What is the Winter Reading Challenge?
The Winter Reading Challenge runs from January 4 to February 27. Children participate online through Beanstack. On Beanstack, they can choose different activities to complete the challenge. The challenges range from reading something outside of their comfort zones, or participating in a virtual program. They only have to complete 5 of the 20 activities to complete the challenge. If they complete all 20 activities, they will be awarded an additional prize!

Who Can Participate?
Any child from 0-12 years old.

Where Can Children Participate?
The program involves challenges that can be done at home and some that have to be done in the Library. Because children only need to complete 5 of the 20 activities, they can complete the challenge entirely from home if they choose! All of the challenges are kept track of online through Beanstack. Children and their parent or caregiver will need to create a free account through Beanstack to participate (instructions inside).

Why Participate?
Why not? Reading outside of school time is a great way to avoid the winter blues, but also strengthens reading skills that are necessary for future success.
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Do I need a library card to participate?**
NO! This service is free and available to any child from ages 0-12.

**Can my child create their own account?**
They certainly can! Or you can create an account for them and log the activities together. Either way, accounts should be created in the child’s name. If you are completing the program online through Beanstack, the program will only be available if the child is 12 years old or younger.

**Can I count books I read to my child or my child has read before I registered?**
No. The program begins on the day you register, and you only count books you read after registration.

**Can one book complete multiple activities?**
Yes! For example, one of the activities is “listen to an audiobook” found under “Read Something Different!” Listening to a mystery audiobook will cover both of these activities!

**Do the books need to be library books?**
No. Any book counts.

**My child likes to listen to books on the computer/iPad/eReader/etc. Can I count them?**
Yes. Audiobooks count as well. As long as your child listens to the entire book, it counts.

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**How to participate:**
- Register for the Winter Reading Challenge online at [newportlibraryri.org/kids/](http://newportlibraryri.org/kids/) and click on the Beanstack logo.
- If you have registered before for a different program, you can use the same login!
- Check out the activities in the program under the Activity Badges tab. They are separated into 4 badges:
  - Do something!
  - Read a specific genre!
  - Zany Challenges!
  - “Read” something different!

Each badge contains 5 activities. Children may complete ANY 5 ACTIVITIES from any of the four badges. They do not have to complete a whole badge. Children may, however, complete all 20 activities for an additional prize!

Most activities will require you to type an answer into the text box provided in order for the activity to be marked as completed. Some will need a secret code word that a librarian needs to give the child. Once the activity is marked as complete, the child will earn one point. At 5 points (after they complete 5 activities) your child will be notified that they have completed the challenge and have won a prize!

If you have already registered your child with Beanstack for a previous reading challenge, you can simply use the same profile for the Winter Reading Challenge. If you have not already used Beanstack, then you will need to create a new account.

**To Register:**
- Go to: [newportlibraryri.org/kids/](http://newportlibraryri.org/kids/)
- Click on the Beanstack image, as shown directly above.
- Click on “Register an Individual or Family.”
- To register your child, click on “I am an adult registering a child.” Your child can create their own account if they wish by clicking on “I am registering myself.” Fill out the required information for you and your child. Your child must be 12 years old or younger to participate. You can register multiple children (or “Readers”) into your account, to better help your children keep track of their progress!
- You are now ready to participate!

**Logging Activities**
- Sign into your Beanstack account.
- Make sure you are under the correct reader if you have multiple children. You can tell by looking at the top left of your screen where your child’s name will be visible.
- Click on the Activity Badges tab.
- There are four activity badges to explore. Remember, you can complete any 5 activities from any of these 4 badges. You can click on any of the badges to see the different activities.

This challenge is based on completing activities rather than logging reading. You do not have to worry about logging books for this challenge.