

# IAHE Summer Reading Challenge



2024



# Win a Gift Card!

Complete your IAHE Summer Reading Challenge by filling in all the circles, and you could win a **\$25 gift card to Christianbook.com**. Have you seen what they have in their store? Games, books, toys, movies, and much more!

Complete the challenge and submit your reading log.  
A winner will be randomly chosen from each of the following categories:

**K-3rd, 4th-8th, 9th-12th**

**YOU could be that winner!**

## How it Works!

Find some great books to read—check out our reading list that we put together for different ages. You may just find a book there that will become a lifelong favorite.

Then follow these steps:

- 1 Start reading!** Read a book yourself or have a book read aloud to you. Set a daily goal, keep track of your minutes, and fill in the circles on your reading log as you go.
- 2 Take a picture** of your reading log when it is all filled in.
- 3 Submit the picture** at [iahe.net/summer-reading-challenge](https://iahe.net/summer-reading-challenge).

Now you can sit back and wait for the results!  
While you are waiting, why not read some more? There is always another adventure awaiting you in the next book!



# Tips and Tricks

— for a successful summer of reading —



- **Choose the right books.** What are your children interested in? Reading a variety of books is great, but be sure to leave time for what especially interests them.

- Dogs
- The future
- Adventures
- Famous people
- Coming-of-age stories
- American history

- **Let them read everywhere.** Be creative and they will never find themselves bored.

- Read outside
- Read to a pet
- Read in bed
- Read to a stuffed animal
- Read to a parent
- Read with a flashlight

- **Encourage them to read a variety of genres.** They may be surprised at the enjoyment that comes from reading genres they have never explored before.

- Read a biography
- Read a poem
- Read fiction
- Read fantasy
- Read a play
- Read history

- **Get prizes involved.** It's amazing what we can accomplish when we are motivated. Try:

- A special dessert
- A toy
- A new book
- A special date

- **Lastly, make reading every day a family affair.** We are usually more motivated to do something when others around us are doing the same. Share the adventure by reading aloud exciting portions of your books to each other!

# Book Ideas

The IAHE Reading Challenge team diligently researches books with the goal of providing clean, excellent, and thoughtful books that will delight your children. While we do our best to choose books that are appropriate for every family, it is your responsibility to choose the books that your children will read.

## Picture Books

***Blueberries for Sal***  
by Robert McCloskey

***Caps for Sale***  
by Esphyr Slobodkina

***Finding Winnie***  
by Lindsay Mattick

***The Gardener***  
by Sarah Stewart

***Hello Lighthouse***  
by Sophie Blackall

***Lilibet the Brave: The Unusual  
Childhood of an Unlikely Queen***  
by Katy Rose

***Love Well My Precious One***  
by Jill Roman Lord

***Not Your Typical Dragon***  
by Dan Bar-el

***Our God is Bigger Than That***  
by Michelle Medlock Adams  
& Eva Marie Everson

***Prancing, Dancing Lily***  
by Caralyn Buehner

***Quick as a Cricket***  
by Audrey Wood

## Young Readers

***Amedlia Bedelia is for the Birds***  
by Herman Parish

***The Cabin Faced West***  
by Jean Fritz

***The Cricket in Times Square***  
(pre-2021 version)  
by George Selden

***The Garden That We Grew***  
by Joan Holub

***Green Eggs and Ham***  
by Dr. Seuss

***Mercy Watson to the Rescue***  
by Chris Van Dusen

***My Father's Dragon***  
by Ruth Stiles Gannett

***The Story of Ferdinand***  
by Munro Leaf

***The Tale of Peter Rabbit***  
by Beatrix Potter

***Tales of Amanda Pig***  
by Jean Van Leeuwen

***Upside Down Dreams***  
by Michelle "MACE" Curran

***You Are My Dream Come True***  
by Cecil Stokes  
& Michelle Medlock Adams

## Youth

***Charlotte's Web***  
by E.B. White

***The Chronicles of Narnia***  
by C.S. Lewis

***Combat Nurses of World War II***  
by Wyatt Blassingame

***Crossing on Time***  
by David Macauley

***An Elephant in the Garden:  
Inspired by a True Story***  
by Michael Morpurgo

***Heidi***  
by Johanna Spyri

***Indian Captive***  
by Lois Lenski

***The Last Archer***  
(*Green Ember Archer Book 1*)  
by S.D. Smith

***Louis Braille - The Boy Who Invented  
Books for the Blind***  
by Margaret Davidson

***The Sign of the Beaver***  
by Elizabeth George Speare

***Toliver's Secret***  
by Esther Wood Brady

***Urchin of the Riding Stars***  
by M.I. McAllister

## Teens

***The Cat of Bubastes:  
A Tale of Ancient Egypt***  
by G.A. Henty

***Far From Home: Discovering Your  
Identity as Foreigners on Earth***  
by Mabel Ninan

***Jo's Boys***  
by Louisa May Alcott

***Joni: An Unforgettable Story***  
by Joni Eareckson Tada

***A Little Princess***  
by Frances Hodgson Burnett

***Patterns on the Wall***  
by Elizabeth Yates

***The Screwtape Letters***  
by C.S. Lewis

***Someplace to Be Somebody***  
by Lisa Loraine Baker  
& Marshall Brandon

***The Story of Good***  
by Victoria Duerstock

***The Sword in the Stone***  
by T.H. White

***Up From Slavery***  
by Booker T. Washington

***When the Dikes Broke***  
by Alta Halverson Seymour

# Join the 2024 IAHE Summer Reading Challenge!

*Track your daily reading minutes this summer.*

*Set a goal! \_\_\_\_\_ minutes per day. Color in the bubbles as you complete your goal each day.*

