image file, and you're done!

# **Option #2: In-Person Entry**

- $\Rightarrow$  For curbside-only libraries:
- 1. Bring your game card to the library during open hours. Call the posted pick up phone number and request a raffle entry pack from staff.
- 2. Fill out the raffle entry form, then place it AND your bingo card into the library's outdoor book return.
- For libraries with limited in-person service:
- 1. Bring your game card to the library during open hours.
- 2. Request a raffle entry pack from staff. Place the completed raffle entry form AND your bingo card in the designated location, as directed by staff.

We'll draw names in 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.