



Summer Reading Challenge

1 SELECT YOUR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We've got three great options for you with categories that are sure to inspire you and your kids to a summer of adventurous reading on a wide variety of topics! Kids, select the 12 book grid if you'd like to read about a book a week. Choose the 24 book option if you aspire to read about 2 books per week over the summer. Parents, we've also got a challenge for adults. Your example is one of the most powerful ways to help your kids fall in love with reading.

Your littlest ones can join in too! Books read aloud by a grown-up totally count.

For each participant print one Summer Reading Challenge grid so you can mark off your progress and one Reading Log where you'll record the title you read for each category.

2 READ AMAZING BOOKS

You can read any titles you please to satisfy each category. If you're needing inspiration, we've curated a list of 5 solid suggestions in each category with recommendations for every age group.













3 CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS

Tracking your progress is a great motivator. We've included a list of creative ways to commemorate the books you've read as a family including templates to make a cute and colorful Summer Reading Banner.

Summer Reading Challenge

for kids


Choose this option to read about a book a week.

 A BOOK THAT TAKES PLACE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY	 AN AUDIOBOOK	 THREE BOOKS IN A SERIES	 A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS
 AN AWARD-WINNING BOOK	 A BOOK ABOUT MATH	 A BOOK ABOUT FAITH	 A BOOK ABOUT A FAMOUS PERSON
 A BOOK ABOUT SCIENCE	 A CLASSIC	 A BOOK OF POETRY	 AN ADVENTURE STORY

Summer Reading Challenge

for kids

Choose this option to read about two books a week.

 A BOOK ABOUT NATURE	 A BOOK WHOSE AUTHOR'S NAME STARTS WITH "R"	 AN ADVENTURE STORY	 A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS	 A BOOK WITH A COLOR IN THE TITLE
 A BOOK ABOUT SPORTS	 A BOOK ABOUT SCIENCE	 A MYSTERY	 A HOW-TO OR CRAFT BOOK	 A BOOK ABOUT A FAMOUS PERSON
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 A CLASSIC	 AN AWARD-WINNING BOOK	 A BOOK ABOUT MUSIC	 A BOOK ABOUT FOOD	 A BOOK ABOUT MATH
 AN AUDIOBOOK	 A BOOK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP	 A MISSIONARY STORY	 A BOOK MADE INTO A MOVIE	 THREE BOOKS IN A SERIES

Book Recommendations

for
kids

AN ADVENTURE STORY

1. *Where the Wild Things Are* by **Maurice Sendak** (Ages 4–8)
2. *Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress* by **Oliver Hunkin** (Ages 7–12)
3. *My Father's Dragon* by **Ruth Stiles Garnett** (Ages 8–12)
4. *White Fang* by **Jack London** (Ages 10–14)
5. *Kidnapped* by **Robert Louis Stevenson** (Ages 12 & up)

A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS

1. *Harry the Dirty Dog* by **Gene Zion** (Ages 3–5)
2. *Treasury for Children* by **James Herriot** (Ages 4–8)
3. *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by **Richard Atwater** (Ages 5–12)
4. *Where the Red Fern Grows* by **Wilson Rawls** (Ages 8–12)
5. *Moby Dick* by **Herman Melville** (Ages 14 & up)

AN AUDIOBOOK

1. *Charlotte's Web* by **E.B. White** (Ages 5–12)
2. *The Wizard of Oz* by **L. Frank Baum**, read by **Anne Hathaway** (Ages 6–12)
3. *The Prince and the Pauper* by **Mark Twain**, read by **Jim Weiss** (Ages 7–11)
4. *The Chronicles of Narnia* by **C.S. Lewis** (Ages 8–14)
5. *The Wingfeather Saga* by **Andrew Peterson** (Ages 12–17)

AN AWARD-WINNING BOOK

1. *Last Stop on Market Street* by **Matt de la Pena** (Ages 3–5)
2. *The Hundred Dresses* by **Eleanor Estes** (Ages 6–10)
3. *Paddle to the Sea* by **Holling Clancy Holling** (Ages 8–12)
4. *The Bronze Bow* by **Elizabeth George Speare** (Ages 9–12)
5. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by **Harper Lee** (Ages 13 & up)

