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### **NDL Invites You to Read and Earn Prizes This Winter**

**Northville, MI:** Northville community members are encouraged to participate in this year's Cool Reads Winter Reading Challenge from the Northville District Library (NDL). The Cool Reads Winter Reading Challenge runs from January 2 through February 29, 2024, which is the very last day for participants to submit and earn prizes or be entered into the grand prize drawing for their age group. There are two ways to track your reading to achieve a specific goal: download the free Beanstack app from your preferred device's app store, create an account, find NDL, then click to join your particular age group's reading challenge; or visit the library in person and pick up a paper log at the Information Desk on the main level.

*There are different goals for different age groups:*

For Youth, the groups are divided into: Ages 0 - 5; Ages 6 - 8; and Ages 9 - 11. Ages 0 - 5 need to read for 300 minutes; Ages 6 - 8 need to read for 600 minutes, and Ages 9 - 11 need to read for 900 minutes. When you meet your Winter Reading goal, check in at the Information Desk with your paper log or let the librarian know you've finished on Beanstack, and you'll receive a small prize for finishing and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

Teens will need to read a total of 900 minutes. Track using a paper log or online using the Beanstack app, and when you meet your goal, check in at the Information Desk to submit your log or let the librarian know you participated via Beanstack to receive a small prize for finishing and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

Adults will be completing a Bingo game. Cross off boxes vertically, horizontally, or diagonally as you complete those suggested activities in each box on the game card, or complete online in the Beanstack app. When you've scored a Bingo, check in at the Information desk to get an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing.

The benefits of participating in a reading challenge are numerous: in addition to having a prize incentive, you also increase your vocabulary, exercise your brain, improve your ability to focus and concentrate the more you read, increase your general knowledge especially when reading nonfiction, potentially reduce stress, increase your ability to feel empathy for others, and set a good example for those around you! On top of all of that, it can be incredibly entertaining, encourages the enhancement of your imagination, and improves your overall quality of life. NDL encourages you to have fun and read this winter during our Winter Reading Challenge!

Please visit our Beanstack website: <https://nvillelib.org/NDLReadingChallenge> to get started and for more information. Or please visit Northville District Library's website at: [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org), email us at: [nortref@northvillelibrary.org](mailto:nortref@northvillelibrary.org), or call us at: 248-349-3020. We are also available on social media: Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Flickr, and Spotify.



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Cool Reads Winter Reading at Northville District Library from January 2 - February 29



Cool Reads Winter Reading Logo



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Beanstack app logo for tracking reading online