

Winter Reading 2022: Read for a Better World

Read Anything, All Ages



Challenge Description

There's nothing better on a cold winter day than curling up with a good book.

This year we invite you to Read for a Better World with Jasper County Public Library, in partnership with Beanstack and Lerner Publishing Group.

Between January 1 and February 28, 2022, you will receive a ticket to enter our prize drawings for each fiction, non-fiction, magazine, e-book, audiobook, or audio e-book that you read or listen to. We will have weekly prize winners at each library location and a grand prize drawing at each location to end the program.

Participants need not be present to win. Registration is requested, either through Beanstack or through our events page at <https://www.myjcpl.org/events>, or in person at any JCPL library.

Additionally, from January 1 to January 31, JCPL is participating in Beanstack's Fifth Annual Winter Reading Challenge, sponsored by Lerner Publishing Group.

Read for a Better World (<https://www.readforabetterworld.com/>) encourages readers of all ages to explore diversity, empathy, and action through literature. Our community has unlimited access to Lerner's "Read for a Better World" themed books for the month of January through the challenge!

We challenge our patrons to read at least 100 minutes during the month and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site. Get started with Beanstack at <https://www.myjcpl.org/beanstack>.

Thousands of libraries and schools across the nation are encouraging their communities to read a target number of minutes and books in this challenge. Top-performing libraries and schools will earn prizes from Lerner Publishing Group, including book collections, signed books, and virtual author visits.

In February, we will also give younger readers a chance to compete for prizes and older readers the option to win extra entries into the adult winter read contest with a Passport to Reading challenge.

Happy reading!



Challenge Structure

- 1 Registration Badge
- 1 Completion Badge
- 10 Logging Badges (Minutes or Books)
- 6 Activity Badges

Activity Badge Title:

Read for a Better World

Badge Description

Let's read together for a better world! Reading can take you to new places and allow you to see things through the eyes of others. By understanding more about the world around us, we can make better choices and help build stronger communities.

Activities

- Explore books from Lerner's Read for a Better World collection. Check out a few recommended titles below.

○ **PreK - Ages 0-6**

- [H Is for Home: A Sesame Street® Guide to Homes around the World](#) by Karen Latchana Kenney
- [Parents Like Mine](#) by Marie-Therese Miller
- [Something Special: All Kinds of Foods](#) by Lisa Bullard
- [Families Like Mine](#) by Marie-Therese Miller
- [Niko Draws a Feeling](#) by Bob Raczka
- [Rissy No Kissies](#) by Katey Howes
- [A Girl Like Me](#) by Angela Johnson
- [Everybody Cooks Rice](#) by Norah Dooley
- [A Map into the World](#) by Kao Kalia Yang
- [All Kinds of Friends](#) by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly

○ **K-5 - Ages 5-10**

- [Thanku: Poems of Gratitude](#) edited by Miranda Paul
- [Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer](#) by Traci Sorell
- [Ruth and the Green Book](#) by Calvin Alexander Ramsey
- [Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship](#) by Charles Waters and Irene Latham
- [Serena Williams: Athletes Who Made a Difference](#) by Blake Hoena
- [The Notations of Cooper Cameron](#) by Jane O'Reilly
- [Africa Is Not a Country](#) by Margy Burns Knight and Mark Melnicove
- [My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder](#) by Nie Jun
- [The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field](#) by Scott Riley
- [The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just](#) by Mélina Mangal

○ **6-12 - Ages 10-18**

- [Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A to Z](#) by Charles Waters and Irene Latham
- [Immigration, Refugees, and the Fight for a Better Life](#) by Elliott Smith
- [Mass Incarceration, Black Men, and the Fight for Justice](#) by Cicely Lewis
- [The Life Heroic: How To Unleash Your Most Amazing Self](#) by Elizabeth Svoboda
- [No Way, They Were Gay?: Hidden Lives and Secret Loves](#) by Lee Wind