A CLASSIC

1. **Bread and Jam for Frances** by *Russell Hoban* (Ages 4–8)
2. **Little House on the Prairie** by *Laura Ingalls Wilder* (Ages 8–12)
3. **Little Women** by *Louisa May Alcott* (Ages 8–14)
4. **The Trumpet of the Swan** by *E.B. White* (Ages 9–12)
5. **Out of the Silent Planet** by *C.S. Lewis* (Ages 14 & up)

A BOOK
WITH A COLOR
IN THE TITLE

1. **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** by *Dr. Seuss* (Ages 3–7)
2. **One Green Apple** by *Eve Bunting* (Ages 5–8)
3. **The Red Badge of Courage** by *Stephen Crane* (Ages 8–12)
4. **On the Banks of Plum Creek** by *Laura Ingalls* (Ages 8–12)
5. **The Scarlet Pimpernel** by *Baroness Orczy* (Ages 12 & up)

A BOOK THAT
TAKES PLACE
IN ANOTHER
COUNTRY

1. **Daisy Come Home** by *Jan Brett* (Ages 3–8)
2. **A Chameleon, A Boy and a Quest** by *Jennifer Myhre* (Ages 8–12)
3. **Number the Stars** by *Lois Lowry* (Ages 8–12)
4. **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind** by *William Kamkwamba* (Ages 10–14)
5. **Night** by *Elie Wiesel* (Ages 14 & up)

A BOOK
ABOUT A FAMOUS
PERSON

1. **Becoming Bach** by *Tom Leonard* (Ages 4–8)
2. **Abraham Lincoln** by *Ingrid & Edgar Parin D'Aulaire* (Ages 5–11)
3. **Abigail Adams: Girl of Colonial Days** by *Jean Brown Wagoner* (Ages 8–12)
4. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer: In the Midst of Wickedness** by *Janet Benge* (Ages 10–14)
5. **Rosa Parks, A Life** by *Douglas G. Brinkley* (Ages 14 & up)

A BOOK
ABOUT FAITH

1. **When I Pray for You** by *Matthew Paul Turner* (Ages 3–7)
2. **God Gave Us You** by *Lisa Tawn Bergren* (Ages 4–8)
3. **Indescribable** by *Louie Giglio* (Ages 6–10)
4. **The Ology: Ancient Truths Ever Knew** by *Marty Machowski* (Ages 6–12)
5. **Live Fearless: A Call to Power, Passion and Purpose** by *Sadie Robertson* (Ages 13–16)

A BOOK
ABOUT FOOD

1. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by **Eric Carle** (Ages 1–3)
2. *Bee Bim Bop!* by **Linda Sue Park** (Ages 4–7)
3. *Thunder Cake* by **Patricia Polacco** (Ages 5–8)
4. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Ages 8–11)
5. *Hope Was Here* by **Joan Bauer** (Ages 12 & up)

A
BOOK ABOUT
FRIENDSHIP

1. *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by **Arnold Lobel** (Ages 4–8)
2. *Library Lion* by **Michelle Knudsen** (Ages 4–8)
3. *Wonder* by **R.J. Palacio** (Ages 8–12)
4. *Holes* by **Louis Sachar** (Ages 10–13)
5. *A Separate Peace* by **John Knowles** (Ages 12 & up)

A HOW-TO
OR CRAFT BOOK

1. *Kids Cooking* by **Klutz Press** (Ages 6–12)
2. *My First Painting and Collage Book* by **Clare Youngs** (Ages 7–12)
3. *The Dangerous Book for Boys* by **Hal Iggulden** (Ages 8–14)
4. *The Perfect Match: A Dog Buyer's Guide* by **Chris Walkowicz** (Ages 10–15)
5. *How to Read a Book* by **Mortimer Adler** (Ages 14 & up)

A BOOK
ABOUT MATH

1. *Chicka Chicka 1,2,3* by **Bill Martin** (Ages 1–4)
2. *Math Curse* by **Jon Scieszka** (Ages 4–8)
3. *Multiplying Menace* by **Pam Calvert** (Ages 7–10)
4. *Charlesbridge Math Adventure series* by **Cindy Neuschwander** (Ages 8–12)
5. *Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions* by **Edwin Abbott** (Ages 14 & up)

A MISSIONARY
STORY

1. *Lottie Moon, A Generous Offering* by **Renee Taft Meloche** (Ages 5–10)
2. *Mary Slessor: Missionary Mother* by **Terri Kelly** (Ages 9–12)
3. *Eric Liddell: Something Greater Than Gold* by **Janet Bengé** (Ages 10–14)
4. *God's Smuggler* by **Brother Andrew** (Ages 12 & up)
5. *The Hiding Place* by **Corrie ten Boom** (Ages 13 & up)

