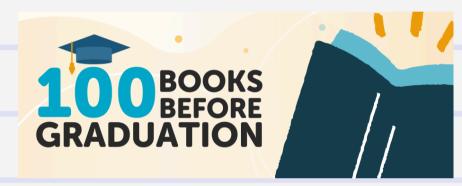# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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- Register by visiting bitterrootpl.beanstack.org OR search "Beanstack" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to download the Beanstack app. Create an account and choose "100 Books Before Graduation" to begin. Or, swing by the Library to pick up a tracking packet.

- Record your reading in Beanstack and/or on a paper tracking sheet.

- Books can be from anywhere – your home, school or public library. Fiction or non-fiction, it all counts, even audiobooks!

- Prizes will be awarded after reading 10, 25, 50, 75 and 100 books! Check in at your Library to receive your reading prize.

100 Books FAQs

1. What is this program? Why should I sign up?
100 Books Before Graduation is a reading challenge for students ages 13 to 18. You are challenged to read 100 books of your choice and to write 10 (short but thoughtful) book reviews. If you complete the challenge, you will receive prizes and major bragging rights! Reading for fun will bring so much joy and depth to your life, and we want to encourage you to do more of it!

2. How do I sign up for the challenge?
Go to bitterrootpl.beanstack.org! If you do not already have a Beanstack account, you can make one and then register for the challenge. You can also download the Beanstack Tracker app on any mobile device to register and log your books. Or, swing by the Library and pick up a 100 Books participation packet.

3. Who can participate in 100 Books Before Graduation?
Students ages 13 to 18 can begin their 100 Books journey. At the time you sign up, you will have until age 18 to finish the challenge. This may be shorter for some and longer for others, but consider it part of the challenge!

4. 100 books seems like a lot. How will I have time to read that many?
It's a marathon, not a sprint! If you are signing up at age 13, you will have at least 4 years to complete the challenge. Remember that you can include audiobooks, graphic novels, and manga. Enjoy the process, find books you love to read, and have fun.

5. What is required for the book reviews?
Remember, only 10 book reviews are required (that's only 10% of the books you read). We're not asking for a book report! Just let us know what you liked about the book, what you didn't like, who was your favorite character, were you shocked by that ending, will you read the sequel, etc.

6. Which books or which types of books do I need to read?
There is no required list of books to read, but our librarians have fantastic recommendations, just ask! We encourage you to read books that are appropriate for your age and to read across genres and for mats. Challenge yourself, but also have fun! E-books and audiobooks count! Graphic novels and manga count! Want to read Moby Dick? Go for it, but remember it only counts as one book.

7. Can I use the same book more than once on my log if I re-read it?
No, while we encourage re-reading your favorites, this challenge will require you to read 100 different books.

8. Can I log books that I read before the date I signed up for the challenge?
No, for this challenge, everyone starts from the point they sign up.

9. I started a book but didn't like it and don't want to finish it. Can I still add it to my list?
Yes, if you have read at least half of the book and have written a review explaining why you didn't like it. There are so many great books out there and we do not want to force you to read one you do not enjoy!

10. Can I add the books I need to read for school?
Yes, mandatory reading counts as well as reading for fun.

11. So what are the prizes?

Prizes will be awarded throughout the calendar year, as you reach the book benchmarks. All prizes for the 100 Books Before Graduation Challenge are provided by the Friends of the Bitterroot Public Library.

10 books: Sling bag
25 books: Book light
50 books: Insulated water bottle
75 books: Portable charger
100 books: Custom t-shirt, recognition and photo in the newspaper

12. I read my 100 books and I still have time before the program ends to read another 100 books. Can I enter this program again?

Wow, way to go! You may certainly continue reading and logging your books, but you will only receive the prizes one time. Make sure you are participating in the other Beanstack reading challenges throughout the year!