

Extreme Reader Challenge Newsletter: Volume 2



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More Booklists!

Every few months a booklist will be released featuring books published in 2022 that can be used for:

- Category #10 - A book published in 2022 (Fiction)
- Category #11 - A book published in 2022 (Non-fiction)

The booklist features designations for Adult Non-fiction, Teen, and Adult Fiction and is linked on the Extreme reader webpage once it become available.

A book published in 2022 (Volume 1)



Overbooked Meetup



Come talk books with staff and fellow participants at an Overbooked meetup. This low key hangout is for chatting about what you are reading, sharing recommendations, and discussing how the challenge is going for everyone.

Tuesday, May 10th from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Currently, all Overbooked meetups are held virtually through Zoom. [Register for this program here!](#)

Celebrate National Poetry Month

This National Poetry Month, Extreme Reader brings you poetry recommendations - all the titles below fit multiple Extreme Reader categories!

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- ***Home is Not a Country* by Safia Elhillo**
 - **Categories:** #14 A book set in a school, #20 A book that centers a refugee's experience, #24 A book that involves time travel, #41 A book with best friends, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more
- ***The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo**
 - **Categories:** #14 A book set in a school, #16 A book set on the East Coast of the United States, #41 A book with best friends, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more
- ***White Rose* by Kip Wilson**
 - **Categories:** #1 A book about an historical figure, #5 A book cover that shows a person from behind, #42 A book with the name of a color in the title, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more
- ***e. e. cummings: A Miscellany* by e. e. cummings**
 - **Categories:** #12 A book published more than ten years ago, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more, #48 A book written by someone who is no longer living
- ***Ghost of* by Diana Khoi Nguyen**
 - **Categories:** #22 A book that focuses on mental health, #43 A book written by an Asian American author, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more
- ***The Terrible* by Yrsa Daley-Ward**
 - **Categories:** #22 A book that focuses on mental health, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more
- ***Devotions* by Mary Oliver**
 - **Categories:** #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more, #48 A book written by someone who is no longer living
- ***Night School* by Carl Dennis**
 - **Categories:** #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more, #48 A book written by someone who is no longer living
- ***The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros**
 - **Categories:** #2 A book about or including a wedding, #12 A book published more than ten years ago, #14 A book set in a school, #41 A book with best friends, #42 A book with the name of a color in the title, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more
- ***The Long Take* by Robin Robertson**

- **Categories:** #16 A book set on the East Coast of the United States, #20 A book that centers a refugee's experience, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more
- **[The Marlowe Papers by Ros Barber](#)**
 - **Categories:** #1 A book about an historical figure, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more
- **[Unaccompanied by Javier Zamora](#)**
 - **Categories:** #3 A book about starting over, #17 A book set outdoors, #20 A book that centers a refugee's experience, #45 A book written by an author whose last name is six letters or more

Category Questions & Answers

Not quite sure what a category is asking for?

Check out a few of the category questions our team has been answering since the challenge launched!



- **QUESTION 1: What is the definition of a genre, as it applies to Category # 6 "A book from a genre you don't normally read"?**
 - **Answer:** Pulling from Novelist's definition: "Books that share a similar style, form or content are grouped together in a genre. Examples of genres in fiction include mysteries, adventure, science fiction, westerns and so forth." Genre is defined in the challenge as the overarching theme, not subgenres. For example, a romance reader could try a mystery and that *would* count where that same reader selecting a subgenre of romance they don't normally read *would not* count.
- **QUESTION 2: Do graphic novels count as a genre?**
 - **Answer:** No, they do not. Graphic novels are a type of format and are not considered a genre to themselves. Similar to how an audiobook is not a genre.

- **QUESTION 3: Can a fictional place in the Caribbean count towards Category #15 "A book set in the Caribbean" or does it have to be a real location?**
 - Answer: As long as the book mentions that this place exists within the Caribbean, a fictional setting would count for this category.
- **QUESTION 4: If I select a book with a 5-star rating in the TPL catalog (Category #32), what if the rating changes by the time I read it?**
 - Answer: If you searched and found a book that was 5-stars in the catalog and read it or planned to read it later and that rating changes, it would still count towards the category. Ratings can change over time so as long as it was at 5-stars when you read it or planned to do so, it works for us!

Another great resource for category information can be found on the webpage with the [Official 2022 Category Definitions](#).

Read Across Tacoma Week

A brand-new celebration of reading from Tacoma Public Library Foundation took place March 9 through 16.

Read Across Tacoma Week encourages the local community to post photos of themselves reading in Tacoma.



Check out a few amazing Extreme Readers that joined the call to action in sharing their love of reading 'extremely' across Tacoma...



2021 Rewards Reminder

Rewards for the Extreme Reader challenge are

**not distributed until after the challenge
has concluded each year.**

For those that **completed the 2021 challenge**, please be on the lookout for an email notification that rewards are ready for pickup!

A big thank you to all that filled out the survey in early March to select your branch pickup location of choice!



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Have a question about the challenge or a category? Reach



Join fellow participants in the TPL Extreme Reader 2022



Check out the Extreme Reader web page for all program details!

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