Frequently Asked Questions

What is this and why should I sign up?

You have the opportunity to read 100 books of your choice and enjoy fun perks, a grand prize upon completion, and major bragging rights!

Who can participate in 100 Books Before Graduation?

This program is ONLY for students in grades 6-12. If you are signing up for one of these programs during the summer (after the school year has ended), you may participate if you are a fifth grader entering sixth grade.

Which books or which types of books do I need to read?

Reading choice is 100% up to you! You are encouraged to read a wide range of books in as many different formats and genres as possible, but there are no requirements for specific titles or genres. We only ask that you read books on or above your reading level.

Reading books that interest you, but also stretch outside your comfort zones. Challenge yourself in your reading, but remember to have fun. If you're ever unsure about whether a title counts, feel free to contact us. Books read for summer reading programs count!

How do I log my books?

You will receive an email with instructions on how to log your books. You can also visit https://bit.ly/SCTY_100Books and click on the link "Already Registered". You must record the title, author and make comments on each book read to receive credit.

What are the prizes?

There will be milestone prizes for every 20 books read up to 100 and a grand prize once you have completed the program and read all 100 books!

How do I claim milestone prizes?

For each milestone, you must fill out a prize submission form. The link form is available at https://bit.ly/SCTY_100Books. Once submitted, please allow up to 10 days for library staff to respond and process any prizes earned. **All book logs must be completely filled out to receive milestone credit.**

Can I use the same book more than once on my log if I re-read it?

No, for this program we would like for you to read 100 separate titles, so you have the chance to read as many books as possible.

Can I log books that I read before the date I signed up for the challenge – from when I started 6th grade or 9th grade?

No, for this challenge, everyone starts from the point they sign up.

100 books seems like a lot. How will I have time to read that many?

We don't expect you to complete this program in a week, a month, or even a year. We encourage you to join at the earliest opportunity possible, which would give you seven years to complete the 100 Books Before Graduation program if you start in sixth grade. Everyone reads at their own pace, so enjoy the process and take your time!

Do audiobooks count? What about graphic novels?

Yes, absolutely! Listening to an audiobook or listening to someone read a book to you counts as having read that book. Graphic novels and manga count too. You can read books in whatever way and format that works best for you.

Can I add the books I need to read for school?

Yes. We would encourage you to also read at least some books just for fun, but mandatory reading counts too.