



## **Winter Reading Challenge Badges and Activities**

This is a list of all the badges you can earn for our Winter Reading challenge this year as well as directions on what you need to do to earn them. Log reading minutes by signing into your Beanstack account. Complete two of the activities in each category to earn the badge. Earn all five badges to complete the challenge and earn prizes along the way!

### **Community**

Complete two of the activities below to earn the badge:

1. Visit a local market (Christkindlmarkt, Winter Farmers Market, ect.)
2. Try a winter outdoor activity that's new to you.
3. Go snowshoeing or for a winter hike.
4. Visit a local museum or exhibit.
5. Attend a play, concert or musical performance.
6. Go on a nature scavenger hunt. Find pinecones, sticks, ect. To take home and make a nature art project.
7. Visit a local business you've never been to before.
8. Start a gratitude journal.
9. Learn about a winter holiday or celebration you're not familiar with.
10. Make and decorate cookies and share them with a neighbor.

## **Friends and Family**

Complete two of the activities below to earn the badge:

1. Research your family history or share family stories.
2. Take family photos or make a family movie.
3. Host a cozy winter get-together with friends or family.
4. Set New Year's resolutions and discuss them.
5. Play a new boardgame.
6. Make a favorite recipe to share.
7. Make vision boards together.
8. Make paper snow flakes and hang them around your home.
9. Build a snow fort or blanket fort together.
10. Tell stories around a winter bonfire.

## **Library**

Complete two of the activities below to earn the badge:

1. Learn something new from one of our free online resources.
2. Take a picture at the library and tag us on social media.
3. Check out a winter movie to watch.
4. Come to a library reference desk and participate in the weekly activity.
5. Attend a library program you've never been to before.
6. Visit the library's Special Collections and browse the shelves. Ask a librarian if you want to look at a specific book.
7. Check out a Box or Creator Kit from the adult reference desk to use while visiting the library.
8. Use one of the library's Let's Learn Guides to develop a new skill.
9. Check out and read a book in a genre you don't usually pick.
10. Learn about the unique items the library offers and reserve one.

## **Service**

Complete two of the activities below to earn the badge:

1. Send a holiday card to a loved one you haven't seen in a while.
2. Donate blood or take a first aid/CPR class.
3. Decorate lunch bags or placemats for Meals on Wheels to brighten someone's day.
4. Volunteer at a local animal shelter to walk dogs on cold days.
5. Go caroling at a local nursing home.

6. Donate hygiene products or other needed items to the Food and Care Coalition.
7. Donate food to your local Community Action organization.
8. Knit or crochet a winter clothing item to donate.
9. Offer free childcare to a family in need.
10. Put on gloves and pick up litter at your local park or neighborhood.

## **Sustainability**

Complete two of the activities below to earn the badge:

1. Wear an extra layer indoors instead of turning up the heat.
2. Donate to or shop at a thrift store.
3. Learn about and calculate your carbon footprint.
4. Make an easy peanut butter bird feeder.
5. Use public transportation to get around.
6. Use a thermos or a mug instead of disposable cups for hot drinks.
7. Shovel snow by hand instead of using a snow blower.
8. Keep curtain open during the day to warm up rooms and then close them after dark to keep the heat in.
9. Make holiday decorations reusing items you already have at home.
10. Create an indoor greenhouse.