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idaho falls
public library

extreme
book nerd
year-long reading challenge

2026

25 books.
50 weeks.

Are you
up for the
challenge?



Use the QR code to
sign up or go to
ifpl.beanstack.com

Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions

- The Extreme Book Nerd Challenge runs **January 6 through December 19, 2026**. This challenge is for teenagers in grades 7-12.
- Read 25 books for the categories. There are 26 categories to choose from, so choose wisely. 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 25 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 on 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 cover that has flora or fauna

title _____

author _____

A book set in a state or province that borders Idaho

title _____

author _____

A book from a library display

title _____

author _____

A book suggested by IFPL staff

title _____

author _____

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

title _____

author _____

A cover that intrigues you

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 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 title with a possessive

title _____

author _____

A book set in a place you've never been

title _____

author _____

An author who is new to you

title _____

author _____

A cover that doesn't have humans on it

title _____

author _____

A book from the nonfiction section

title _____

author _____

A book you own but have never read

title _____

author _____

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

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 suggested by a Book Nerd

title _____

author _____

A book about survival

title _____

author _____

A title that starts with a vowel

title _____

author _____

Wild Card

title _____

author _____

A book that is young adult or middle grade

title _____

author _____

Your choice!

title _____

author _____