



Genre & Dewey Challenge

Sponsored by Wilshire Library

Welcome to the 2016-17 Reading Challenge

The Genre & Dewey Challenge is a voluntary reading program aimed at-

- Encouraging students to experience a variety of literature genres.
- Exposing students to informational books on a variety of subjects.
- Motivating students to incorporate reading into their daily life.
- Fostering a lifelong love of reading.
- Rewarding students for setting a high reading goal and achieving it!

How does it work?

- Students keep a reading log for their level from Sept. 1 - April 1.
LEVEL 1: 1st-2nd (54 bks), LEVEL 2: 3rd-4th (40 bks), LEVEL 3: 5th-6th (40 bks).
- Guidelines for Genre categories must be followed, although students are free to select their own books. There is no set book list for this program.
- Students record titles when they have read the entire book. Audio books count, movie adaptations do not.
- Books must be on the student's reading level*. Younger students may count books that are read to them.
- Books read must be new to the student and have not been read in previous years. **3rd-6th: Current year Bluebonnets, read in the spring, will count for their current Bluebonnet books.*
- Genre Passport and stickers are awarded when you complete a genre section. Bring your log to the library for your sticker!
- The Reading Log must be completed in its entirety- no blank spaces. Books must be titles found at most libraries or book stores.
- Completed Logs that meet ALL requirements earn an invitation to Reader's Celebration in May!

If you have any questions about whether a certain book will fit a category, contact your librarian BEFORE March 17 so we can fix it.

You may only count 2 books from a series on your reading log.

ADVENTURE



MYSTERY



FANTASY



HUMOR



SCIENCE FICTION



BIOGRAPHY



Genre Challenge Categories- All Levels

GENRES-

•FICTION GENRES:

REALISTIC FICTION Any story that could really happen. These can be family stories, school stories, adventures, funny stories, stories about pets, travel, life events. Whatever happens in the book must be possible in the real world.

•**HISTORICAL FICTION** A book that is set in a time period in the past. This is also realistic fiction, but from time gone by. Anything that includes a historical event as the story setting, like civil war or moon walk, or just a setting in the past, would count.

•**MYSTERY** This genre concerns any sort of mysterious event, either in present day or the past. Murder, robbery, missing person, detectives, sleuths and clues are all part of mystery books.

•**FANTASY FICTION** This book will include elements that cannot happen in real life. Talking animals, flying people, magic, superpowers- these make up Fantasy Fiction.

•**SCIENCE FICTION** Any story that includes a science or technology element. Robots, time travel, futuristic settings, aliens- these are Science Fiction highlights.

•**FICTION FREE CHOICE** You pick any fiction book you want can fit here!

Remember: You may only count 2 books from a series on your total reading log.

INFORMATIONAL GENRES: These books must all be NON-FICTION.

•**BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY** These are TRUE stories of people who really lived. These books are non-fiction because they are about real people, alive or dead.

•INFORMATIONAL:

These are books on any subject that provide you with information; Science, Math, Religion, Social Sciences, Sports, Art, Music. ANYTHING that you are interested in learning more about. Want to try cooking, or maybe a new craft? Love to read about animals or space? These count for this category.

•POETRY:

Books of poetry can be found in the non-fiction section of the library. These could be collections of poems by a single poet, like Jack Prelutsky or Shel Silverstein, or collected poems on a single subject.

•NON-FICTION FREE CHOICE:

Go back and find a few more books on topics you are interested in- maybe something you have never read about before. Learn something new!

AWARD BOOKS-

Level 1 - Texas 2x2 Books (see library web site), Caldecott

Level 2- Caldecott, Newbery, PAST Texas Bluebonnet Nominees

Level 3- Newbery, PAST Bluebonnet Nominees

ALL BOOKS ON YOUR LOG MUST BE NEW TO YOU THIS YEAR, READ FROM SEPTEMBER 1-APRIL 7, AND NOT COUNTED ON LAST YEAR'S LOG.

REMEMBER: You may only count 2 books from a series on your reading log.

I understand that only reading logs that meet ALL the qualifications of genres, titles, authors and due date will be eligible for a GENRE and Reader's Celebration invitation.

If I have any questions, I will ask Mrs. Moon for help.

Mrs. Moon will review any folder before March 17 to see if it meets the criteria for earning prizes.

Student Name_____ GRADE/TEACHER_____

_____Please send home a READING LOG and all of the information we need to get started.

_____We will get the information from the library site and start on the challenge right away.

Parent Name_____

Parent Signature_____

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