

Shake up your shelf in 2024-25!

To complete the challenge, read a book from each of the 12 categories listed by August 31, 2025. 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 4:30pm on August 31, 2025.

Learn more at www.AmesPL.org/12toTry

First Name: _____

Last Name:_____

Phone Number OR Email Address:

Any genre fiction such as mystery, romance, science fiction, fantasy, etc. (September)

Food memoir or cookbook about a food culture different from your own (October)

Book that has been banned or challenged, including adult or youth books (November)

Anthology or "Best ... Writing of the Year" book (December)

Award-winning book from the last decade: 2014-2024 (January)

Classic written by a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, or Person of color) author (February)

Book featuring a body-positive message (March)

Last book in a series (April)

Book from the YA or Juvenile collection by an Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander author (May)

Biography or memoir by or about an LGBTQIA+ person (June)

Choose a book purely based on its cover (July)

Book that celebrates Black joy (August)