



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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Dear Future Summer Readers,

Every book you open is an adventure – whether you are exploring new places, meeting new characters, or learning something new. A whole summer of reading fun is waiting just for you!

This summer, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of America’s founding, we are excited to invite all children (K–8) to join in the Second Lady’s 2026 Summer Reading Challenge. Participants will read and track 12 books of their choice between June 1 and September 4. Every book counts!

When you finish your 12 books, ask your parents/guardians to let us know, and we will send you a personalized certificate, an America 250th anniversary-themed bookmark, and a special link to receive a prize! You will also be entered for a chance to visit our nation’s capital and the White House with a chaperone. Terms and conditions apply. More information can be found at [wh.gov/read](https://www.whitehouse.gov/read).

Where will your next book take you? We can’t wait to find out!

Usha Chilukuri Vance

Second Lady of the United States



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Submission Form

To participate in the Second Lady's 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, please follow the instructions below.

Instructions

1. Read 12 books of your choice, either independently or with a family member/adult, between June 1 and September 4, 2026.
2. Use the Reading Log to track your progress. Please include the following information for each book:
 - Title and author
 - Start and completion dates
3. Once you've finished reading all 12 books, write or draw a picture reflecting on what you read.
4. Ask your parent/guardian to sign where indicated and upload your completed and signed Submission Form and Reading Log on www.wh.gov/read/submit by **11:59PM ET on September 4th, 2026.**

Student Information

Full Name: _____

School Name: _____

Grade (Entering Fall 2026): _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Consent and Acknowledgement

I give permission for my child to participate in The Second Lady's Summer Reading Challenge and to receive updates and materials related to the program. I confirm that the information provided on this Submission Form and the attached Reading Log is correct. I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2026 Reading Log

Date Started	Book Title & Author	Date Finished

Reflection

Share a brief reflection on your favorite book, favorite character(s), or favorite part of this experience. You may draw a picture to tell your story!



Terms and Conditions

Participation in the Second Lady of the United States' Summer Reading Challenge is voluntary and is intended to promote the benefits of reading among children and adolescents in the United States. By entering, each participant and his or her parent, guardian, or legal representative warrant that the participant meets all eligibility requirements for the Summer Reading Challenge. In consideration for the participation in this program, participants and their parents, guardians, or legal representatives release, discharge, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the U.S. government, its employees, officers, directors, agents, and partners from all claims, damages, demands, obligations, or losses of any kind related to this art contest. All communications regarding the Summer Reading Challenge, including announcement of winners, will be sent to the entrants' parent, guardian and/or legal representative. Selection as a winner is subject to the discretion of the U.S. government and does not guarantee that the individual will be able to participate in any or all of the activities for winners, nor does selection create any right or entitlement at law or equity. Winners are subject to additional security vetting processes, as well as other necessary terms and conditions related to prize acceptance. Winners' names and the contact information of the winners' parents, guardians and/or legal representatives (including home address, email address, and telephone number) may be shared with third parties for prize redemption purposes. If you would like to opt out of being considered for a prize and having this information shared with third parties, please contact the Summer Reading Challenge at read@mail.whitehouse.gov. All activities and awards are subject to availability of funding and may be modified or withdrawn without notice.