Winter Reading Challenge
February 1–29, 2024
Road Trip Through Books
FPPL
Forest Park Public Library
Winter is the best time to escape through books! Buckle up for our winter reading program where we challenge you to read for 20 minutes a day during the month of February.

How does the Winter Reading Challenge work?

- Keep track of every day in February you read for 20 minutes or more in the reading log at the end of this booklet. Take a look at our readings lists inspired by the different regions of the U.S. to help get you started.

- Check your email for a chance to win a small prize each week. Answer the trivia question in the email and if you get the answer correct, you’ll be entered in a drawing for a gift card to a local business. We encourage you to share what you’re reading by emailing readingchallenge@fppl.org.

- Turn in your completed reading log by March 8 to be entered into a drawing for the grand prizes. You can also send us a photo of your completed log to the email above. We hope you enjoy the Winter Reading Challenge!
The Stranger in the Woods - Michael Finkel
The Wedding - Dorothy West
This Other Eden - Paul Harding
Cape Code - Henry David Thoreau
Heir to the Glimmering World - Cynthia Ozick
Borderlines - Archer Mayor
Monarchs of the Northeast Kingdom - Clera Hammons
Gehrig & the Babe - Tony Castro
Live, Local, and Dead - Nikki Knight
The Perfect Storm - Sebastian Junger

Write in your own books:

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The Book of Unknown Americans - Cristina Henriquez
The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton, 1965-2010
Born to Run - Bruce Springsteen
Family Life - Akhil Sharma
American Pastoral - Philip Roth
Strange Justice - Jane Mayer
1876 - Gore Vidal
Tubman Travels - Jim Duffy
Chocolate City - Chris Myers Asch
Never Caught - Erica Armstrong Dunbar
Lincoln in the Bardo - George Saunders
Dominion of Memories - Susan Dunn

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A People’s History of Chicago - Kevin Coval
Midwest Foraging - Lisa M. Rose
The Devil in the White City - Erik Larson
Detroit: A Biography - Scott Martelle
A Gate at the Stairs - Lorrie Moore
I Sailed with Magellen - Stuart Dybek
The Lager Queen of Minnesota - J. Ryan Stradal
The Great Believers - Rebecca Makkai
The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid - Bill Bryson
Ghosts in the Schoolyard - Eve L. Ewing

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Long Time Leaving - Roy Blount
The Orchard Keeper - Cormac McCarthy
Where the Dead Sit Talking - Brandon Hobson
Guests on Earth - Lee Smith
The Vapors - David Hill
An American Marriage - Tayari Jones
Boy Erased - Garrad Conley
The Liar’s Club - Mary Karr
Salvation on Sand Mountain - Dennis Covington
Five Days at Memorial - Sheri Fink
The Good Lord Bird - James McBride

Write in your own books:
Sonora - Hannah Lillith Assadi
Death Valley - Melissa Broder
American Ghost - Hannah Nordhaus
The Water Knife - Paolo Bacigalupi
Horseman, Pass By - Larry McMurty
Wildcat - John Boessenecker
Ladies of the Canyons - Lesley Poling-Kempes
Desert Solitaire - Edward Abbey
The Ghostway - Tony Hillerman

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Angle of Repose - Wallace Stegner
This House of Sky - Ivan Doig
The Ploughmen - Kim Zupan
Blind Your Ponies - Stanley Gordon West
Close Range: Wyoming Stories - Annie Proulx
A River Runs Through It - Norman Maclean
Rising from the Plains - John McPhee
Amnesia Moon - Jonathan Lethem
The Big Burn - Timothy Egan
Idaho - Emily Ruskovich
All Over Creation - Ruth Ozeki
Breaking Clean - Judy Blunt

Write in your own books:
L.A. Weather - Maria Amparo Escandon
On the Road - Jack Kerouac
Family Trust - Kathy Wang
All Involved - Ryan Gattis
After She’s Gone - Lisa Jackson
Parental Discretion Is Advised - Gerrick Kennedy
The Electricity of Every Living Thing - Katherine May
My Vocabulary Did This to Me - Jack Spicer
The Short Novels of John Steinbeck - John Steinbeck

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To Paradise - Hanya Yanagihara
The Snow Child - Eowyn Ivey
Passage to Juneau - Jonathan Raban
The Woman Who Married a Bear - John Straley
The Great Alone - Kristin Hannah
Barbarian Days - William Finnegan
Unfamiliar Fish - Sarah Vowell
Travels in Alaska - John Muir
Grizzly Maze - Nick Jans

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Looking for more book recommendations?
Visit fppl.org/winterreading or scan the QR code to see our full reading lists.
ROAD TRIP READING LOG

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Name:       Email or Phone:
Mark Your Calendars:
Special Winter Reading Event
on February 17, 12:30-1:30pm

American Vacation:
12,000 Miles Into the Wild West
with Illinois Author Raluca Barbu

Sign up at fppl.org/events