

# 100 Books Before Graduation (Grades 6 - 12)

## FAQ

### **What is this and why should I sign up?**

100 Books Before Graduation is a reading initiative for teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school. Prizes will be awarded at registration and after every 25 books read. We know that school is a busy time and 100 books is a lot of books, but studies show that reading can provide stress relief, increase empathy, improve your vocabulary, develop your writing skills, and expand world views. When you're done, you also get major bragging rights!

### **Who can participate in 100 Books Before Graduation?**

This program is ONLY for students in grades 6-12. If you are signing up during the summer (after the school year has ended), you may participate if you are a fifth grader entering sixth grade.

### **Which books or which types of books do I need to read?**

Reading choice is 100% up to you! We encourage you to read a wide range of books at your grade level (or higher) in as many different formats and genres as possible, but there are no requirements for specific titles or genres. Read books that interest you, but also stretch outside your comfort zones. Challenge yourself in your reading, but remember to have fun. If you're looking for inspiration, please check out our Suggested Reading lists found on our website or at the library, ask a librarian, or browse the YA Best Bets collection in the Teen area.

### **How do I log my books?**

With [Beanstack](https://baldwinlib.beanstack.com/)! It's a free app you can download, or you can access the website here: <https://baldwinlib.beanstack.com/> If you have used Beanstack before for Summer Reading or other challenges, you will log in with your existing account and join this challenge. If you have never used Beanstack, you will need to create an account first. Once you've joined this challenge, you will be able to log all your books and keep track of prizes. If it helps, you can also log them on paper and then record them in Beanstack.

### **Can I use the same book more than once on my log if I re-read it?**

No, for this program we would like for you to read 100 separate titles, so you have the chance to read as many books as possible.

### **Can I log books that I read before the date I signed up for the challenge?**

No, for this challenge, everyone starts from the point they sign up. We know this is tricky for those of you who are signing up when you're already part-way through the time frame, but consider that an extra challenge!

### **I started a book, but didn't like it and don't want to finish it. Can I still add it to my list?**

If you have given the book a genuine shot by reading at least 50% of it, then you can add it to your list. We don't want to force you to read anything you're not enjoying when there are so many other great books out there. Don't worry, we know 100 books is a lot and we're here to help!

### **100 books seems like a lot. How will I have time to read that many?**

We don't expect you to complete this program in a week, a month, or even a year. We encourage you to join at the earliest opportunity possible, which would give you seven years to complete the 100 Books Before Graduation program if you start in sixth grade. Everyone reads at their own pace, so enjoy the process and take your time!

### **Do audiobooks count? What about graphic novels?**

Yes, absolutely! Listening to an audiobook or listening to someone read a book to you counts as having read that book. Graphic novels and manga count too. You can read books in whatever way and format that works best for you.

### **Can I add the books I need to read for school?**

Yes. We would encourage you to also read at least some books just for fun, but mandatory reading counts too.

### **If I am also part of the Summer Reading Program, can I submit the same books?**

Yes! You may log the same books for both. You should use the same Beanstack login information.

### **What are the prizes?**

Register - Journal, Bookmark, & Pen

25 Books - 3D Printed Fidget

50 Books - Library Tote Bag

75 Books - New Book

100 Books - \$25 Gift Card to Books-A-Million

If you have more questions, email us at [teen@baldwinlib.org](mailto:teen@baldwinlib.org). Happy reading!