

What is Beanstack?

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

Do I need to have a Grayslake library card?

No! You can participate in this challenge with a card from any library, or even without a card at all.

Who can participate in the challenge?

Anyone, of any age from newborns to great-grandparents, can participate in the challenge.

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

You can use the same account you had set up for a previous challenge to register for the Cozy Winter Reading Challenge. If you can't remember your login information, you can call us at 847-223-5313 and we will reset it for you.

When does the challenge start and end?

The challenge begins on Monday, January 9, and runs through Tuesday, February 28.

How do I log my reading?

Web Browser: While logged into Beanstack, click the orange "Log Reading and Activities" button on the top of the page. Then click on "Log Days" and simply click on any days that you read. You have the option to add a title or author. Click on the "Log Reading" button at the bottom of the page, and you're all set!

Beanstack App: While logged into the app, tap the + button on the bottom of the screen. Choose which reader you're logging for, then you have the option to add a title or to move on without adding one. Where it says "Logging reading for today," tap "Change" and select the date(s) you wish to log. You have the option to add minutes, pages, and books, but these are not necessary. Tap "Done" and you're all set!

I started the challenge late; can I still reach 30 days?

Absolutely! You can retroactively log days, meaning you can log days you've read after the fact, even if the dates are from before you joined the challenge. Keep in mind that logging dates before January 9 does not count towards your total for the challenge.

What prizes are available for participating?

Just for signing up, you get a packet of hot cocoa! After reading 15 days, participants age 6+ get a library-branded mug, and younger participants get a stuffed toy (while supplies last). After logging all 30 days, participants can pick up a free book to keep from the library.

How do I enter the grand prize drawing?

After logging 15 days, and again once logging 30 days, you'll earn a ticket to enter into one of a number of grand prize drawings. You have until 11:59 PM on Tuesday, February 28 to enter tickets. Winners will be contacted on Thursday, March 2. **Web Browser:** On the challenge homepage, click on the "Ticket Drawings" tab, and select the prize you'd like to be entered for from the list of available options.

Beanstack App: On the challenge page, swipe until you see the "Ticket Drawings" tab, and select the prize you'd like to be entered for from the available options.

What kind of reading counts?

All of it! From books and audiobooks to magazines and newspapers. If someone reads to you, count it! If you read to someone else, count it! We consider 20 minutes or more to be a day's worth of reading.

