

BOOKLIST Winter Reading Program 2025

These are just ideas to get you started. Please feel free to research and look up books that interest you! We are not going to be strict as to how you interpret the challenges. **The goal is for you to READ and HAVE FUN READING!**



HARE: Chill with a character who can blend in with their surroundings

Board and Picture Books

[Neon Leon / Jane Clark](#)

[The Snowy Day / Ezra Jack Keats](#)

[Very Good Hats / Emma Straub; illustrated by Blanca Gómez](#)

[Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise / Taylor, Sean,](#)

[Search and Spot: Animals! / Laura Ljungkvist](#)

Picture and Chapter Books

[The Wild Robot / Peter Brown](#)

[Mercy Watson: Princess in Disguise / Kate DiCamillo](#)

[A Girl Called Samson / Amy Harmon](#)

[Song of the Lioness, Book 1: Alanna: a graphic novel adaptation / Tamora Pierce, Vita Ayala, Sam Beck](#)

[A Wolf Called Wander / by Rosanne Parry; illustrated by Monica Armino.](#)

Young Adult

[Invisible Emmie / Terri Libenson.](#)

[The Hate U Give / Angie Thomas](#)

[The Young Elites / Marie Lu](#)

[Things Not Seen / Andrew Clements](#)

[Animorphs: The Invasion \[graphic novel\] / K. A. Applegate & Michael Grant, Chris Grine, adaptor](#)

Adult:

[Monstrous Regiment / Terry Pratchett](#)

[Flame in the Mist / Renée Ahdieh](#)

[Borne / Jeff VanderMeer](#)

[Hollow Kingdom / Kira Jane Buxton](#)

MOUNTAIN LION: Embrace your inner anti-hero with a mythic thriller or fantasy

Board and Picture Books

[Where the Wild Things Are / Maurice Sendak](#)

[The Cat in the Hat / Dr. Seuss](#)

[No, David! / David Shannon](#)

[Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus / Mo Willems](#)

[Grumpy Monkey / Suzanne Lang](#)

Chapter Books

[Artemis Fowl](#) / Eoin Colfer
[The Amulet of Samarkand](#) / Jonathan Stroud
[Restart](#) / Gordon Korman
[Impossible Creatures](#) / Katherine Rundell
[Amari and the Night Brothers](#) / B.B. Alston
[The Bletchley Riddle](#) / Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin

Young Adult

[Six of Crows](#) / Leigh Bardugo
[The Emerald Atlas](#) / John Stevens
[The Cruel Prince](#) / Holly Black
[Iron Widow](#) / Xiran Jay Zhao
[Renegades](#) / Marissa Meyer
[Red Queen](#) / Victoria Aveyard

Adult:

[Gone Girl](#) by Gillian Flynn
[The Count of Monte Cristo](#) by Alexandre Dumas
[The Picture of Dorian Gray](#) by Oscar Wilde
[Wuthering Heights](#) by Emily Bronte

ELK: Take a journey with a character who migrates to a new area

Board and Picture Books

[Berenstain Bears' Moving Day](#) / Stan and Jan Berenstain
[The Invisible String](#) / Patrice Karst
[A House for Hermit Crab](#) / Eric Carle
[Islandborn](#) / Junot Díaz
[The Arrival](#) / Shaun Tan
[A Long Walk to Water](#) / Linda Sue Park

Chapter Books

[Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away](#) / Meg Medina
[The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise](#) / Dan Gemeinhart
[A Long Walk to Water](#) / Linda Sue Park
[See You in the Cosmos](#) / Jack Cheng
[The Lightning Thief](#) - Rick Riordan
[Esperanza Rising](#) / Pam Muñoz Ryan

Young Adult

[New Kid](#) / Jerry Craft
[Some Girls Do](#) / Jennifer Dugan
[The Great Alone](#) / Kristin Hannah
[American Street](#) / Ibi Zoboi
[The Hobbit](#) and [The Lord of the Rings](#) / J.R.R. Tolkien

Adult:

[The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency](#) / Alexander McCall Smith
[The Shipping News](#) / E. Annie Proulx
[Life of Pi](#) / Yann Martel
[The Grapes of Wrath](#) / John Steinbeck
[Exit West](#) / Mohsin Hamid
[Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail](#) / Cheryl Strayed
[Where'd You Go, Bernadette](#) / Maria Semple

FOX: Frolic through a whimsical, playful book

Board and Picture Books

[Chicka Chicka Boom Boom](#) / Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
[Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!](#) / Mo Willems
[Du Iz Tak?](#) / Carson Ellis
[Journey](#) / Aaron Becker
[The Book with No Pictures](#) / B.J. Novak

Chapter Books

[A Series of Unfortunate Events](#) / Lemony Snicket
[Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#) / Roald Dahl
[The Phantom Tollbooth](#) / Norton Juster
[Chronicles of Whetherwhy: The Age of Enchantment](#) / Anna James
[Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow](#) / Jessica Townsend
[The Girl Who Drank the Moon](#) / Kelly Barnhill

Young Adult

[Howl's Moving Castle](#) / Diana Wynne Jones
[Stardust](#) / Neil Gaiman
[A Harvest of Hearts](#) / Andrea Eames
[Caraval](#) / Stephanie Garber
[The Eyes and the Impossible](#) / Dave Eggers
[Bob](#) / Wendy Mass

Adult:

[The Shipping News](#) / Annie Proulx
[The House in the Cerulean Sea](#) / T.J. Klune
[Legends & Lattes](#) / Travis Baldree.

