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ULTIMATE BOOK NERD

Reading Challenge

Jan. - Dec. 2024

Read 50 books in 50 weeks
and achieve the rank of
ultimate book nerd!

AGES 18+

ULTIMATE BOOK NERD CHALLENGE
OFFICIAL RULES 2024
50 BOOKS - 50 WEEKS - 50 CATEGORIES

- The Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge runs from January 2-December 16, 2024. The challenge is open to ages 18+. Only participants residing in Canyon County are eligible for prizes.

- Eligible participants who complete the challenge will win an Ultimate Book Nerd t-shirt or canvas book bag.

- There are 60 categories. Each participant must read 1 book in 50 different categories to win. Each book can only be used once.

- Books must be Middle Grade reading level (grade 4-8) or higher to count toward the challenge.

- All books must be recorded in the online log by 11:59 pm on Monday, December 16, 2024. Paper logs must be submitted by 5 pm on Monday, December 16, 2024.

- Audiobooks, ebooks, and physical books count toward the challenge.

- Books must be started and completed within the contest time period.

- Sign-ups must be between January 2 and July 1, 2024.

- What needs to be recorded:
  - Category
  - Title and Author of Book Read
  - Date Started and Completed

Get more information and access digital logs at
caldwellpubliclibrary.org/ultimate-book-nerd-challenge

CATEGORIES

Choose 50 of the 60 categories below and read one book for each category. Need help choosing a book? Ask a librarian or visit caldwellpubliclibrary.org/ultimate-book-nerd-challenge for reading suggestions for each category.

- ☐ A book with multiple narrators
- ☐ A book published posthumously
- ☐ A book set in two or more time periods
- ☐ A book set in outer space
- ☐ A book by a first-time author
- ☐ A book by an Idaho author
- ☐ A book that has been made into a movie
- ☐ A graphic novel
- ☐ A short story collection
- ☐ A retelling of mythology or fairy tale
- ☐ A book set on another planet
- ☐ A Hugo Award winner or nominee
- ☐ A book originally written in a language other than English
- ☐ A book set in Africa
- ☐ A book set in Asia
- ☐ A book set in Europe
- ☐ A detective/noir book
- ☐ A historical fiction book
- ☐ A western
- ☐ A thriller
- ☐ A book associated with food
- ☐ A book with an unreliable narrator
- ☐ A book set during a holiday
- ☐ A book from the PBS Great American Read Series
- ☐ The first book in a series
- ☐ A book that breaks the fourth wall
- ☐ A book that takes place in a single day
- ☐ A book about a spy

- ☐ A book that has been challenged or banned
- ☐ A true crime book
- ☐ A book about a religion that is not your own
- ☐ A book with north, south, east, or west in the title
- ☐ A book with a building on the cover
- ☐ A book with a black cover
- ☐ A book with a bird on the cover
- ☐ A book set in the future
- ☐ A book published under a pseudonym
- ☐ A book with an LGBTQ+ main character
- ☐ A medical mystery (fiction or nonfiction)
- ☐ A book with a subtitle
- ☐ A fiction book with an alternative history
- ☐ A book dealing with addiction or recovery
- ☐ A book with **life** or **death** in the title
- ☐ A book by or about indigenous peoples
- ☐ A book set on a farm or in a rural location
- ☐ A book with a circus or carnival setting
- ☐ A book of satire
- ☐ A book with a firefighter or police officer as the main character
- ☐ A book written by a comedian
- ☐ A book published in the 20th century
- ☐ A book about a cult
- ☐ A Printz Award winner or nominee
- ☐ A book about survival
- ☐ A book with fewer than 200 pages
- ☐ A Goodreads Choice Award winner or nominee from any year
- ☐ A book about or relating to mental health
- ☐ A book from a celebrity book club
- ☐ A book about a sport
- ☐ A book with a number in the title
- ☐ A book with a character who has been adopted or is in foster care

READING LOG

Keep track of the books you have read for each of the categories you complete here.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

You have earned the rank of Ultimate Book Nerd! Don't forget to return your reading log to the Library by the deadline to claim your prize.

NEED HELP DECIDING WHAT TO READ?

The Library has a number of resources to help Ultimate Book Nerd participants select titles to read for each category.

Visit Our Website

Go to caldwellpubliclibrary.org/ultimate-book-nerd-challenge to find a list of reading suggestions for each category. You can also access our online catalog from our website to browse our entire collection.

Ask a Librarian

The staff at the Library is happy to help you find the perfect book! Feel free to stop by or give us a call at (208) 459-3242

Ask an Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge Participant

Join the Caldwell Public Library Ultimate Book Nerd Facebook group to share your progress and get reading suggestions from other people participating in the challenge. Visit https://bit.ly/UBNgroup to join.

Browse NoveList Plus

Search books by genre, audience, topic, and more! Visit lili.org and select NoveList from the homepage to start browsing for free.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Help us make Ultimate Book Nerd the best it can be. Suggest new categories and let us know how we could improve your experience.

bit.ly/UBNfeedback

2024 ULTIMATE BOOK NERD ADULT COMPLETION FORM

Name:_____

Date Completed: _____

Number of Bonus Categories Completed: _____

Phone/Email Contact: _____

Library Card Number (optional):_____

Pick Your Prize

Congratulations, you completed the challenge! Please choose between an Ultimate Book Nerd canvas book bag or t-shirt. If you choose a t-shirt, please tell us which size you would prefer.

☐ Canvas Book Bag

☐ T-shirt
   Choose a size (unisex): XS   S   M   L   XL   XXL   XXXL

Please fill out this page and return to a staff member for review. Staff will be in contact with you to redeem your prize. Prizes will be available in February 2025, as they will be custom ordered and printed for prize winners only.

Library Staff Signature: _____

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