



TEEN ULTIMATE BOOK NERD

Reading Challenge

Jan. - Dec. 2025

Read 35 books in 50 weeks
and achieve the rank of
ultimate book nerd!

AGES
13-17

TEEN ULTIMATE BOOK NERD CHALLENGE

OFFICIAL RULES 2025

35 BOOKS - 50 WEEKS - 35 CATEGORIES

- The Teen Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge runs from January 2-December 16, 2025. The challenge is open to ages 13-17. 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 45 categories. Each participant must read 1 book in 35 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 35 of the 45 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 set in a place you'd like to visit
- A book inspired by or featuring a specific historical event
- A book about a different belief system or way of life than your own
- A book that takes place entirely within 24 hours
- A mystery or thriller book
- A book about a road trip or journey
- A book by an author under 30 years old
- A book that takes place in a dystopian future
- A book that has won a Pulitzer Prize
- A book you started but never finished
- A book that has been adapted into a movie or TV series
- A graphic novel
- A book set at sea or involving a ship
- A book with detective work
- A book that is a mythological story or retelling of a myth
- A book set in another world
- A book with a map inside
- A book that features a character waking up in an unfamiliar place with no memory of how they got there
- A book featuring a non-human character
- A book with two main characters
- A book inspired by folklore from a specific culture
- A retelling of a folk story or fairy tale
- A book set in the wilderness or a remote location
- A book where the protagonist is a villain or anti-hero
- A science fiction book
- A book with a ghost or supernatural being
- A book featuring letters, emails, or diary entries

- A book about a character saving the world
- The most popular book of any year within the past ten years
- A book seen on social media
- A book with a title that includes a number
- A book where the main character is an inventor or scientist
- A book about family relationships
- A contemporary/realistic fiction book
- A book that has been adapted into a play
- A book featuring an intergenerational story
- A book by an author from your home state or country
- A book set in the summer
- A full cast audiobook
- A collection of short stories
- A book recommended by a library employee
- Your best friend's favorite book of all time
- A book with a color in the title
- A book whose cover has all 7 colors of the rainbow on it
- A book that includes 3 of the above categories

READING LOG

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

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34. Category: _____
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35. Category: _____

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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 NovelList Plus

Search books by genre, audience, topic, and more! Visit lili.org and select NovelList 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

2025 ULTIMATE BOOK NERD TEEN COMPLETION FORM

Name: _____

Age: _____ Date 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

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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