

Carnegie-Stout Public Library presents:

# The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Reading Challenge!



## The RULES and GOALS of GRC 2021:

- 1.) This reading challenge is open to adults 18+.
- 2.) Please sign up at the Reference/Recommendations Desk or on our website at: [www.carnegiestout.org/grc2021](http://www.carnegiestout.org/grc2021)
- 3.) Use the GRC Book Log to track your reading for the year.
- 4.) Pick your books based on the categories or find categories to fit the books you were going to read anyway. It works both ways!
- 5.) Read. A lot. Read books in lots of different categories. You can listen to books on audio, read eBooks, read titles in graphic novel format, read middle grade and young adult titles too. Just make sure they are appropriately long, 100+ pages usually. Use your best judgement.
- 6.) You set your own goals for the GRC and track your own books. At the end of the year, you will submit the total number of books you read for 2021. You won't need to turn in this log.
- 7.) Reading goal levels are listed below:  
**BRONZE LEVEL:        READ 18-29 BOOKS**  
**SILVER LEVEL:        READ 30-49 BOOKS**  
**GOLD LEVEL:         READ 50-79 BOOKS**  
**PLATINUM LEVEL:    READ 80-99 BOOKS**  
**DIAMOND LEVEL:     READ 100+ BOOKS**

**The deadline to turn in the number of books you have read for the year is Friday, December 31, 2021.**

Reading levels will be awarded in January 2022. Check our website for updates and the latest Reading Roulette category. If you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to contact Angie Johnson, the Adult Services Librarian who manages the GRC: [ajohnson@dubuque.lib.ia.us](mailto:ajohnson@dubuque.lib.ia.us)

## Frequently Asked Questions about the GRC:

- 1. Do I have to read a book from every category/letter in the booklog?**  
You can do that if you wish, but you definitely do not have to. You can set your own reading goals based on the booklog.
- 2. Do the books have to be fiction/non-fiction?** Most books can be either/or. Many of the categories are specific and obviously one or the other. But many more categories can be whatever book you find that fits (for example, these books can be fiction or non-fiction: a book with a green cover, read a book that features a hobby you enjoy, or read a book that inspires joy.)
- 3. Do the books I read have to be checked out from Carnegie-Stout Public Library?** No, they do not, although we always enjoy seeing you at the library and perusing our collections.
- 4. Can I listen to an audiobook/read an ebook, etc. for the GRC?**  
Absolutely! We love all the reading formats and encourage you to read in whatever way you prefer or most enjoy.
- 5. How many books do I have to read to win the Great Reading Challenge?** The GRC is a personal goal-oriented reading challenge, but to put a number on it – you should read at least 18 books by the end of 2021 to finish or “win” the GRC.
- 6. Do I really have to be 18 years or older to participate in the GRC?**  
Yes, officially. However, if you are under 18 and inspired to read a bunch of different categories in the GRC, we will always encourage you to read. Feel free to follow along unofficially.
- 7. Can I suggest a category for next year’s Great Reading Challenge?**  
We’d be glad to take suggestions! Please send them to [ajohnson@dubuque.lib.ia.us](mailto:ajohnson@dubuque.lib.ia.us) (Angie Johnson, Adult Services Librarian.)