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extreme
book nerd
year-long reading challenge

2026



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50 books. 50 weeks. 50 categories.
Are you up for the challenge?

Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions

- The Extreme Book Nerd Challenge runs **January 6 through December 19, 2026.**
- Read one book for each of the 50 categories. One category per book, and one book per category. **YOU CANNOT USE THE SAME BOOK FOR MULTIPLE CATEGORIES.**
- The title and author of every book read for Extreme Book Nerd **MUST** be recorded in this reading log or on Beanstack (use the QR code above!). We will also accept journals, printed spreadsheets, printed lists, etc., as long as the category, title, and author are easy to see.
- All logging on Beanstack **MUST** be completed by 11:59pm on **Saturday, December 19, 2026.**
- Books read for other reading programs and book clubs (e.g., Summer Reading program, school assignments, etc.) can be counted towards this challenge, as long as they fit into one of the categories, and must be completed by **December 19, 2026.**
- **Items you can count:** Junior Fiction; Young Adult Fiction and Nonfiction; Adult Fiction and Nonfiction; Large Print; Young Adult and Adult Graphic Novels. Audiobook versions of these books are also encouraged and accepted.
- **Items you cannot count:** Anything from the Children's Department **EXCEPT** for Junior Fiction; newspapers; magazines; websites; PDFs; etc.
- Only one prize per participant. Any extra books you read beyond the 50 required books is for your added benefit.
- Library staff **MUST** sign off on your completed challenge in order to receive your prize. You have until December 31, 2026, to visit with an IFPL staff member at the 3rd Floor Desk.
- Participants who finish the challenge by **December 19, 2026**, will receive an exclusive Extreme Book Nerd Bluetooth speaker!
- If you have further questions, please talk to an IFPL staff member at the 2nd or 3rd Floor Desks.

**YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP
DURING THE PROGRAM AND FOR PRIZE PICKUP.**



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A book published in 2026

title _____

author _____

A book about an amateur sleuth

title _____

author _____

A book that fits the America250 theme

title _____

author _____

A book that was nominated for the Asian/Pacific American Award

title _____

author _____

A book that has been banned or challenged

title _____

author _____

A book set in a state or province that borders Idaho

title _____

author _____

A book that was published at least 20 years before you were born

title _____

author _____

A title that has a day of the week

title _____

author _____

A book from a library display

title _____

author _____

A book that is EGOT source material

title _____

author _____

A title that contains Extreme, Book, or Nerd

title _____

author _____

A book about a fire or has fire on the cover

title _____

author _____

A title that has First, Second, Third, or Home

title _____

author _____

A cover that has flora or fauna

title _____

author _____

A book by an author whose name matches one of your friends

title _____

author _____

A title that has Hope, Empire, or Return

title _____

author _____

A cover that doesn't have humans on it

title _____

author _____

A book suggested by IFPL staff

title _____

author _____

A cover that intrigues you

title _____

author _____

A book that brings you joy

title _____

author _____

A book from Kirkus Reviews Best Books of the 21st Century (So Far)

title _____

author _____

A book that is humorous or makes you laugh

title _____

author _____

A book about something you want to learn about

title _____

author _____

A book whose author has 10 or more letters in their whole name

title _____

author _____

A book you haven't read by an author you love

title _____

author _____

A book you've been meaning to read for at least a year

title _____

author _____

A title that has a person's name

title _____

author _____

A book that is narrative nonfiction

title _____

author _____

A book set in a place you've never been

title _____

author _____

An author who is new to you

title _____

author _____

A book from the nonfiction section

title _____

author _____

A book from NPR Books We Love 2025

title _____

author _____

A book with a one-star review

title _____

author _____

A book you own but have never read

title _____

author _____

A book with a pirate

title _____

author _____

A title with a possessive

title _____

author _____

A title that is a question

title _____

author _____

A book you love, read it again!

title _____

author _____

A cover that is red, white, or blue (at least 50%)

title _____

author _____

A book about second chances

title _____

author _____

A cover that has a skull or bones on it

title _____

author _____

A cover with stars or stripes on it

title _____

author _____

A book suggested by a Book Nerd

title _____

author _____

A book about survival

title _____

author _____

A title that has twelve, 12, or dozen

title _____

author _____

A title that starts with a vowel

title _____

author _____

A book from What Dan Read

title _____

author _____

Wild Card

title _____

author _____

A book that is young adult or middle grade

title _____

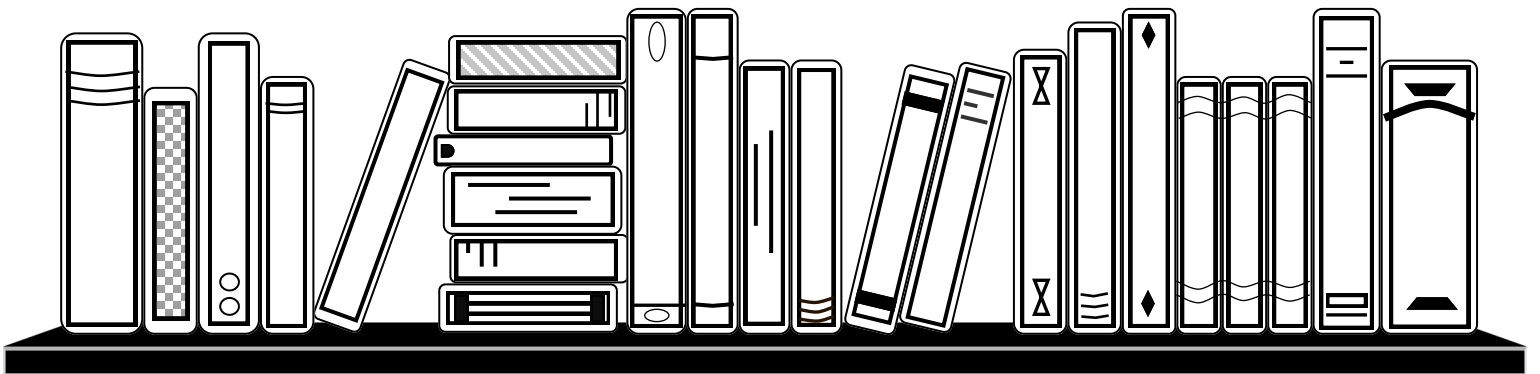
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