



ULTIMATE **BOOK NERD** Reading Challenge *Kids' Edition*

Jan. - Dec. 2025

Read 25 books in 50 weeks
and achieve the rank of
ultimate book nerd!

**AGES
5-12**

KIDS' ULTIMATE BOOK NERD CHALLENGE

OFFICIAL RULES 2025

25 BOOKS - 50 WEEKS - 25 CATEGORIES

- The Kids' Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge runs from January 2-December 16, 2025. The challenge is open to ages 5-12. 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 30 categories. Each participant must read 1 book in 25 different categories to win. Each book can only be used once.
- All books must be recorded in the online log by 11:59 pm on December 16, 2025. Paper logs must be submitted by 5 pm on December 16, 2025.
- 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, 2025.
- 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 25 of the 30 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.

- An award-winning book
- A book with a one-word title
- A book that has been adapted into a movie
- A book set in another country
- A book about a historical event
- A mystery book
- A book with magic or spells
- A book about nature or the environment
- A book featuring a superhero
- A book about a sport
- A book with a title longer than five words
- A book about food or cooking
- A poetry book or novel in verse
- A book about a holiday or celebration
- A book with a new-to-you genre
- A book with a character who has a special talent
- A book with a mythical creature
- A book about solving a problem
- A book featuring a robot or artificial intelligence
- A book about kindness or helping others
- A book set in the ocean or underwater
- A book with a title starting with the same letter as your name
- A book that's part of a retelling (fairy tales, myth, etc.)

- A book about travel or an adventure
- A book that makes you laugh
- A book about a character with a pet
- A book that has an animal as the main character
- Read a book because of its cover
- A book of your choice
- A book about music or featuring a musician

READING LOG

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

1. **Category:** _____
Title: _____
Author: _____
Date Started/Completed: _____ / _____
Notes/Rating: _____

2. **Category:** _____
Title: _____
Author: _____
Date Started/Completed: _____ / _____
Notes/Rating: _____

3. **Category:** _____
Title: _____
Author: _____
Date Started/Completed: _____ / _____
Notes/Rating: _____

4. **Category:** _____
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Notes/Rating: _____

5. **Category:** _____
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Author: _____
Date Started/Completed: _____ / _____
Notes/Rating: _____

6. **Category:** _____
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Notes/Rating: _____

23. Category: _____
Title: _____
Author: _____
Date Started/Completed: _____ / _____
Notes/Rating: _____

24. Category: _____
Title: _____
Author: _____
Date Started/Completed: _____ / _____
Notes/Rating: _____

25. Category: _____
Title: _____
Author: _____
Date Started/Completed: _____ / _____
Notes/Rating: _____

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 NovelList Plus

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

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

2025 ULTIMATE BOOK NERD KID COMPLETION FORM

Name: _____

Age: _____ Date Completed: _____

Parent/Guardian 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

Vest

Choose a size (unisex): XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

Fleece Cap

Baseball Cap

Water Bottle

Please fill out this page and return your booklet to a staff member for review.

Staff will be in contact with you to redeem your prize. Prizes will be available in February, 2026, as they will be custom ordered and printed for prize winners only.

Library Staff Signature: _____



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