

The Reading Celebration Continues

Announcing the Ocean Township Library's 2016 Reading Challenge!

If you missed the opportunity to participate in the Ocean Library's 2015 Reading Challenge or read along with us without signing up, now is your chance to get on board with our second year-long reading challenge. Or maybe you're looking to return to the reading habit, but don't know where to start. Maybe you're a die-hard mystery fan who wants to explore other genres. Maybe you just like a challenge. Have we got a program for you!

We've compiled 12 reading categories - one for every month of the year. Some are serious, some are for fun. We'll suggest a few titles, but feel free to make your own selection - as long as it correlates to that month's category. There's just one caveat: The book has to be checked out from the Ocean Township Library or downloaded onto your reading device through the Monmouth County Library's *Library on the Go!* e-book collection.

Did we mention that there would be prizes along the way? Quarterly drawings for those who are keeping up with the program and a grand prize drawing from the names of all who complete the challenge. Twelve months, twelve themes, twelve books.



Here are the "rules":

1. Books, audiobooks and e-books can be enjoyed. Fiction or nonfiction is acceptable.
2. Read a book in the specific category for the month. When you return the book to the library, a staff member will stamp your Reading Challenge Record to indicate you read the book. Using an e-reader? Just bring in the device and show us the title on your bookshelf.
3. At the end of the quarter, the names of everyone who met the challenge by reading the three books for that quarter will be entered into a prize drawing. At the end of the year, everyone who finishes the challenge will be entered into a grand prize drawing.
4. Everyone gets one "pass" month. Let us know which month you're taking a "pass," and we'll note it on your record. We know how busy life can be.

Join us Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm
for the 2015 grand prize drawing and the kickoff of the 2016 program.

For more information, call the library at 732-531-5092.
Please sign up at the Reference Desk beginning January 4
to accept this year's challenge. Happy Reading!

Ocean Township Public Library

A branch of the Monmouth County Library system

701 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712 Telephone: 732-531-5092 www.monmouthcountylib.org



2016 Ocean Township Library Reading Challenge:

The Reading Celebration Continues

The Monthly Categories

January - It's been a warm winter so far. Let's lower the temperature by reading about the polar regions, snow, blizzards, any setting that will make you want to warm up by the fire.

February - Even though it's leap year, February still is the shortest month of the year. Read a book with a one-word title, and no subtitle.

March - Instead of "wearin' the green" for St. Patrick's Day on March 17, read the green all month! Select any book with a green cover.

April - The present library opened its doors 10 years ago this month. To help celebrate, read a book published in 2006 or one that has ten (10) in the title.

May - Read a book about a family. Some stories about dysfunctional families make for page turners; some stories about close-knit families are heart-warmers.

June - It's time to sign up for the summer reading program! Read a book that ties into 2016's summer reading theme "Exercise Your Mind."

July - It's summertime and the readin' is easy. Read whatever you'd like.

August - The Summer Olympics return, hosted this year by Rio de Janeiro. Read a book about sports or that has a sport in the storyline. A title set in or that is about Rio or Brazil also would work.

September - Many of the most popular adult authors are tapping into the currently lucrative youth market. Read a juvenile or young adult book written by one of these literary giants.

October - Did you know October is National Crime Prevention Month? A perfect reason to select a Mystery or True Crime title.

November - On the 8th of this month, we will elect our next president. Your assignment is to read the biography of any U.S. president. Don't forget to vote!

December - As we close out another year, select a book of short stories that can be enjoyed around your busy schedule.

Many thanks to the librarians and bloggers who share their reading challenge ideas online.

Also, many thanks to the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library for their ongoing support of library programs, such as supplying the incentives for this Reading Challenge.

Ocean Township Library: 2016 Reading Challenge Record

Name: _____

January - Cold Weather or Location

Title: _____

Author: _____

February - One Word Title

Title: _____

Author: _____

March - Green Cover

Title: _____

Author: _____

**First Quarter Drawing:
Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

July - Your choice!

Title: _____

Author: _____

August - Celebrate the Olympics!

Title: _____

Author: _____

September - J or YA Book by Popular Author

Title: _____

Author: _____

**Third Quarter Drawing:
Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

April - Published 2006 or "10" in the Title

Title: _____

Author: _____

May - A Family in the Storyline

Title: _____

Author: _____

June - "Exercise Your Mind"

Title: _____

Author: _____

**Second Quarter Drawing:
Wednesday, July 6, 2016**

October - Mystery or True Crime

Title: _____

Author: _____

November - Presidential Biography

Title: _____

Author: _____

December - A Book of Short Stories

Title: _____

Author: _____

**End of the Year Grand Prize Drawing!
Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

Ocean Township Library's 2016 Reading Challenge:

The Reading Celebration Continues



Twelve Months, Twelve Themes, Twelve Books...

We've selected the themes;
you select the book to read.
Broaden your reading horizons!

Try a new genre or author!
Some themes are serious; some are for fun!
Even a few prizes along the way!

Visit the Reference Desk for full details!

**The program begins
January 4, 2016.**

**The program ends
December 31, 2016.**

Ocean Township Public Library

A branch of the Monmouth County Library system

701 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712 Telephone: 732-531-5092 www.monmouthcountylib.org