



What is Beanstack?

Beanstack is a website/app that is capable of tracking your reading and activities for the Grayslake Library's Winter Reading Challenge. You can access it by [following this link to the website](#), or by downloading the app from the app store.

Do I need to have a Grayslake Library card?

No! Beanstack can be used with any library card, or even with no library card at all.

Who can participate in the challenge?

Anyone, of any age, from any home library can participate in the challenge. There are three categories: adult, teen, and youth.

I signed up for Beanstack for a previous challenge, do I need to sign up again?

Beanstack saves your account information from season to season, so you can use your old login information to sign up for the latest challenges. If you don't remember your username or password, we will happily help you reset your information!

How do I log minutes and activities?

Once you are logged in and registered for the program, click on or tap the "Badges" tab and select the appropriate badge. Click the checkbox next to the minute goal or activity you've completed, and you're set! If you are using a paper log, please color in one tree for every 30 minutes read. If you want to participate in the Bonus Activities, check off all the activities you've completed and return the paper log to any reference desk at the Library.

When does the challenge start and end?

The challenge starts **Friday, January 7, 2022**, and runs until **Monday, February 28**. Patrons can sign up for the challenge starting Monday, January 3, but cannot start logging minutes or activities until **Friday, January 7, 2022**.

What prizes are available for participating?

Adults, teens, and youth over the age of 5 who sign up receive a Grayslake Library branded mug and a hot cocoa packet. Youth under the age of 5 who sign up get an owl craft kit. Everyone who finishes by reading for 450 minutes can pick up a free book from either reference desk as a prize.

How can I enter the grand prize drawing?

First, by finishing reading 450 minutes, participants will be entered into the [grand prize drawing for the appropriate age group](#). Once you complete 450 min of reading, you can complete up to 16 bonus activities, each of which gives you one more ticket for the grand prize drawing, earning up to a total of 17 grand prize drawing tickets.

What kind of reading counts?

All types of reading counts! Books, audiobooks, eBooks, & magazines. You can check out materials from the Library or check out the [digital collection available 24/7](#).