

## Casti's Read Like a Librarian Challenge!

Starting March 3 and until June 6, read as many books as you can! This challenge, which many librarians participate in every year\*, is about celebrating YA literature and the literary excellence bursting out of it!

The eligible books for the challenge are winners of illustrious literary awards or appear on prestigious selected booklists, and you can read any of them you wish (there are about 70 in total). Reading 20 books on the list means you have officially completed the challenge, although reading above and beyond is encouraged!

Every time you read a book, come into the library to put a sticker on the scoreboard and tell us what you've read. Surprises just might be in store for participants who are the first to read a certain title, who write a book review for the website, or who just who come in and tell us about what they've been enjoying!

The list of eligible books is attached on a handy sheet so you can keep track of your reading. It's also available online. When they are available from *School Library Journal*, we've included recommended grade levels next to the titles. The checklist will let you know whether a particular book is available through the Casti library; other titles you can find at your public library or favorite bookstore. Some titles make appearances on multiple lists, but you can only count them once.

Happy reading!

Award	Title and Author	@ Casti?	Grades	✓ Read
<b>Alex Award</b> <i>The Alex Award goes to 10 books published for adults that have special appeal for teen readers. Some books may have mature themes, so discretion is advised.</i>				
	<i>Brewster</i> by Mark Slouka			
	<i>The Death of Bees</i> by Lisa O'Donnell	yes		
	<i>Golden Boy</i> by Abigail Tarttelin	yes		
	<i>Help for the Haunted</i> by John Searles			
	<i>Lexicon</i> by Max Barry	yes		
	<i>Lives of Tao</i> by Wesley Chu			
	<i>Mother, Mother</i> by Koren Zailckas			
	<i>Relish</i> by Lucy Knisley	yes		
	<i>The Sea of Tranquility</i> by Katja Millay			
	<i>The Universe Versus Alex Woods</i> by Gavin Extence	yes		
<b>Michael L. Printz Award</b> <i>The Printz Award names the highest literary achievement in YA of the past year.</i>				
	Winner: <i>Midwinterblood</i> by Marcus Sedgwick	yes	9 and up	
	Honor: <i>Eleanor &amp; Park</i> by Rainbow Rowell	yes	9 and up	
	Honor: <i>The Kingdom of Little Wounds</i> by Susann Cokal		10 and up	
	Honor: <i>Maggot Moon</i> by Sally Gardner	yes	9 and up	
	Honor: <i>Navigating Early</i> by Clare Vanderpool	yes	6-9	
<b>William C. Morris Award</b> <i>The Morris Award goes to the best YA debut book of the year, recognized for literary</i>				

<b>achievement and the illumination of the teen experience.</b>				
	Winner: <i>Charm &amp; Strange</i> by Stephanie Kuehn	yes	8 and up	
	Finalist: <i>In the Shadow of Blackbirds</i> by Cat Winters	yes	8 and up	
	Finalist: <i>Sex &amp; Violence</i> by Carrie Mesrobian		10 and up	
	Finalist: <i>Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets</i> by Evan Roskos	yes	9 and up	
	Finalist: <i>Belle Epoque</i> by Elizabeth Ross	yes	6-8	
<b>Margaret A. Edwards Award</b> <i>The Edwards Award honors the lifetime achievement of an author writing for teens.</i>	Winner: Markus Zusak			
	<i>I Am the Messenger</i>	yes	9 and up	
	<i>The Book Thief</i>	yes	9 and up	
	<i>Fighting Ruben Wolfe</i>	yes	7 and up	
	<i>Getting the Girl</i>	yes	8 and up	
<b>Excellence in Nonfiction Award</b> <i>This award honors the best YA nonfiction books of the past year.</i>				
	Winner: <i>The Nazi Hunters</i> by Neal Bascomb	yes	8 and up	
	Finalist: <i>Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers</i> by Tanya Lee Stone		5 and up	
	Finalist: <i>Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design</i> by Chip Kidd	yes	5 and up	
	Finalist: <i>Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans During World War II</i> by Martin W.		7 and up	

	Sandler			
	Finalist: <i>The President Has Been Shot! The Assassination of John F. Kennedy</i> by James L. Swanson		6 and up	
<b>Schneider Family Book Award</b> <i>This award honors a middle grade and YA title that has the best “artistic expression of the disability experience.”</i>				
	YA Winner: <i>Rose Under Fire</i> by Elizabeth Wein	yes	8 and up	
	MG Winner: <i>Handbook for Dragon Slayers</i> by Merrie Haskell	yes	6-8	
<b>Stonewall Book Award</b> <i>This award honors books of “exceptional merit” that related to the LGBT experience.</i>				
	Co-Winner: <i>Beautiful Music for Ugly Children</i> by Kirstin Cronn-Mills	yes	8 and up	
	Co-Winner: <i>Fat Angie</i> by e.E. Charlton-Trujillo		9 and up	
	Honor: <i>Better Nate Than Ever</i> by Tim Federle		5-8	
	Honor: <i>Branded by the Pink Triangle</i> by Ken Setterington	yes	9 and up	
	Honor: <i>Two Boys Kissing</i> by David Levithan		7 and up	
<b>Coretta Scott King Award</b> <i>This award honors African American authors and illustrators producing books that “demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.”</i>				
	Author Winner: <i>P.S. Be Eleven</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia		4-7	
	Honor: <i>March: Book 1</i> by	yes	8 and	

