



ULTIMATE BOOK NERD

Reading Challenge

Jan. - Dec. 2025

Read 50 books in 50 weeks
and achieve the rank of
ultimate book nerd!

AGES
18+

ULTIMATE BOOK NERD CHALLENGE

OFFICIAL RULES 2025

50 BOOKS - 50 WEEKS - 50 CATEGORIES

- The Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge runs from January 2- December 16, 2025. The challenge is open to ages 18+. Only participants residing in Canyon County are eligible for prizes.
- Eligible participants who complete the challenge will win an Ultimate Book Nerd t-shirt or canvas book bag.
- There are 60 categories. Each participant must read 1 book in 50 different categories to win. Each book can only be used once.
- Books must be Middle Grade reading level (grade 4-8) or higher to count toward the challenge.
- All books must be recorded in the online log by 11:59 pm on Monday, December 16, 2025. Paper logs must be submitted by 5 pm on Monday, December 16, 2025.
- Audiobooks, ebooks, and physical books count toward the challenge.
- Books must be started and completed within the contest time period.
- Sign-ups must be between January 2 and July 1, 2025.
- What needs to be recorded:
 - Category
 - Title and Author of Book Read
 - Date Started and Completed

Get more information and access digital logs at
caldwellpubliclibrary.org/ultimate-book-nerd-challenge



CATEGORIES

Choose 50 of the 60 categories below and read one book for each category. Need help choosing a book? Ask a librarian or visit caldwellpubliclibrary.org/ultimate-book-nerd-challenge for reading suggestions for each category.

- A book with an acronym in the title
- A book about a president
- A book about or set in another country
- A book featuring someone in or from idaho
- A book about a scientist
- A book with a numerical title
- A book about an explorer
- A book about a doctor or other medical professional
- A book about early idaho history (anything before 1950)
- A book set during world war I or II
- A book with a map in it
- A book by an author who has won a nobel prize
- A book set in the ocean or underwater
- A book about math
- A book recommended by a library staff member
- A book with a road trip
- A book about friendship
- A book with a plot twist
- A book about a place you have been to
- A book based on a true story
- A book written in letters, diaries, or journals
- A book set in a big city
- A book about animals
- A book with a small town setting
- A book about time travel
- A book with a police procedural plot
- A book featuring a plane
- A book that deals with loss and grief

- A book about the immigrant experience
- A book featuring an lgbtq+ character
- A book set in a remote location (e.g., arctic, desert)
- A book with a musician main character
- A book set in a zoo or aquarium
- A book with a main character who is a celebrity
- A book with a non-human protagonist
- A book with a cover that features a landscape
- A book about a breakup or divorce
- A book with a main character who is a teacher
- A book about overcoming a fear
- A book that includes a craft or diy project
- A book with a mysterious disappearance
- A book with a plot that is heavily influenced by technology
- A book that takes place in a hotel
- A book that features a train
- A book about us history
- A book with a storm, flood, or natural disaster
- A book with a protagonist who is a writer
- A book with a pun in the title
- A book with a recipe in it
- A book with a theme of resilience or survival
- A book that includes a roadblock or obstacle to success
- A book with a protagonist who is a parent
- A book with a weather-related title (e.g. heatwave, blizzard, cold)
- A book about second chances
- A book with an alliterative title
- A poetry collection
- A book with a magic system
- A book set on the beach
- A book featuring a cabin
- A book with an uncommon narrative structure (e.g. frame story)

READING LOG

Keep track of the books you have read for each of the categories you complete here.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

You have earned the rank of Ultimate Book Nerd! Don't forget to return your reading log to the Library by the deadline to claim your prize.

NEED HELP DECIDING WHAT TO READ?

The Library has a number of resources to help Ultimate Book Nerd participants select titles to read for each category.

Visit Our Website

Go to caldwellpubliclibrary.org/ultimate-book-nerd-challenge to find a list of reading suggestions for each category. You can also access our online catalog from our website to browse our entire collection.

Ask a Librarian

The staff at the Library is happy to help you find the perfect book! Feel free to stop by or give us a call at (208) 459-3242

Ask an Ultimate Book Nerd Challenge Participant

Join the Caldwell Public Library Ultimate Book Nerd Facebook group to share your progress and get reading suggestions from other people participating in the challenge. Visit <https://bit.ly/UBNgroup> to join.

Browse NovelList Plus

Search books by genre, audience, topic, and more! Visit lili.org and select NovelList from the homepage to start browsing for free.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Help us make Ultimate Book Nerd the best it can be. Suggest new categories and let us know how we could improve your experience.



bit.ly/UBNfeedback

2025 ULTIMATE BOOK NERD ADULT COMPLETION FORM

Name: _____

Date Completed: _____

Number of Bonus Categories Completed: _____

Phone/Email Contact: _____

Library Card Number (optional): _____

Pick Your Prize

Congratulations, you completed the challenge! Please choose between an Ultimate Book Nerd canvas book bag or t-shirt. If you choose a t-shirt, please tell us which size you would prefer.

Canvas Book Bag

T-shirt

Choose a size (unisex): XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

Vest

Choose a size (unisex): XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

Fleece Cap

Baseball Cap

Water Bottle

Please fill out this page and return to a staff member for review.

Staff will be in contact with you to redeem your prize. Prizes will be available in February 2026, as they will be custom ordered and printed for prize winners only.

Library Staff Signature: _____



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