



Winter Adult Reading Program 2024 FAQs

The Winter Adult Reading Program is Pikes Peak Library District's (PPLD) winter reading program for adults ages 18+. Beginning on Thu. Feb. 1, visit any Library location to register for the Winter Adult Reading Program and receive a limited edition registration tote bag, while supplies last. Registration is also available at ppld.beanstack.org/reader365. Registration prize will not be available for participants who register online. Then, from Feb. 1 - March 31, keep track of your reading and activities to earn additional prizes. Activities include reading for 30 minutes or more a day, attending a Library program, or you can view a full list of suggested activities at ppld.org/winterreading. Log 30 days of reading, activities, or a combination of both, to earn this year's Winter Adult Reading Program mug and a certificate for a free piece of chocolate from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

General Information:

Is this different than previous years? Yes! Instead of tracking the number of books you read between Feb. 1 and March 31, you will track days of reading or days of completing activities.

- Reading for 30 minutes or more a day counts as one day of reading.
- Attending a Library program or completing other activities listed at ppld.org/winterreading counts as one activity.

Why has this change been made? PPLD recognizes that patrons read varying lengths of books and read at varying speeds, making it difficult for some to participate in the reading challenge.

- This change will make participating more accessible to patrons who may not be able to read eight books in eight weeks, which was the previous Winter Adult Reading Program criteria.
- Reading for 30 minutes a day will also help participants build a healthy reading habit that will last long after the reading challenge has ended.

What counts as an activity? Reading for 30 minutes, attending a Library program, or completing one of the activities listed at ppld.org/winterreading count as one day of activity. Log 30 days of activities, or a combination of reading and activities to earn this year's Winter Adult Reading Program mug and a certificate for a free piece of chocolate from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

Is reading a focus? Yes! Adults can complete the entire program through reading, or a combination of reading and activities. You'll track your reading by the day, so the program encourages reading throughout February and March.

What are the prizes?

- Registration: receive a limited edition registration tote bag when you register in person or at curbside at any Library location, beginning on Thu., Feb. 1 (while supplies last).
- 30 days of activities (any combination of reading and activities): Annual Winter Adult Reading Program mug, a certificate for a free piece of chocolate from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, and one entry into the grand prize drawing.
- Grand Prize Drawing: Five grand prize winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate from the Downtown Partnership, redeemable at more than 170 downtown Colorado Springs businesses, restaurants, salons, and more. Visit tiny.ppld.org/warp-locations for more information about participating locations.
- Extra entries into Grand Prize Drawing: Go above and beyond for extra entries into the grand prize drawing! For every additional five days of activities logged beyond the 30 to complete the program, you will receive one additional entry into the grand prize drawing for a total of up to six additional entries.

How do I get my prizes? Visit your nearest Library location during open hours or request prizes for curbside pickup.

- Prize pickup will begin on Fri., March 1. You can pick up your mug and certificate for a free piece of chocolate from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory at the same time.
- Prize pickup will be available through Mon., May 1, and will only be available while supplies last.

Can the game be played online? Yes! PPLD's 2024 Winter Adult Reading Program can be completed entirely online.

- We use a platform called Beanstack to track your progress and enter you in the grand prize drawing. Either use Beanstack online at ppld.beanstack.org or with their app, available in the App Store and Google Play.
- If you need assistance, email BeanstackHelp@ppld.org, call (719) 531-6333, or visit ppld.org/ask to get assistance.

Do I have to play the game online? No! We have a physical game card, which you can download and print at ppld.org/winterreading.

- If you would like to pick up a physical copy of the game card, visit any Library location during open hours, or request one for curbside pickup.
- If you only want to track your participation on a physical game card, we will create an account for you and help you log your reading within Beanstack so we can track your participation and ensure you get your prizes. You can also find a game card in the winter edition of PPLD's District Discovery magazine.



How to Play:

- 1. Complete an activity:** Receive the limited edition tote bag when you register in person for the program beginning on Thu., Feb. 1. Then, complete the program with any combination of reading and activities (for a total of 30 days between Feb. 1 and March 31) to earn the annual Winter Adult Reading Program mug and a certificate for a free piece of chocolate from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. You can receive extra entries into the grand prize drawing for every five extra days of activities above 30.
- 2. Log the days you complete an activity on a printed game card or in Beanstack:** You can log your progress with a game card printed from ppld.org/winterreading or picked up at the Library, or log your progress at ppld.beanstack.org or by using the Beanstack App, available in Google Play or the App Store. If you need assistance, call (719) 531-6333 or visit ppld.org/ask to find different ways to get in touch with our staff.
- 3. Prize pickup will begin Fri., March 1:** The mug and certificate for a free piece of chocolate from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory will be available to pick up at your nearest Library location beginning on Fri., March 1.

General Information About Beanstack:

What is Beanstack? Beanstack is a free service provided by PPLD to help patrons discover books based on your age and interests. It is also an online portal for Library programs like the annual Winter Adult Reading Program. For more information, please visit ppld.beanstack.org/faq.

What happens when I sign up for Beanstack? With a Beanstack profile, you will receive one book recommendation per week matched to your interests and other information in your profile. You will use your account to register for the Winter Adult Reading Program and track your progress.

How do I cancel my Beanstack account? You can cancel at any time! Simply click on "Contact Us" at the bottom of the Beanstack webpage and request that your account be canceled.

Do I have to use Beanstack? You do not need to use Beanstack yourself for the Winter Adult Reading Program. If you want to use a physical game card to track your 2024 Winter Adult Reading Program progress, staff will create an account on your behalf and log your participation. This allows us to keep track of your progress and ensure you can redeem prizes and be entered into the grand prize drawing.

How do I log my reading and activities in Beanstack? All of the following steps can be done on ppld.beanstack.org. All reading and activities will be logged as "reading". Sign into your Beanstack account. Click on "Log Reading" in the upper right corner. Select your profile from the drop-down list. Click on the calendar icon labeled "Days." Click on each date you wish to log reading or an activity. You can log for past days, but cannot log days in the future. Click on the button labeled "Log." Dates you have logged will show a green dot. Click on the button labeled "Close" to exit out of the Log Reading screen.

Is there an app? Yes! You can find the Beanstack app in the App Store or in Google Play. Simply sign in with your existing Beanstack account information. If you are new to Beanstack, sign up right in the app. You can log past reading in the app, or use the reading timer to record a current reading session!

How do I use the app? Check out these short video tutorials created by Zoobean, the creators of Beanstack, at ppld.beanstack.org/faq

- How to create an account (tiny.ppld.org/bean-account)
- How to Log Activities (tiny.ppld.org/bean-activity)
- How to Add, Edit, and Switch Readers (tiny.ppld.org/bean-reader)
- How to View and Participate in Reading Challenges (Programs) (tiny.ppld.org/bean-challenge)

Does it matter how I log my reading on the app? No! If you log a book or log a past reading session, it will give you credit for reading on the date entered. The 2024 Winter Adult Reading Program counts reading by days, so as long as you record reading and activities on a specific date, that will count toward completing the challenge.

Contact Us

I have a question about Beanstack. How do I get in touch? Speak with a reference librarian by calling (719) 531-6333, option 3 or visit ppld.org/ask.