12 to TRY

Reading Challenge for Adults

Try a reading remix in 2025-26!

To complete the challenge, read a book from each of the 12 categories listed by August 31, 2026. There's a small prize for reading 6 books and making it halfway through the challenge, and there's a larger prize for completing it!

Read your way

Read your books in any order and any format: books, e-books, audiobooks, graphic novels, etc.

Complete the challenge as quickly as you like, or take it slow and spread it out over the year.

Get fresh ideas

Each month, we'll feature several books from one of the themes to help you choose a great read.

Follow the Library on Facebook or Instagram or visit the book displays on the second floor for recommendations.

Track your progress on paper or online

To track online, visit amespubliclibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app.

To track on paper, write the title of the book you read under each category. The month listed by each category shows when we will feature those books, but you can read them at any time during the challenge!
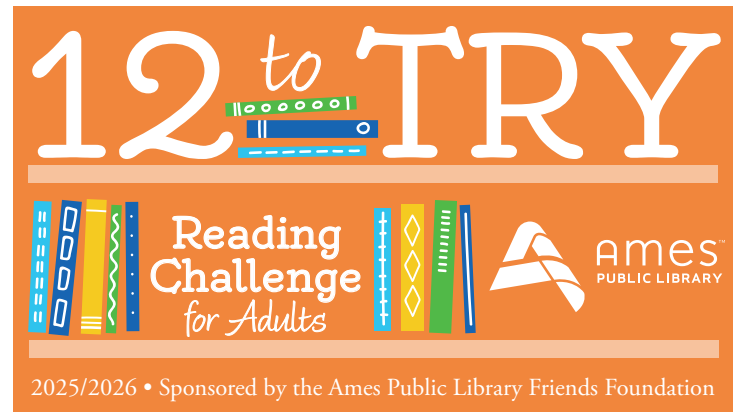
Turn in your challenge and pick up your prizes at the Library's Adult Services Desk or the Bookmobile by 8:30pm on August 31, 2026.

Learn more at www.AmesPL.org/12toTry

First Name: _____

Last Name:_____

Phone Number OR Email Address:

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A book from the book club collection
(September)

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A book from the YA or Juvenile collection by
an LGBTQIA+ author (October)

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A book by an Indigenous author (November)

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A book about or inspired by the lived
experience of an immigrant or refugee
(December)

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A book you've been wanting to read for a year
or longer (January)

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A book with cozy vibes (February)

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A nonfiction book about a STEM subject
(science, technology, engineering, math);
nature; or the environment (March)

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Fiction by a Latina/o/x author (April)

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A historical fiction novel (May)

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A retelling of a myth, fairy tale, or classic
work (June)

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Fiction with a main character who is
neurodivergent or has a disability (July)

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A memoir written by someone who doesn't
live in the United States (August)

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