

1,000 Books Before Graduation

A Reading Challenge for Middle School and High School Students

Overview

Modeled after 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, 1,000 Books Before Graduation is a reading initiative to get students engaged with literature. Research shows that reading has several physical and mental benefits. Some of the benefits included are reducing stress, increasing emotional intelligence, building vocabulary, preventing cognitive decline, and many more.

This program is meant to encourage students to incorporate reading into their weekly schedule and build healthy habits.

How to Participate

- Students in grades 6th through 12th can register on the Library's [Beanstack](#) to participate in this challenge.
 - Patrons must visit <https://eastlakelibrary.beanstack.com/reader365> or search “Beanstack” in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to download the Beanstack app. Create an account and choose **1,000 Books Before Graduation** to begin.
- Participants will log all read books in Beanstack.
- All reading counts! Students may choose eBooks, eAudiobooks, comic books, and mangas. Required school reading also counts.
- Prizes will be awarded after every 25 books read.

Rules

- Students in grades 6th through 12th can begin their 1,000 Books journey. At the time they sign up, they will have until their senior year of high school to finish the challenge. This may be shorter for some and longer for others but consider it part of the challenge!
- There is no required list of books to read, but we do have a fantastic list of recommendations on the Teen Services webpage!
- For this challenge, everyone starts from the point they sign up. Students cannot log books they have read before the date they signed up for the challenge.
- Students may log books they read at least halfway through and have written a review explaining why they didn't like them. There are so many great books out there and we do not want to force students to read one they do not enjoy!

Starter Kits

- All students who sign up for the challenge will be given a “Reading Starter Kit” to begin their journey.
- All kits include:
 - 1 Mystery Book
 - 1 colored pen
 - 2 Reading List Bookmark
 - 3 Bookish Stickers

Rewards

- Students earn rewards for every 25 books read.
 - All prizes will be located in the Prize Cabinet (Cabinet 1 in the Teen Room)
 - Students may choose a prize of their choice
 - To be able to receive a prize, the participants must show their earned badges on the Beanstack app

Completion

- Students complete the challenge by reading 1,000 books.
 - After reading 1,000 books before graduation, participants will earn an After School Adventure Kit, packed with items that will help them navigate their next steps after graduating.
 - Barnes and Noble Gift Card
 - Snacks
 - Band-Aids
 - Pens
 - Stationery
 - other necessities that will make a student’s transition to college life much smoother.