



Welcome to the EMPL Readers Services 2025 Reading Challenge.

The reading challenge is a chance to shake up your reading habits and to explore all that The Reader Services Department offers by completing reading and non-reading challenges throughout the year.

Those who participate will be invited to a party in January of 2026 where there will be prizes, refreshments, a book buzz, and a chance to share the titles read during the year.

The Basic Reading Challenge consists of twelve, one for each month of the year. Complete the challenge within that month and get entered to win a prize. Complete all the challenges and get a gift at the end of the program.

Feeling ambitious? Complete our Extra Reading Challenges and/or our non-reading Bonus Challenges and increase your chance at winning our Grand Prize.

FAQ

Who Can Join?

Anyone over 18 who has a Nassau Library Card.

When can I register for the Challenge?

Registration starts January 2nd but you can register for the challenge any time during the year.

How do I register online for the Challenge?

Go to this website: <https://emlibny10.readsquared.com/>. You can also click on the “EMPL Reader Services 2025 Reading Challenge” banner on the Readers Services webpage. For additional help click on INSTRUCTIONS ON REGISTRATION.

I'm not comfortable online, can I participate in the program?

Although we encourage people to participate online, you may register in person and hand in challenge completions at the reference desk.

Do I have to read a particular or suggested title for each challenge?

You may read whatever you want as long as it meets the challenges.

Do I have to read in a particular format?

Not unless a challenge specifies a format. You can read print, ebooks, audiobooks or eAudiobooks for most.

Do I have to complete the challenges in the listed order?

No, Challenges can be completed at any time during 2025 and in any order. However, if you do not complete the challenge during the month it is highlighted, you are not eligible for that month's raffle.

What information do I need to submit to complete a challenge?

Submit the challenge you completed, the title and author of book you read, the date completed, how it fits the challenge and rate the book on a scale of 1 to 5 stars. For non-reading challenges tell us the date completed and how you fulfilled the challenge.

If you participate online, how do I log my challenges?

Go to <https://emlibny10.readsquared.com/> and click on INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBMITTING READING CHALLENGES AND COMPLETING NON-READING CHALLENGES.

If I don't participate online, how do I submit my reviews?

Please use the forms given to when you registered. There are two forms; one for the Reading Challenges and one for the Non -Reading Bonus Challenges. Reviews can be submitted at the Reference Desk.

Do I have to write a review?

No, but you can if you want to.

When must I submit a challenge completion to be entered into the monthly raffle?

You must submit by the last day of the month

Do I have to complete all the challenges to be invited to the party?

No, anyone who participates in the challenge can come to the party.

Do I have to complete all the challenges to be entered into the grand prize raffle?

No, you will receive one entry for each challenge you complete.

Can I use one book to fulfill multiple challenges?

No Books can count for only one category even if meets more than one, but if you also participate in summer reading you can use a book for both programs.

Can I count books read before 2025?

No books must be read during 2025.

I'm not sure what to read for a challenge?

We will have suggestions for you all through the year and a discussion forum online where you can get ideas or share what you are reading.

Basic Reading Challenge

(One ticket for grand prize raffle for each challenge completed)

January: Read a book that was on a best of 2024 list

February: Read a biography or memoir about a woman who has made a difference

March: Read any book reviewed on our Coming Soon to the Library blog.

<https://eastmeadow.info/books-reading/reader-services/forthcoming-books/>

April: Read a historical fiction set in any time period other than WWII

May: Read an eBook or listen to an eAudiobook from one of our curations on Nassau Digital Doorway/Libby. <https://nassau.overdrive.com/nassau-eastmeadow/content>

June: Read a book by a LBGTQ+ author or starring a LBGTQ+ character

July: Read a book that was made into a TV show or movie

August: Read a book from the Adult Summer Reading Club Bibliography

September: Read a Banned or challenged Book

October: Read a book that matches the theme of a 2025 library display

November: Read a genre book, preferably a genre you do not usually read (Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Thriller, Horror)

December: Read a graphic novel

Extra Reading Challenges

Feeling Ambitious? Here are a few more reading challenges
(One ticket towards grand prize raffle for each completed)

1. Read a book being discussed in a 2025 Reader Services book group
2. Read a book that is on a 2025 Library Reads list
3. Read a book of an author who has come to the library in the past 5 years
4. Read a book of short stories (single author or an anthology)
5. Read a book set in or about a country that has been in the news in 2025 (fiction or non fiction)

If you feel you can't complete one of the 12 basic challenges you may substitute one of these additional challenges (Can be done once)

Bonus Non-Reading Challenges

(One ticket for grand prize raffle for each completed)

1. Watch the TV show or movie of the book you read for the July challenge and tell us which you liked better.
2. Listen to a music CD that you associate with a book and tell us why you think it would be the perfect soundtrack to that book.
3. Check out a cookbook and make a dish from it.
4. Attend a Reader Services Program
5. Join the Adult Summer Reading.