A BOOK MADE
INTO A MOVIE

1. *The Lorax* by *Dr. Seuss*
2. *The Velveteen Rabbit* by *Margery Williams* (Ages 4–8)
3. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by *Scott O'Dell* (Ages 9–12)
4. *Misty of Chincoteague* by *Marguerite Henry* (Ages 9–13)
5. *Robinson Crusoe* by *Daniel Defoe* (Ages 12–17)

A BOOK
ABOUT MUSIC

1. *Becoming Bach* by *Tom Leonard* (Ages 4–8)
2. *A Band of Angels* by *Deborah Hopkinson* (Ages 4–8)
3. *The Story of the Orchestra* by *Robert Levine* (Ages 7–12)
4. *Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and Orchestra* by *Andrea D. Pinkney* (Ages 10–15)
5. *What to Listen for in Music* by *Aaron Copland* (Ages 14 & up)

A MYSTERY

1. *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* by *Chris Van Allsburg* (Ages 4–8)
2. *Nate the Great* by *Marjorie Weinman Sharmat* (Ages 6–9)
3. *Nancy Drew: The Secret of the Old Clock* by *Carolyn Keene* (Ages 8–12)
4. *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by *Trenton Lee Stewart* (Ages 9–12)
5. *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by *Arthur Conan Doyle* (Ages 10 & up)

A BOOK
ABOUT NATURE

1. *The Curious Garden* by *Peter Brown* (Ages 4–8)
2. *Miss Rumphius* by *Barbara Cooney* (Ages 5–8)
3. *My Side of the Mountain* by *Jean Craighead George* (Ages 9–12)
4. *The Yearling* by *Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings* (Ages 12–15)
5. *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by *Barbara Kingsolver* (Ages 14 & up)

A BOOK
ABOUT POETRY

1. *Each Peach Pear Plum* by *Janet and Allan Ahlberg* (Ages 1–5)
2. *A Child's Garden of Verses* by *Robert Louis Stevenson* (Ages 4–8)
3. *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by *Shel Silverstein* (Ages 4–8)
4. *I Lay My Stitches Down: Poems of American Slavery* by *Cynthia Grady* (Ages 10–13)
5. *The Road Not Taken and Other Poems* by *Robert Frost* (Ages 10 & up)

A BOOK WHOSE
AUTHOR'S
NAME STARTS
WITH "R"

1. *Make Way for Ducklings* by **Robert McCloskey** (Ages 4–8)
2. *Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake* by **Cynthia Rylant** (Ages 6–9)
3. *Treasures from Grandma's Attic* by **Arleta Richardson** (Ages 8–12)
4. *The Indian in the Cupboard* by **Lynne Reid Banks** (Ages 9–12)
5. *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by **Robert Louis Stevenson** (Ages 13 & up)

A BOOK
ABOUT SCIENCE

1. *Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race* by **Margot L. Shetterly** (Ages 4–8)
2. *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin* by **Julia Mosca** (Ages 6–8)
3. *A Child's Introduction to the Night Sky* by **Michael Driscoll** (Ages 8–12)
4. *Who Was Albert Einstein?* by **Jess Brallier** (Ages 8–12)
5. *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution* by **Michael Behe** (Ages 4 & up)

THREE BOOKS
IN A SERIES

1. *Billy and Blaze* series by **C.W. Anderson** (Ages 4–8)
2. *Secret of the Hidden Scroll* series by **M.J. Thomas** (Ages 5–10)
3. *Anne of the Green Gables* series by **L.M. Montgomery** (Ages 8–12)
4. *The Lord of the Rings* series by **J.R.R. Tolkein** (Ages 9 & up)
5. *The Wrinkle in Time* series by **Madeleine L'Engle** (Ages 12 & up)

A BOOK
ABOUT SPORTS

1. *Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman* by **Kathleen Krull** (Ages 4–7)
2. *Happy Like Soccer* by **Maribeth Boelts** (Ages 5–9)
3. *Who Was Jackie Robinson?* by **Gail Herman** (Ages 8–12)
4. *Swimming with Faith: The Missy Franklin Story* by **Natalie D. Miller** (Ages 9–12)
5. *The IF in Life: How to Get Off Life's Sidelines and Become Your Best Self* by **Rashad Jennings** (Ages 13 & up)

