

Common Questions

What about books that qualify for more than one topic?

If a single book covers multiple areas, it will still only count as ONE ENTRY on your reading log. You choose which clue to which the book applies.

Do I have to read a book from the Decatur Public Library?

In order to have a book count it must be one that is available for checkout at the Decatur Public Library. You can get credit for ONE (1) out-of-library book (a book checked out from another area library or a book from your personal collection.) You may take advantage of this extra credit at any point during the challenge period.

**BOOKS CHECKED OUT FROM
EVA PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL NOT
COUNT FOR THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE.**

What about Inter-Library Loans?

Inter-Library Loans (ILL) obtained through our ILL librarian Wanda will count. Just keep your receipt and it will count towards your challenge!

Do re-reads count?

Yes, but only if you re-read the book during the challenge period.

The Basics...

- ✖ Adults 18 and up
- ✖ Sign up with the Community Services staff
- ✖ Read books that fit the assigned topics or themes and record them in your reading log.
- ✖ At the end of the challenge, be entered for prizes based on the number of books completed:
 - ✖ Boatswain – 15 books (9 pre-printed & 6 released)
 - ✖ Privateer – 30 books (20 pre-printed & 10 released)
 - ✖ Swashbuckler – 60 to 66 books
- ✖ Books must be checked out from the Decatur Public Library collection (you can have ONE from outside the collection)
- ✖ If a book applies to more than one clue, you must choose **ONE** to count for your reading log. The choice is up to you.
- ✖ Reading logs will be validated by Rhonda or Stephanie on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 9am and 5pm. We will also be at the Reference Desk on Wednesday nights from 5pm – 8pm. Look for the Admiralty Court flag to find us!
- ✖ It is your responsibility to keep up with your reading log. Lost reading logs **WILL NOT BE REPLACED**, but you may start over.
- ✖ Only books in the adult section of the library count for the challenge. Anything cataloged with a 'J' does not count.
- ✖ Your "level" is determined only when the challenge is complete (for prize drawing). You must log at least 15 books (9 pre-printed, 6 released) to qualify for the least prize level.
- ✖ Participation does not guarantee that you will win a prize. Many will enter; few will win.

Hidden Treasure



2015 Adult Reading Challenge

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Hidden Treasure—2015 Adult Reading Challenge

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”

Walt Disney

The goal of this year’s game is to search the library during the challenge period for the “treasures” found in books.

How to Play

When you sign up to play the game, you will receive:

- ☛ a journey log (Letter of Marque) with pre-printed clues
- ☛ a treasure map of the Library and a list of criteria (Clues) for books to read for the challenge (these are on the same sheet of paper).

The pre-printed book requirements are broken down by month, but you can read them in any order you choose.

This year’s challenge is different from previous years because it is interactive. Each month, two additional challenges will be released via social media (Facebook, Twitter, and the DPL Blog) These challenges cannot be completed ahead of time, nor will they be released ahead of time.

- ☛ 4 tasks will be pre-printed at the beginning of the challenge in its appropriate month
- ☛ 2 tasks will be released each month via social media (Facebook, twitter, DPL Blog.) The Reading Guide in Reference will not be updated with these releases until 3 days after they are released on social media.

Levels

The “level” matters only in terms of prizes and only once the challenge is complete. At

the end of the challenge period, your prize entries will be determined based on the number of books you read during the challenge. You may read books to fit the pre-printed categories in any order you wish.

The prize levels are:

- ☛ **Boatswain** – 15 books (9 pre-printed, 6 released)
- ☛ **Privateer** – 30 books (20 pre-printed, 10 released)
- ☛ **Swashbuckler** – 60 to 66 books (at least 1 from each month released)

Choosing What to Read

Each month’s clues will be **explained on the Decatur Public Library blog** (linked at www.decaturlib.al.us). If you are reading ahead, you can also find more information in the **Reading Guide** in the **Reference Department**.

Feel free to stop by Admiralty Court with questions, or you can contact StephRhonda via email or phone.

Email: stephrhonda@decaturlib.al.us
Phone: (256) 353-2993 ext.125.

Getting Credit

1. Once you have **read a book, fill out your reading log** with the information about the book (title, author, etc.)
2. **Present your filled-in reading log and your check-out receipt** to StephRhonda to receive your credit.
3. Keep reading!

PLEASE HAVE YOUR READING LOG STAMPED

PERIODICALLY. Do not wait until the day you turn it in to get your books validated.

(This is for your benefit. If some of your books do not qualify but you do not get them validated until the day the challenge ends, then you may not be eligible for the prize drawing.)

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 30th—last date to sign-up (by 5pm)

To be eligible for prizes:
Reading logs must be turned in by 5pm on
December 1, 2015.

Prize winners will be announced at the Friends of the Library Christmas Open House (date to be announced).

DPL on Social Media

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www.facebook.com/DecaturPublicLibrary

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DPL Blog:

<http://rivercityreaders.blogspot.com/>