



## FAQs

The Winter Adult Reading Program is Pikes Peak Library District's (PPLD) winter reading program for adults ages 18+. Adults sign up online to log reading and activities to earn prizes.

From February 1 - March 31 keep track of your reading and activities to earn prizes. Log 15 activities or 15 days of reading for 30 minutes or more a day to earn a reusable utensil set and a chocolate bar from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

Log 15 additional activities or days of reading, for a total of 30 activities, and earn the annual reading program mug. A list of activities can be found at [ppld.org/winterreading](http://ppld.org/winterreading).

### 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 listed [here](#) counts as one 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 will make participating in the reading challenge more accessible to more patrons who may not be able to read eight books in eight weeks.
- Reading for 30 minutes a day will also help build the habit of reading 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 activity.

- Log 15 days of activities (or reading 30 minutes or more a day) to earn the chocolate bar from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and the reusable utensil set.
- Log another 15 days of activities or reading to earn the mug.
- You can complete the program through a combination of activities and reading, but must have 15 days of reading 30 minutes or more a day to earn the mug and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

**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?

- **15 days of activities (any combination of reading and activities):** Reusable utensil set and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory chocolate bar
- **30 days of activities (15 days of reading and 15 activities, or 30 days reading):** Annual Winter Adult Reading Program mug in your choice of blue or black, and one entry into the Grand Prize Drawing
- **Grand Prize Drawing:** Three Grand Prize Winners will receive an HP Chromebook Laptop, with wireless mouse and carrying case
- **Extra entries into Grand Prize Drawing:** Go above and beyond for extra entries into the Grand Prize Drawing! For every additional 5 days of reading you will receive one additional entry into the Grand Prize Drawing for a total of up to 5 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 **February 15** for the reusable utensil set and chocolate bar, and prize pickup for the mug will begin on **March 2**.
- You can pick up all prizes at once on or after March 2.
- 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 2021 Winter Adult Reading Program can be completed entirely online.

- We use 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).

- If you need to pick up a physical copy of the game card, visit any Library location during their open hours, or request prizes for [curbside pickup](#).
- 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** (either reading 30 minutes or more a day or completing one of the activities listed here) any day from February 1 - March 31.
2. **Log the days** you complete an activity on a printed game card or in Beanstack.
  - a. 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. **Log each day of reading or day you complete an activity.** You will receive the reusable utensil set and chocolate bar for 15 days of activities, and the mug for 30 days of activities. Complete the program with any combination of reading and activities, but 15 days must be reading days for the completion prize of the mug. You can receive extra entries into the Grand Prize Drawing for every 5 extra days of reading above 30, up to 50 days.
4. **Prize pickup will begin February 15.** 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.
- **What happens when I sign up for Beanstack?** With a Beanstack profile, you'll receive one book recommendation per week matched to your interests and other information in your profile. You'll 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 be canceled.
- **Do I have to use Beanstack?** If you want to use a physical game card to track your 2021 Winter Adult Reading Program progress, 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're 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 Log Activities](#)
  - [How to Log Past Reading](#)
  - [How to Quick Log a Book](#)
  - [How to Use the Reading Timer](#)
  - [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 2021 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?**

Click on "Contact Us" at the bottom of the webpage.