Extreme Reader Challenge – 2023 Category List

Join Tacoma Public Library’s year-long reading adventure for Adults and Teens to broaden your reading horizons and connect with fellow book lovers in your community!

- 55 categories to choose from, each title read must fit a single category prompt
- Adults – read 50 books, teens (13 and up) – read 25 books
- Challenge begins Jan. 3, 2023. Titles must be logged in Beanstack by Dec. 16, 2023 to become an Extreme Reader
- Visit tacomalibrary.org/extreme-reader for registration details, reading recommendations, and category definitions

1. A book promoted or reviewed by another author
2. A book that changed or impacted your life
3. A classic by a Black, Indigenous, or person of color (BIPOC) author
4. A living author who you would like to have dinner with
5. A secret in it
6. About current events
7. Agatha Award winner or nominee (2015-2020)
8. Audiobook narrated by the author
9. Author who identifies as trans or nonbinary
10. Author’s first book and their most recent book (first book)
11. Author’s first book and their most recent book (most recent book)
12. Book by an author that has published in more than one genre
13. Book of your own choosing
14. Book you picked based on the title
15. Breaks the fourth wall
16. Character on the run
17. Choose a book by flipping a coin
18. Comedy
19. Cover that made you look twice
20. Cover you’d hang on your wall as art
21. Explores environmental awareness
22. Explores neurodiversity
23. Features an uprising or rebellion
24. Features ancestral or intergenerational trauma
25. Fruit or vegetable on the cover
26. Good or Bad in the title
27. Great for a book club discussion
28. Has a character you relate to
29. Includes a mythological creature
30. Includes an assassin
31. Includes the legal profession
32. Inspires you to create or find a playlist
33. Literary fiction
34. Memoir about the service or labor industry
35. Name of a bird in the title
36. National Book Award Young People’s Literature finalist
37. Non-English word in the title
38. Non-superhero graphic novel
39. Queer love story
40. Question mark in the title
41. Recommended to you
42. Set in a castle
43. Set in multiple countries
44. Set on the West Coast of the United States
45. Shelved in the 900s (900-999) non-fiction section
46. Strong female character
47. Takes place during a storm
48. Takes place in a time period you know little about
49. The 2023 Tacoma Reads adult or teen title
50. Themes of feminism
51. Told by an unreliable narrator
52. Under 150 pages
53. Unlikely hero
54. Would make a great movie or TV show
55. Yellow cover (must be 50%)