A BOOK
THAT IS SET
IN SUMMER

1. *Blueberries for Sal* by **Robert McCloskey** (Ages 2–6)
2. *Little Bear's Friend* by **Else Minarik** (Ages 4–7)
3. *The Boxcar Children: The Summer Camp Mystery* (Ages 7–10)
4. *The Penderwicks* by **Jeanne Birdsall** (Ages 8–12)
5. *The Great Gatsby* by **F. Scott Fitzgerald** (Ages 14 & up)

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A BOOK WITH A BEAUTIFUL COVER	A BOOK THAT WILL CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH	A BOOK THAT'S MORE THAN 500 PAGES
A NOVEL	A BOOK ABOUT A PRESSING SOCIAL ISSUE	A BIOGRAPHY OR MEMOIR

Book Recommendations

FOR ADULTS

A CLASSIC YOU'VE BEEN MEANING TO TACKLE

- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
 - *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
 - *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
 - *Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott

AN AUDIOBOOK

- *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren
 - *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow
 - *Rising Strong* by Brene Brown
- *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott
 - *Nathan Coulter* by Wendell Berry

A BOOK THAT WILL INSPIRE YOU

- *Atomic Habits* by James Clear
- *Brave Learner: Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool, Learning and Life* by Julie Bogart
 - *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation* by Parker Palmer
- *The Lifegiving Home: Creating a Place of Belonging and Becoming* by Sally and Sarah Clarkson
 - *Teaching From Rest: A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakable Peace* by Sarah Mackenzie

Book Recommendations

FOR ADULTS

A BOOK WITH A BEAUTIFUL COVER

- *At Home in the World: Reflections on Belonging While Wandering the Globe* by *Tsh Oxenreider*
 - *Heidi* by *Johanna Spyri*
 - *I'd Rather Be Reading: The Delights and Dilemmas of the Reading Life* by *Anne Bogel*
- *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by *Rachel Held Evans*
 - *Ministry of Ordinary Places* by *Shannan Martin*

A BOOK THAT WILL CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

- *Adamant: Finding Truth in a Universe of Options* by *Lisa Bevere*
- *Glorious Weakness: Discovering Joy in All We Lack* by *Alia Joy*
- *The Logic of God: 52 Christian Essentials for the Heart and Mind* by *Ravi Zacharias*
 - *Orthodoxy* by *G.K. Chesterton*
- *The Prodigal God: Rediscovering the Heart of the Christian Faith* by *Tim Keller*

A BOOK THAT'S MORE THAN 500 PAGES

- *Anna Karenina* by *Leo Tolstoy*
- *Gone with the Wind* by *Margaret Mitchell*
 - *East of Eden* by *John Steinbeck*
- *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by *Doris K. Goodwin*
 - *The Poisonwood Bible* by *Barbara Kingsolver*

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A NOVEL

- *The Day the Angels Fell* by Shawn Smucker
 - *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner
 - *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson
 - *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers
- *To the Moon and Back* by Karen Kingsbury

A BOOK ABOUT A PRESSING SOCIAL ISSUE

- *Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery* by Eric Metaxas
 - *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown
 - *I Think You're Wrong, But I'm Listening* by Sarah S. Holland & Beth Silvers
- *Living Gently in a Violent World: The Prophetic Witness of Weakness* by Stanley Hauerwas & Jean Vanier
 - *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* by Ron Sider

A BIOGRAPHY OR MEMOIR

- *Devotedly: The Personal Letters and Love Story of Jim and Elisabeth Elliot* by Valerie E. Shepard
 - *Forgiving God* by Hilary Yancey
- *The Heavenly Man: The Remarkable True Story of Chinese Christian Brother Yun* with Paul Hattaway
 - *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom
 - *Something Beautiful for God: Mother Teresa of Calcutta* by Malcolm Muggeridge

