

2025 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
- The Challenge begins on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. The final day to register and report is Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025 to become an Extreme Reader
- Visit tacomalibrary.org/extreme-reader for registration details, reading recommendations, and category definitions

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1. Three-word title
2. Animal character or narrator
3. The author as a character
4. Author born in the same month as you
5. Author whose name contains a color
6. Author you would recommend to a friend
7. BIPOC author who was first published when they were under 40 years of age
8. Book with even number of pages—dual category
9. Book with odd number of pages—dual category
10. Book you keep hearing about
11. Could have been shorter
12. Character is 60 years of age or older
13. Characters who are twins
14. Choose a book of your liking
15. Current favorite author
16. Eisner Award
17. Features an actor or film industry
18. Features a female detective
19. Features the mafia or organized crime
20. From a previous year's Extreme Reader (ER) category list
21. Green cover (50% or more)
22. Has an epilogue
23. Has a zombie
24. Historical fiction not set during WWII
25. Image on cover that is not a photograph
26. Includes a dinosaur
27. Includes family conflict
28. Includes K-pop or K-drama
29. Includes a serial killer
30. Lightning or thunder in the title
31. Liked at the start, but not the end
32. Literary mystery
33. Main characters have a falling out
34. National Book Critics Circle Award—Fiction
35. On your to be read list for a long time
36. Past or current Lucky Day title
37. Romantasy
38. Satire
39. Sci-fi story not set in space
40. Set in your favorite season
41. Set on an island
42. Set in the Southwestern United States
43. Non-fiction title shelved in the 800s
44. Sparks your imagination
45. Standalone you wish had a sequel
46. Sword and planet
47. Tacoma Reads 2025 adult or teen title
48. Takes place during Japan's Edo period (1603-1868)
49. Title begins with "How to"
50. Title is a complete sentence
51. Title that would be a great name for a band
52. Told in non-chronological order
53. Two or more people on the cover
54. Vehicle with wheels on the cover
55. Wish you had read it years ago