- [#MeToo and You: Everything You Need to Know about Consent, Boundaries, and More](#) by Halley Bondy
- [Daisy to the Rescue: True Stories of Daring Dogs, Paramedic Parrots, and Other Animal Heroes](#) by Jeff Campbell
- [Votes of Confidence, 2nd Edition: A Young Person's Guide to American Elections](#) by Jeff Fleischer
- [47 Things You Can Do for the Environment](#) by Jill Buck and Lexi Petronis
- [Debunk It! Fake News Edition: How to Stay Sane in a World of Misinformation](#) by John Grant

○ **Adults Age 18+**

- [The Four Million: The Gift of the Magi and Other Short Stories](#) by O. Henry
- [The American Dream?: A Journey on Route 66 Discovering Dinosaur Statues, Muffler Men, and the Perfect Breakfast Burrito](#) by Shing Yin Khor
- [Walden, and On the Duty of Civil Disobedience](#) by Henry David Thoreau
- [Twelve Years a Slave](#) by Solomon Northup
- [The Souls of Black Folk](#) by W. E. B. Du Bois
- [The Prophet](#) by Kahlil Gibran
- [Tomboy: A Graphic Memoir](#) by Liz Prince
- [Dear Teen Me: Authors Write Letters to Their Teen Selves](#) by various authors, edited by Miranda Kenneally
- [The Awakening and Selected Short Stories](#) by Kate Chopin
- [The Yellow Wallpaper](#) by Charlotte Perkins Gilman

- Which book(s) are you reading? **(text box)**
- What is your favorite part of the book? **(text box)**

Activity Badge Title:

Best of Me!

Badge Description

It's important to feel good about yourself from the inside out! Identity is the collection of traits and characteristics that make you YOU. These include how you look, your personality, your culture, and your abilities.

Activities

- Write down or draw the traits and characteristics that make you YOU.
 - What parts of you are you proudest of? **(text box)**
 - What do you think people may be surprised to learn about you? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Big Feelings

Badge Description

Feelings are emotions that everyone experiences. Sometimes feelings can be big and overwhelming (or even scary). But all feelings are important! They give you information about what's going on around you.

Activities

- Make a list of feelings you've experienced. Don't worry if they're "good" or "bad." Feelings just tell you what you need!
 - What are some healthy and safe ways to express feelings? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Celebrating Difference

Badge Description

"Diversity" means difference. Differences are good! They make every person special and unique. We are all different in many ways. This includes how we look, act, and talk. But it also includes where we live, what we eat, how we celebrate, what we believe, and much more!

Activities

- Talk with a friend or family member and learn about how you're different from one another. You may even find things you have in common!

- *Question tips:* What is your favorite meal? What is your favorite season? What is your favorite game?
 - Why is it important to respect people even if they're different from you? **(text box)**
 - What are some ways we can celebrate our differences? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Prejudice and Assumptions

Badge Description

Prejudice means to “prejudge” someone. This means you make assumptions about another person without getting to know them. These assumptions might be based on how someone looks, a group they are a part of, or even your own experience. These assumptions may be positive or negative. But they are always unfair. We can’t know what someone else likes or dislikes or what they are thinking or feeling unless we get to know them as an individual. The best way to get to know people is by asking respectful questions.

Activities

- An assumption is something we believe without proof. How can you get to know someone as an individual rather than making an assumption about them? **(text box)**
 - Prejudice is a pre-existing opinion not based on facts or experience. How is prejudice harmful? **(text box)**
 - What are some respectful questions you can ask others to get to know them better? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Perspective

Badge Description

Perspective is a point of view or way of seeing things. Perspective can apply to what we physically see. We may all be looking at the same object, but because we are looking from different places, we will all see the object from a different angle. Perspective also applies to how we feel about things.

Activities

- How can experience (things that happen to us) change someone's perspective? **(text box)**
- How is your perspective similar to or different from your friends, family, or classmates? **(text box)**
- Imagine a group of people all saw the same fireworks show. Some of them might find the loud bangs of the fireworks to be exciting. Others might find them scary. Different perspectives will affect how people respond to the same thing. What experiences might lead someone to consider loud fireworks exciting or scary? **(text box)**