

Prizes and Prize Drawings

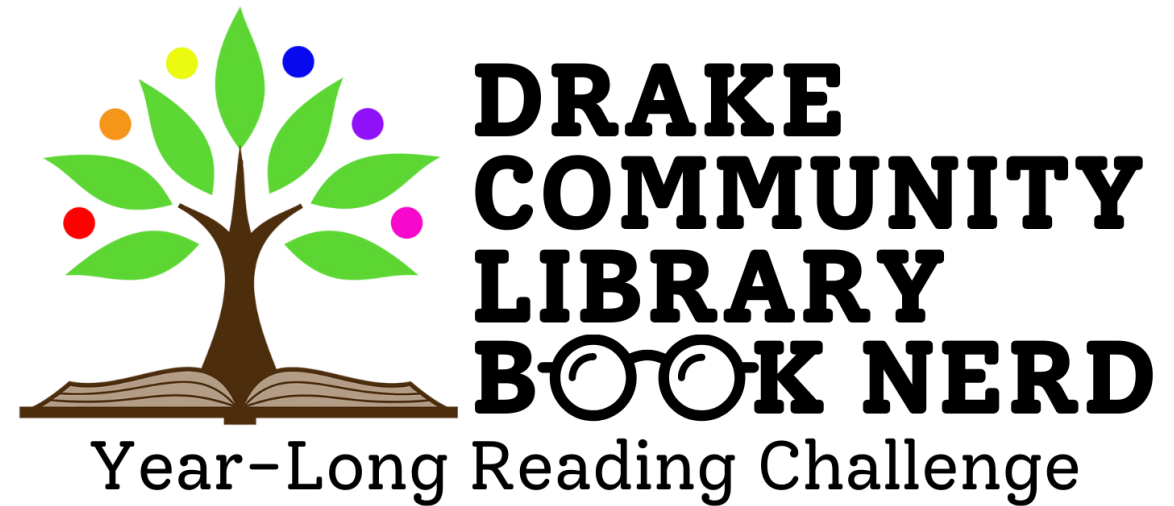
Complete **categories 1-20** and you'll earn a free book of your choice or a coupon for a free book from the Friends of DCL bookstore.

When you finish **categories 21-40**, you'll earn an acrylic DCL Book Nerd pin, another free book of your choice or Friends of DCL bookstore coupon, and be automatically entered into a drawing for a \$50 Pioneer Bookshop gift card.

Fill **categories 41-60** to earn a DCL Book Nerd tote bag (perfect for displaying your pin and carrying all of your books!), a third free book or Friends of DCL bookstore coupon, and another automatic entry into the drawing for a \$50 Pioneer Bookshop gift card.

Do you have suggestions, questions, or comments about DCL Book Nerd?

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2025 DCL Book Nerd Category List and Tracker

Program Guidelines

Books must be read between January 1 and December 31, 2025.

All reading must be entered into Beanstack (on your own or with the help of library staff) by 11:59pm on December 31, 2025 for it to count toward prizes.

You need to be in 7th grade or older to participate.

Books must be Junior Fiction level or higher in any format. Toddler books, picture books, readers, easy fiction, junior fiction and non-fiction <100 pages, and periodicals do not count unless otherwise noted. Book eligibility will be determined by Drake Community Library's catalog and/or staff.

Limit of one category per book.

Categories do not need to be completed in order, but must be redeemed in the following category group order: 1-20 (prize available once categories 1-20 are completed), 21-40 (prize available once categories 1-40 are completed), and 41-60 (prize available once categories 1-60 are completed).

1. A book with a title that starts with the letter “D”
2. A book recommended by library staff*
3. A graphic novel
4. A book that was published in 2015*
5. A book with a cover that you don’t like
6. A book by an author who is a different gender than you
7. A book on one of DCL’s New Book shelves
8. A teen fiction (YA/young adult) book
9. A paperback book
10. A book that is set in more than one country*
11. A book with a person’s name in the title
12. A book by a debut author
13. A Newbery Medal winner or honor*
14. A magical realism book*
15. A book by a Library Speakers Consortium author*
16. A cozy mystery, fantasy, or romance*
17. An essay collection*
18. A book with “Up” or “Down” in the title*
19. A book that has a rebel in it*
20. A book by an author who has the same first or last name as a loved one

* = Recommendation book list available on Beanstack

21. A book with a title that starts with the letter “C”
22. A book recommended by another book lover
23. A book from the bottom shelf - any bottom shelf
24. A book that you would recommend to a friend
25. A book that takes place in a museum or art gallery - at least partially*
26. A Wild Card - come see us at the desk to choose yours
27. The most recent book by any author
28. A book from the 2024 NPR Books We Love list*
29. A non-fiction book
30. A book with a yellow cover - the cover should be at least 50% yellow*
31. The most recent book in a series
32. A book by an AAPI (Asian American/Pacific Islander) author*
33. An autobiography or memoir - biographies do not count
34. A book that was published the year a loved one was born
35. A book told from different points of view or by multiple narrators*
36. A book based on mythology, folklore, or a fairy tale*
37. A book with music or a musician in it*
38. An Alex Award winner*
39. A book with a number in the title
40. A book by an author whose last name ends in a consonant

41. A book with a title that starts with the letter “L”
42. A book by an author who is new to you
43. A book written by more than one author*
44. An audiobook
45. A book from a themed library display - New Book shelves are not themed displays
46. A book that takes place somewhere that you would like to visit
47. A book recommended by a library kid - this is the ONLY category where books below J fiction level can be used*
48. A book about found family*
49. A book from the non-fiction 700s (Arts & Recreation)
50. A book with L, M, N, O, or P in the title
51. A book with a subtitle
52. A book of your choice
53. A book with a pet in it*
54. A book with a holiday that you don’t celebrate in it
55. A celebrity book club title*
56. A book that makes you laugh
57. A book that makes you cry or feel sad
58. A book by an author who shares your first and last initials
59. An All Iowa Reads winner or shortlist title*
60. A book published in 2025