Discover Your Strengths

What makes you uniquely awesome? How can you use your strengths to support your community?

Read for Adventure Challenge

Your Quest:

This week's challenge will set you up for a summer of reading! The New York Public Library has a summer reading portal through our partner Beanstack where you can read and keep track of your progress online. This portal is also where you will record your Virtual Summer Camp activities to receive badges. Create an account for this portal and then read at least 20 minutes and log your progress!

Mission Materials:

- A computer or a smartphone
- A book, ebook, or audiobook

Mission Directions:

1. If you're on your computer, go to nypl.org/summerreading and click on the online Summer Reading Portal link. If you are using a smartphone, download the Beanstack app.

2. Follow the step-by-step instructions and create an account with Beanstack. If you are younger than 13 years old, make sure your parent or guardian helps you create your account!

3. Take a tour through the Beanstack portal and make sure you know how to find the following things:

   a. **Logging Badges:** This is where you will log the minutes you read and where you will receive badges for reading! You have the option to write down the titles of the books you are reading and write reviews as well.

   b. **Activity Badges:** There are five types of activity badges — Read for Adventure, Imagine Your Story, Strengthen Your Community, Virtual Programming, and Virtual Summer Camp! For Virtual Summer Camp you'll record what camp activities you did each week and receive a badge. Explore the other badges for more fun activities to do this summer.

   c. **Earned Badges:** All of the badges you earn over the summer will live here!

   d. **Challenge Log:** Here you can see the activity you are logging over a single session.

4. Now it's time to read so that you can get your first reading badge! Choose a book that you have at home or check-out an ebook or e-audiobook from the New York Public Library and

read for at least 20 minutes. Below are a few ways you can find ebooks or e-audiobooks at the library.

    a. **SimplyE:** This is the library's app for ebooks. Download this free app and put in your library card number. Browse and find a book that you like!

    b. **Online Catalogue:** Search for ebooks and e-audiobooks at Audiobook Cloud, OverDrive, or CloudDrive. All you need is your library card number.

    c. **Book Collections for Kids:** Search in the following collections that are just for kids and teens. All you need is your library card number. These collections don't have checkout limits!

        i. Bookflix: Animated storybook videos and ebooks for early elementary

        ii. TumbleBooks Library: Storybooks and ebooks for elementary kids

        iii. TumbleBookCloud Jr.: Ebooks for upper elementary and lower middle school

        iv. TumbleBookCloud: Ebooks for middle and high school

5. After you've finished reading, think about your reaction to what you just read. Then log your minutes on Beanstack!

Level Up:

- Instead of reading 20 minutes today, read 40 minutes (or more!).
- Tell a friend about Beanstack and Summer Reading at the library and help them sign-up.
- Challenge yourself to read 20 minutes a day every day for the next week.

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