GREAT HORNED OWL: Soar through a book about someone who sees things from a different perspective

Board and Picture Books

[They All Saw a Cat](#) / Brendan Wenzel
[Duck! Rabbit!](#) / Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld
[The True Story of the Three Little Pigs!](#) / Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith
[The Day the Crayons Quit](#) / Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers

Chapter Books

[The London Eye Mystery](#) / Siobhan Dowd
[The Invisible Boy](#) / Ludwig, Trudy
[Fish in a Tree](#) / Mullaly, Lynda
[A Boy Called Bat](#) / Arnold, Elana

Young Adult

[The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time](#) / Mark Haddon
[Wonder](#) / R.J.Palacio
[Hello, Universe](#) / Erin Estrada Kelly
[The Beginning of Everything](#) / Robyn Schneider

Adult:

[Flowers for Algernon](#) by Daniel Keyes
[The Other Boleyn Girl](#) by Philippa Gregory
[Beloved](#) by Toni Morrison

SHORT-TAILED WEASEL: Face any challenge with an underdog character

Board and Picture Books

[The Little Engine that Could](#) / Watty Piper
[Giraffes Can't Dance](#) - Giles Andreae
[The Little Red Hen](#) - Various
[Whistle for Willie](#) / Ezra Jack Keats

Chapter Books

[Holes](#) / Louis Sachar
[The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#) / Kate DiCamillo

Young Adult

[The Hunger Games](#) / Suzanne Collins
[The Outsiders](#) / S.E. Hinton
[Dumont \(or Dumplin'\)](#) / Julie Murphy
[The Book Thief](#) / Markus Zusak
[Alone](#) / Megan Freeman
[Heir](#) - Tahir, Sabaa
[Everything Everything](#) - Yoon, Nicola

Adult

[A Man Called Ove](#) / Frederik Backman
[Demon Copperhead](#) / Barbara Kingsolver
[The Boys in the Boat](#) / Daniel James
[Britt-Marie Was Here](#) / Frederik Backman

PTARMIGAN: Transform with a book that goes a little deeper

Board and Picture Books

Chapter Books

Young Adult

[Blended](#) (Juv) - Draper, Sharon M.
[Melissa's Story](#) (Juv) - Gino, Alex
[All Better Now](#) (YA) - Shusterman, Neal
[I Must Betray You](#) (YA) - Sepetys, Ruta

Adult:

MOOSE: Brace for impact with characters who come head-to-head in competition

Board and Picture Books

[The Squirrels Who Squabbled](#) by Rachel Bright
[The Hare and the Tortoise](#) (Various Editions)

K-5th:

[Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library](#) by Chris Grabenstein
[Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire](#) by J.K. Rowling
[Rivals](#) by Tommy Greenwald
[Roller Girl](#) by Victoria Jamieson
[Midsummer's Mayhem](#) / Rajani LaRocca

Young Adult

[See You in the Cosmos](#) / Cheng, Jack
[The Revenant Games](#) / Fuston, Margie

[Six of Crows](#) / Bardugo, Leigh
[The Hunger Games](#) / Suzanne Collins
[Scythe](#) / Neal Shusterman
[A Separate Peace](#) / John Knowles
Black Swans / Laurene Landon
[A Pho Love Story](#) / Loan Le

Adult:

[The Night Circus](#) / Erin Morgenstern
[The Secret History](#) / Donna Tartt
[The Queen's Gambit](#) / Walter Tevis

BIGHORN SHEEP: Reach new heights with a great adventure book!

Board and Picture Books

K-5th:

[Hatchet](#) / Gary Paulsen
[My Side of the Mountain](#) / Jean Craighead George
[The Canyon's Edge](#) / Dusti Bowling

Young Adult

[Even the Darkest Stars](#) / Heather Fawcett
[Be Not Far from Me](#) / Mindy McGinnis
[Soul Surfer Devotions](#) / Bethany Hamilton
[Mystery in Rocky Mountain National](#) Park - Johnson, Aaron
[Mountain Dog](#) / Margarita Engle
[The Prince and the Apocalypse](#) / McDowell, Kara

Adult:

[Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster](#) / Jon Krakauer
[Touching the Void: The True Story of One Man's Miraculous Survival](#) / Joe Simpson
[Alone on the Wall](#) / Alex Honnold and David Roberts
[The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition](#) / Caroline Alexander