



50th ANNIVERSARY READING CHALLENGE

March 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES

In honor of our 50 year collaboration with the library the Friends are issuing a challenge to the community. If you read one book* per decade (1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's, 2010's) you will receive five (5) raffle tickets for a chance to win one of several fabulous prizes; if you complete 2 rounds of the challenge, then you will receive an additional five (5) raffle tickets and so on. The more rounds you document and complete on the attached form, the more chances you have to win. The prize winners will be announced at our Gala Benefit to be held at the United Theatre on September 30, 2022. (No purchase necessary to enter contest and you do not have to be present at the Gala to win.)

The challenge is open to all age groups and the reason we request our readers ages as prizes will be broken down by age category: seniors, adult, teens, tweens, and kids.

*In addition to books, audiobooks qualify; all fiction and nonfiction genres including graphic novels, poetry, essays, romance, mysteries, biographies, etc. are eligible for the contest.

The library staff has graciously consented to recommend books for the challenge (see displays by Circulation and Reference) and on the back of this instruction form please find additional recommend reading lists per decade.

For more information or questions please email friends@westerlylibrary.org

SUGGESTED READING LISTS:

1970's

"Watership Down" by Richard Adams

"Where the Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein

"The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss

"Are You There God? It's Me Margaret" by Judy Blume

"Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson

"All Creatures Great and Small" by Hames Herriot

"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams

"The World According to Garp" by John Irving

"The Shining" by Stephen King

"The Princess Bride" by William Goldman

"Interview with the Vampire" by Anne Rice

"The Exorcist" by William Peter Blatty

"The Thorn Birds" by Colleen McCullough

"Roots: The Sage of an American Family" by Alex Haley

"Shogun" by James Clavel

1980's

"Matilda" by Roald Dahl

"The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood

"A Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving

"Ender's Game" by Orson Scott Card

"The Color Purple" by Alice Walker

"Beloved" by Toni Morrison

"The Unbearable Lightness of Being" by Milian Kundera

"The Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan

"Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café" by Fannie Flagg

"The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett

"The Remains of the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro

"Love in the Time of Cholera" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

"The Mists of Avalon" by Marion Zimmer Bradley

"The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho

1990's

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling

"Holes" by Louis Sachar

"The Golden Compass" by Philip Pullman

"A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin

"Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden

"The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver

"Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt

"Fight Club" by Chuck Palahniuk

"Jurassic Park" by Michael Crichton

"Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier

"The Perks of being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky

"Bridget Jones Diary" by Helen Fielding

"The Virgin Suicides" by Jeffrey Eugenides

2000's

"The Brethren" by John Grisham

"The Last Precinct" by Patricia Cornwell

"Journey" by Danielle Steel

"The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks

"Valhalla Rising" by Clive Cussler

"The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold

"Prey" by Michael Crichton

"The Nanny Diaries" by Emma McLaughlin & Nicola Kraus

"The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown

"Armageddon" by Time LaHaye & Jerry B. Jenkins

"Light from Heaven" by Jan Karon

"Hannibal Rising" by Thomas Harris

"Beach Road" by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

"A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini

"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett

2010's

"A Promised Land" by Barack Obama

"The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green

"Divergent" by Veronica Roth

"Mockingjay (The Hunger Games)" by Suzanne Collins

"Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn

"Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

"All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

"Cinder (The Lunar Chronicles)" by Marissa Meyer

"Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes

"The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson

"Towers of Midnight" by Robert Jordan

"Fall of Giants" by Ken Follett

"Twilight" The Graphic Novel" by Stephanie Meyers & Young Kim

"Eyes That Kiss in the Corners" by Joanna Ho

"Milo Imagines the World" by Matt de la Pena

"Come on All You Ghosts" by Matthew Zapruder

"The Tudors" by G.J. Meyer