Reading Log

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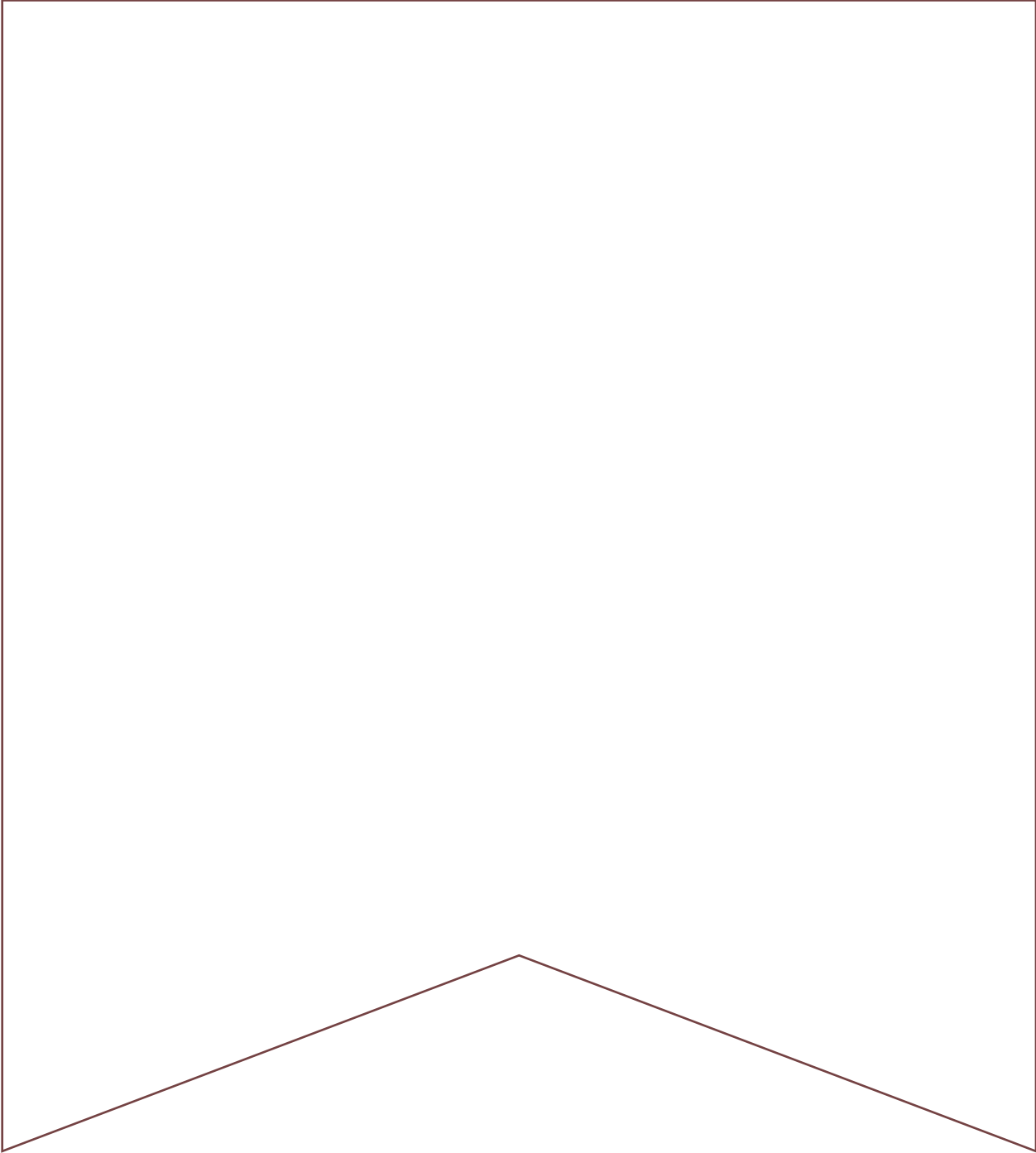


Ideas for Celebrating Completed Books

- 🌀 Make a recipe or craft inspired by the book.
- 🌀 Draw your own cover art for the book.
- 🌀 Create a board game or card game based on the mplot of the book.
- 🌀 Take a field trip based on activity or location mentioned in the book.
- 🌀 Copy one of your favorite quotes into a reading journal.
- 🌀 Make a diorama illustrating your favorite scene.
- 🌀 Create a timeline of the events.
- 🌀 Write an alternate ending.
- 🌀 Write a letter to the author.
- 🌀 Create a paper chain to count the books you've read as a family. Each time a family member completes a book, write the title on a strip of paper and add the link to the chain. See how long your chain gets by the end of the summer!
- 🌀 Make a banner showcasing the books you've completed as a family. Trace the flag template below onto a piece of colorful cardstock or scrapbook paper and cut it out. Then trace the circle template onto a piece of white paper and cut it out as well. Decorate the white circle with the book's title, author or a picture related to the story, and glue it onto the colored flag. Punch holes in the upper corners of the flag and string it on a long piece of ribbon through the holes.



Banner Template





Circle Template

