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Library's Annual Winter Reading Challenge & Kids' Winter Adventure Game

Yakima, WA – Yakima Valley Libraries' (YVL) highly anticipated Winter Reading Challenge began January 1, 2024 and runs until April 1, 2024.

The annual Winter Reading Challenge is a call to the community to join their local libraries and spend some time reading 'together'. YVL staff curated the creative book categories to offer readers some fresh ideas for their 2024 reading lists. Participants are encouraged to read books that fit into some, or all, of the various twenty-four categories outlined on the book Bingo game card.

Challengers who achieve a Bingo, multiple Bingos, or a blackout – which consists of finishing all the categories on the card – will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win some great prizes. One raffle entry per Bingo completion.

Library customers who wish to participate can pick up their book Bingo game card at any of YVL's sixteen library locations and the Bookmobile OR print their card from www.yvl.org/events/winter.

"The Winter Reading Program is always a patron favorite each year; we have die-hard participants who like to challenge themselves to complete everything from one bingo up to filling in both game cards," said Program Librarian, Krystal Corbray.

This year, for the first time, children are invited to join in on the festivities by participating in the Kids' Winter Adventure Game. Similar to book Bingo, kids are challenged to read books within six book genres as well as participate in library activities. Library activities may include: a

visit to the library, borrowing a STEM/STEAM activity kit, checking out a board game, and more.

The whole community is welcome to participate in the challenge for a chance to win one of numerous prizes. Adult Bingo players are eligible to win gift cards to Starbucks, Amazon, and Inklings! Kids' prizes are collectable reading badges.

To view the rules and instruction for the Winter Reading Challenge and Winter Adventures, visit www.yvl.org/events/winter.

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