



Ultimate Book Nerd 2026

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read 50 books from the  
50 categories listed.



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## GUIDELINES

- Read 50 books
- One book per category
- Graphic novels, audiobooks, and digital all count
- UBN is for ages 13 and up
- For book nerds ages 12 and under read at least 30 books from this list
- Must have a Boise Public Library card to earn swag

## FINISHED THE CHALLENGE?

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A white speech bubble containing the word "Library!" in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. The background of the entire page is a dark purple with a repeating geometric pattern of white lines forming a series of 'V' shapes.

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The letters "UBN" in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font. A pair of white-rimmed glasses is superimposed over the letter "B".

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## 2026 Challenge Categories

- ☐ Read a book that celebrates your freedom to read
- ☐ Read a book with the title: "A \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_"
- ☐ Read a book featuring jazz music
- ☐ Read a middle grade horror book
- ☐ Read a book about community building
- ☐ Read a book with a state in the title
- ☐ Read a cozy book (i.e. cozy fantasy, romance, mystery, etc.)
- ☐ Read a book with books on the cover
- ☐ Read a Hugo Award Winner [www.thehugoawards.org](http://www.thehugoawards.org)
- ☐ Read a book credited to James Patterson
- ☐ Read a book written by a transgender, nonbinary, or gender-nonconforming author
- ☐ Read a book about poverty
- ☐ Listen to a book narrated by the author
- ☐ 1 of 2 Read a non-fiction book that pairs with a fiction book (books with a shared theme, topic, or setting)
- ☐ 2 of 2 Read a fiction book that pairs with a nonfiction book (books with a shared theme, topic, or setting)
- ☐ Read a book set in your favorite American era or decade
- ☐ Read a book about architecture
- ☐ Read a book by or about first responders
- ☐ Read a book about the Founding Mothers
- ☐ Read a book published this year
- ☐ Read a book about an American movement (suffrage, civil rights, abolitionism, etc.)
- ☐ Read a book published posthumously
- ☐ Read a book featuring a wedding
- ☐ Read a book written by a Native, Alaska Native, or Kanaka Maoli author
- ☐ Read a graphic novel memoir
- ☐ Read about an inventor or invention
- ☐ Read a book about the New American experience
- ☐ Read a dramedy
- ☐ Read a survival story
- ☐ Read a book with a cover that makes you laugh or smile
- ☐ Read a book with "red" in the title
- ☐ Read a book set in an American future
- ☐ Read a book featuring baseball
- ☐ Read a book set in a national park
- ☐ Read about a change maker
- ☐ Read a book from the Dewey 320's
- ☐ Read a book about an event that happened in your lifetime
- ☐ Read a book of teen short stories
- ☐ Read a book about a cryptid
- ☐ Read a book from a former UBN list
- ☐ Read a book with a ghost
- ☐ Read a book in diary form
- ☐ Read a book set in a U.S. territory (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or U.S. Virgin Islands)
- ☐ Read a book featuring an unsolved mystery
- ☐ Read a book with a subtitle
- ☐ Read a book mentioned in another book
- ☐ Read a book set in the current season
- ☐ Read a book about self-care
- ☐ Read a children's book that won an award the year you were born
- ☐ Read a book recommended by a library staff member

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