

FAQ 2021 Summer Reading Challenge

How do I track my Summer Reading Challenge progress?

You can log your entire family's reading progress online using the new Beanstack site or mobile app! For specific instructions on how to log your reading, [click here](#).

I don't see an option to pick my reading goal of days, hours, or books?

That's because there isn't one! We have changed our program so that everyone works toward the same Summer Reading goal of 1200 minutes. Why, you may ask? One, this makes logging more straightforward and makes Beanstack easier to use. Two, this ensures that school-aged children are reading an appropriate amount of time to fight the summer slide, a regression in academic skills that occurs over the summer months when students are not in school. Children are encouraged to read about 20 minutes a day throughout the summer, which makes the 1200 minute challenge a perfect way to keep students engaged in their reading goals and progress.

So, do I still get prizes?

Absolutely! What's Summer Reading without prizes? Like last year, you will collect tickets to enter into our exciting ticket drawings! You will earn 10 tickets and a logging badge for every 100 minutes you read. Enter your tickets into drawings for the chance to win really cool prizes such as LEGO® sets, laptops, gift certificates, and more! And, of course, everyone will receive a completion prize. See next question for details!

Do I still get a completion prize?

Of course you do! If you are a child or teen, 19 years of age or younger, you receive a book of your choice. If you are an adult, you receive a library pint glass! Once you've logged 1200 minutes of reading, you can head to the library to pick up your hard-earned prize pack on the 2nd floor or using the library's curbside pick-up service!

Can I keep reading after I've finished my goal?

We are a library, so of course we are going to tell you that you can and should always keep reading! Once you complete 1200 minutes, you will not receive any further tickets or prizes. However, you can Read for a Cause in Beanstack! For every additional logging badge you earn, Frontier Veterinary Clinic will make a donation to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter.

What are logging badges?

Logging badges are what you earn every time you read 100 minutes. For every goal of 100 minutes you complete, you earn a point badge and 10 tickets.

You will earn a total of 12 point badges. Once you earn your twelfth point badge, you also earn a challenge badge! What's that you ask? See below!

Quick Guide to Reading Challenges with Laramie County Library System



What are challenge badges?

You'll earn two during the Summer Reading Challenge 2021: one when you register and one when you complete your goal of 1200 minutes! When you earn your final challenge badge, you are eligible to head to the library and pick-up your completion prize. You can go back and refer to the challenges you've completed over time by clicking on the "Challenge Badges" tab or on the "Earned Badges" tab. Some of you may have some from last year's Summer Reading Challenge!

How do I opt out of the email notifications?

Just click "edit reader" which is located next to each reader's name and hit "no" under email notifications. If you would like to access the information you would have received in an email, click on the "Rewards" tab; that's where you can see what rewards you have received for each challenge badge.

So, when do I find out if I have won a ticket drawing?

You may submit new entries for the ticket drawings until 9:59 MST on Monday, August 16, 2021. The library will notify winners within a week of the deadline. Make sure you enter all of your tickets before the submission deadline so that you have a chance to win!

How do I check out books to help me reach my goal?

You can come into the library and peruse our stacks or you can use our curbside pick-up service to check out books (or audiobooks, graphic novels, etc. -they count too)! [Click here](#) for instructions on how to use curbside pick-up service. You can also access a huge collection of eMaterials through our new Libby app; [click here](#) to learn more.

I am having trouble registering for an account and logging my reading. What do I do?

Don't worry! We have instructions for how to register for a challenge and how to use the Beanstack site. [Click here](#) for written instructions, or call the library for assistance at 307-634-3561.