



Durham Tech Library Read Great Things Challenge 2022

Five years of Reading Great Things together

- A happy or hopeful book _____
- A book about the environment _____
- A book set in the place you were born or where your family is from _____
- A book about travel _____
- A book about the brain _____
- A book about community OR a community read _____
- A book with a number in the title _____
- An artsy book _____
- Blast from the past! Pick your favorite category from one of our past reading challenges-- 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 [see back of page for options]: _____
- A book about a monster _____
- Genre fiction grab bag—pick one!: romance, horror, historical fiction, thriller, or mystery:

- A book recommended by a Durham Tech Library staff member or on the Library blog

READ GREAT THINGS CHALLENGE 2022 -- FAQ

1. How do I participate in the Read Great Things Challenge?

It's pretty simple—decide you want to participate and just start reading! You don't have to sign up and you can start at any point in the year. You'll need to finish reading books that fit into at least **10 of the 12 categories** by the end of Fall semester (December 2022) to complete the challenge.

2. What types of books count?

Hardcover, paperback, e-books, audiobooks, graphic novels, comic books, library books, books you own, books you've borrowed, books you've read to children, books FOR children—all books count! You just need to have finished them in 2022.

We're not here to judge or assign reading levels—books are books.

3. Can I count a book for multiple categories?

One book can count for up to two categories, so if you read strategically, you can complete the challenge by only reading 5 books in total.

4. How do I win the challenge? (What do I win?)

To win and complete the challenge, you should finish books that fit into at least 10 of the 12 listed categories. Once you fill out either the paper form or the online form and submit it to the library, you're considered a winner! Yay!

In December, we'll have bookish prizes available for those who participated and completed the challenge—keep your eyes on the blog and check your email for details.

5. Do the books have to be from the Durham Tech Library?

Nope, but we're glad to point you in the direction of one already in our collection and help you fulfill that final checklist item. We do have some great books just waiting to make it on your list!

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Date Submitted: _____

2021 Challenge Categories

- A short book
- A book about or set in space
- A book that will help with your self-care
- A book about social justice or equity
- A microhistory
- A book with a color in the title
- An “own voices” book
- A book with pictures
- A book that takes place outside the continental United States
- A book about family

2020 Challenge Categories

- A book of short stories or essays
- Someone else’s favorite book
- A book recommended by a celebrity book club
- A book that has won an award
- A book about nature or the great outdoors
- A book that is part of a series
- A bildungsroman
- A book that has been translated into English from another language OR a book in a language other than English
- A controversial book, either currently or at some point in history
- A book with a one-word title
- A book about or that features voting or civic engagement

2019 Challenge Categories

- A book that will help you with one of your personal goals
- A book by or about someone you admire
- A social science
- A book published in the decade you were born
- An epistolary book or a book that contains epistolary parts
- A book you’ve been putting off but are finally ready to read and/or finish
- A reimagining of a classic tale or work of literature
- A book about or that features college or higher education
- A book about an immigrant or immigration
- A book about technology
- A book by a North Carolina author or that takes place in North Carolina

2018 Challenge Categories

- A book coming out as a movie or tv show in [2022]
- A biography, autobiography, memoir, or a fictionalized account of a real person's life
- A book about or that features sports
- A book of poetry or a book written in verse
- A book you previously started or were assigned and never finished
- A book that takes place in a country or place you'd like to visit
- A book you chose for the cover
- A book that takes place during or is about a historical event 50 years or more in the past [1972 or earlier]
- A popular science book
- A book that contains a supernatural creature, occurrence, or event
- A book about cooking or food

Or our favorite category from every year—

- A book suggested by a Durham Tech library staff member either in-person or on the Durham Tech Library Blog