



# Winter Adult READING PROGRAM

Pikes Peak Library District



## FAQs

The Winter Adult Reading Program is Pikes Peak Library District's (PPLD) winter reading program for adults ages 18+. Beginning on Wed., Feb. 1, visit any Library location to register for the Winter Adult Reading Program and receive a limited-edition registration tote bag, while supplies last. Registration is also available [here](#) – registration prize will not be available for participants who register online. Then from February 1 - March 31 keep track of your reading and activities to earn additional prizes. Activities include reading for 30 minutes or more a day, attending a library program, or view a full list of suggested activities which can be found [here](#). Log 30 days of reading, activities, or a combination of both, to earn a chocolate bar from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and the annual Winter Adult Reading Program mug.

### General Information:

**Is this different than previous years?** Yes! Instead of tracking the number of books you read between February 1 and March 31, you will track days of reading or days of completing activities.

- Reading for 30 minutes or more a day counts as one day of reading.
- Attending a Library program or completing other activities like those listed [here](#) counts as one day of activity.

**Why has this change been made?** PPLD recognizes that patrons read varying lengths of books and read at varying speeds, making it difficult for some to participate in the reading challenge.

- This change makes participating in the reading challenge accessible to more patrons who may not be able to read eight books in eight weeks.
- Reading for 30 minutes a day also helps build reading habits that will last long after the reading challenge has ended.

**What counts as an activity?** 30 minutes of reading a day or completing one of the activities listed [here](#) count as one day of activity.

- Log 30 days of activities, or a combination of reading and activities to earn the chocolate bar from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and the annual Winter Adult Reading Program mug.

**Is reading a focus?** Yes! Adults can complete the entire program through reading, or a combination of reading and activities. You'll track your reading by the day, so the program encourages reading throughout February and March.

### What are the prizes?

- Registration: receive a registration tote bag when you register in person or at curbside at any Library location, beginning on February 1 and while supplies last.
- 30 days of activities (any combination of reading and activities): Annual Winter Adult Reading Program mug, a chocolate bar from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, and one entry into the grand prize drawing.
- Grand Prize Drawing: Three grand prize winners will receive a Samsung Tablet with cover.
- Extra entries into Grand Prize Drawing: Go above and beyond for extra entries into the grand prize drawing! For every additional five days of activities logged, you will receive one additional entry into the grand prize drawing for a total of up to five additional entries.

**How do I get my prizes?** Visit your nearest Library location during open hours or request prizes for curbside pickup.

- Prize pickup will begin on March 2. You will be able to pick up the chocolate bar and mug at the same time.
- Prize pickup will be available through May 1.
- Prize options may vary as supplies last.
- Visit [ppld.org/winterreading](http://ppld.org/winterreading) for the most up-to-date information on prize pickup.

**Can the game be played online?** Yes! PPLD's 2023 Winter Adult Reading Program can be completed entirely online.

- PPLD uses a platform called [Beanstack](#) to track your progress and enter you in the grand prize drawing. Either use Beanstack online at [ppld.beanstack.org](http://ppld.beanstack.org) or with their app, available in the App Store and Google Play.
- If you need assistance, email [BeanstackHelp@ppld.org](mailto:BeanstackHelp@ppld.org), call (719) 531-6333, or visit [ppld.org/ask](http://ppld.org/ask) to get assistance.

**Do I have to play the game online?** No! We have a physical game card, which you can download and print at [ppld.org/winterreading](http://ppld.org/winterreading). You can also find a physical game card in the winter edition of District Discovery.

- If you need to pick up a physical copy of the game card, visit any Library location during their open hours.
- If you only want to track your participation on a physical game card, we will create an account for you and help you log your reading within Beanstack so we can track your participation and ensure you get your prizes.





## How to Play:

- 1. Complete an activity:** Receive the limited-edition tote bag when you register in-person for the program beginning on February 1. Then complete the program with any combination of reading and activities (for a total of 30 days) to earn the annual Winter Adult Reading Program mug and chocolate bar from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory (while supplies last). You can receive extra entries into the grand prize drawing for every five extra days of activities above 30, up to 50 days.
- 2. Log the days you complete an activity on a printed game card or in Beanstack:** (either reading 30 minutes or more a day or completing one of the activities listed [here](#)) any day from February 1 - March 31. You can log your progress at [ppld.beanstack.org](http://ppld.beanstack.org) or by using the Beanstack App, available in Google Play or the App Store. If you need assistance, call (719) 531-6333 or visit [ppld.org/ask](http://ppld.org/ask) to find different ways to get in touch with our staff.
- 3. Prize pickup will begin March 2:** Find the most up-to-date information on how to pick up your prizes at [ppld.org/winterreading](http://ppld.org/winterreading).

## General Information About Beanstack:

**What is Beanstack?** Beanstack is a free service provided by PPLD to help patrons discover books based on your age and interests. It's also an online portal for our Library programs, like the annual Winter Adult Reading Program. For more information, please visit [ppld.beanstack.org/faq](http://ppld.beanstack.org/faq).

**What happens when I sign up for Beanstack?** With a Beanstack profile, you will receive one book recommendation per week matched to your interests and other information in your profile. You can use your account to register for PPLD programs and track your progress.

**How do I cancel my Beanstack account?** You can cancel at any time! Simply click on "Contact Us" at the bottom of the page and request that your account to be canceled.

**Do I have to use Beanstack?** If you want to use a physical game card to track your 2023 Winter Adult Reading Program progress, library staff will create an account on your behalf and log your participation. This allows us to keep track of your progress and ensure you can redeem prizes and be entered into the grand prize drawing.

**How do I log my reading and activities in Beanstack?** All of the steps below can be done on [ppld.beanstack.org](http://ppld.beanstack.org). All reading and activities will be logged as "reading". Sign into your Beanstack account. Click on "Log Reading" in the upper right hand corner. Select your profile from the drop down list. Click on the calendar icon labeled "Days." Click on each date you wish to log reading. You can log reading for past days, but cannot log days in the future. Click on the button labeled "Log." Dates you have logged will show a green dot. Click on the button labeled "Close" to exit out of the log reading screen.

**Is there an app?** Yes! You can find the Beanstack app in the App Store or in Google Play. Simply sign in with your existing Beanstack account information. If you are new to Beanstack, sign up right in the app. You can log past reading in the app, or use the reading timer to record a current reading session!

**How do I use the app?** Check out these short video tutorials created by Zoobean, the creators of Beanstack:

- [How to create an account](#)
- [How to Log Activities](#)
- [How to Add, Edit, and Switch Readers](#)
- [How to View and Participate in Reading Challenges \(Programs\)](#)

**Does it matter how I log my reading on the app?** No! If you log a book or log a past reading session, it will give you credit for reading on the date entered. The 2023 Winter Adult Reading Program counts reading by days, so as long as you record reading on a specific date, that will count toward completing the challenge.

## Contact Us

**I have a question about Beanstack. How do I get in touch?** Speak with a reference librarian by calling (719) 531-6333, option 3 or visit [ppld.org/ask](http://ppld.org/ask).

