

Frequently Asked Questions

What is this and why should I sign up?

You have the opportunity to read 100 books of your choice and enjoy fun perks, a grand prize upon completion, expert book recommendations from our Teen Librarians, and major bragging rights!

Who can participate in 100 Books Before Graduation?

This program is ONLY for students in grades 6-12. If you are signing up for one of these programs during the summer (after the school year has ended), you may participate if you are a fifth grader entering sixth grade.

Which books or which types of books do I need to read?

Reading choice is 100% up to you! We encourage you to read a wide range of books in as many different formats and genres as possible, but there are no requirements for specific titles or genres.

Read books that interest you, but also stretch outside your comfort zones. Challenge yourself in your reading, but remember to have fun. If you're ever unsure about whether a title counts, feel free to contact us and we can give you our thoughts on any specific title. Books read for summer reading programs count!

If you're looking for inspiration, please [check out Teen Reads](#) from our Teen librarians!

How do I log my books?

You will receive email instructions with an invitation of where to log your books. An active Gmail account is needed to log books. You must record the title, author and make comments on each book read to receive credit.

What are the prizes?

There will be milestone prizes for every 20 books read up to 100 and a grand prize once you have completed the program and read all 100 books!

How do I claim milestone prizes?

For each milestone, you must fill out a prize submission form. Links will be available in your reading log document. Once submitted, please allow up to 10 days for library staff to respond and process any prizes earned. **All book logs must be completely filled out to receive milestone credit.**

Can I use the same book more than once on my log if I re-read it?

No, for this program we would like for you to read 100 separate titles, so you have the chance to read as many books as possible.

Can I log books that I read before the date I signed up for the challenge — from when I started 6th grade or 9th grade?

No, for this challenge, everyone starts from the point they sign up. We know this is tricky for those of you who are signing up when you're already part-way through the time frame, but consider that an extra challenge!

I started a book, but didn't like it and don't want to finish it. Can I still add it to my list?

If you have given the book a genuine shot by reading at least 50% of it, then you can add it to your list. We don't want to force you to read anything you're not enjoying when there are so many other great books out there!

I don't know what to read!

Don't worry, we know 100 books is a lot and we're here to help! Check out our [website](#) for awesome book lists made by our Teen Librarians or submit [this form](#) to get personalized recommendations.

100 books seems like a lot. How will I have time to read that many?

We don't expect you to complete this program in a week, a month, or even a year. We encourage you to join at the earliest opportunity possible, which would give you seven years to complete the 100 Books Before Graduation program if you start in sixth grade. Everyone reads at their own pace, so enjoy the process and take your time!

Do audiobooks count? What about graphic novels?

Yes, absolutely! Listening to an audiobook or listening to someone read a book to you counts as having read that book. Graphic novels and manga count too. You can read books in whatever way and format that works best for you.

Can I add the books I need to read for school?

Yes. We would encourage you to also read at least some books just for fun, but mandatory reading counts too.