	John Lewis and Andrew Aydin		up	
	Honor: <i>Darius &amp; Twig</i> by Walter Dean Myers		8 and up	
<b>Pura Belpré Award</b> <i>This award honors Latin@ authors and illustrators whose work “best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience.”</i>				
	Author Winner: <i>Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass</i> by Meg Medina	yes	8 and up	
	Honor: <i>The Living</i> by Matt de la Peña	yes	9 and up	
	Honor: <i>The Lightning Dreamer</i> by Margarita Engle			
<b>American Indian Library Association Youth Lit Awards</b> <i>Presented every two years, they honor the authors of books that best “present American Indians in the fullness of their humanity in the present and past contexts.”</i>				
	Middle School Winner: <i>How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story</i> by Tim Tingle		7 and up	
	Middle School Honor: <i>Danny Blackgoat, Navajo Prisoner</i> by Tim Tingle		6-10	
	YA Winner: <i>Killer of Enemies</i> by Joseph Bruchac		7 and up	
	YA Honor: <i>If I Ever Get Out of Here</i> by Eric Gansworth	yes	6-9	
<b>Asian Pacific American Librarians Association Book Awards</b> <i>These books honor Asian or Pacific Islander authors and illustrators and/or stories.</i>				

	MG Winner: <i>The Thing About Luck</i> by Cynthia Kadohata	yes	5-8	
	MG Honor: <i>The Vine Basket</i> by Josanne La Valley	yes	5-9	
	YA Winner: <i>Jet Black and the Ninja Wind</i> by Leza Lowitz and Shogo Oketani	yes	8 and up	
	YA Honor: <i>Gadget Girl: The Art of Being Invisible</i> by Suzanne Kamata	yes		
<b>Best Fiction for Young Adults – Top Ten</b> <i>Only the top 10 are eligible.</i> <i>The full list is at</i> <a href="http://bit.ly/1j7gvFO">http://bit.ly/1j7gvFO</a>				
	<i>All the Truth That's In Me</i> by Julie Berry	yes	6 and up	
	<i>Freakboy</i> by Kristin Elizabeth Clark		9 and up	
	<i>Better Nate Than Ever</i> by Tim Federle		5-8	
	<i>Far Far Away</i> by Tom McNeal	yes	6 and up	
	<i>Eleanor &amp; Park</i> by Rainbow Rowell	yes	9 and up	
	<i>Midwinterblood</i> by Marcus Sedgwick	yes	9 and up	
	<i>Out of the Easy</i> by Ruta Sepetys	yes	9 and up	
	<i>Winger</i> by Andrew Smith	yes	9 and up	
	<i>Golden Boy</i> by Tara Sullivan	yes	8 and up	
	<i>Rose Under Fire</i> by Elizabeth Wein	yes	8 and up	
<b>Great Graphic Novels for Teens – Top Ten</b> <i>Only the top 10 are eligible.</i> <i>The full list is at</i> <a href="http://bit.ly/MqqZ57">http://bit.ly/MqqZ57</a>				
	<i>March: Book 1</i> by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell	yes	8 and up	

	<i>Will &amp; Whit</i> by Laura Lee Gulledge	yes	7 and up	
	<i>The Adventures of Superhero Girl</i> by Faith Erin Hicks	yes		
	<i>Dogs of War</i> by Sheila Keenan and Nathan Fox		5 and up	
	<i>MIND MGMT V.1: The Manager</i> by Matt Kindt			
	<i>Rust v. 2: Secrets of the Cell</i> by Royden Lepp			
	<i>War Brothers: The Graphic Novel</i> by Sharon McKay and Daniel LaFrance		8 and up	
	<i>Strobe Edge v 1-6</i> by Io Sakisaka		8 and up	
	<i>Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong</i> by Prudence Shen and Faith Erin Hicks	yes	6-9	
	<i>Boxers and Saints</i> by Gene Luen Yang	yes	9 and up	
<b>Popular Paperbacks for Teens – Top Ten</b> <i>Only the top 10 are eligible.</i> <i>The full list is at <a href="http://bit.ly/1fGKGzJ">http://bit.ly/1fGKGzJ</a></i>				
	<i>Audrey, Wait!</i> By Robin Benway		9 and up	
	<i>Beauty Queens</i> by Libba Bray	yes	9 and up	
	<i>Swim the Fly</i> by Don Calame			
	<i>Carter Finally Gets It</i> by Brent Crawford		8-11	
	<i>Beautiful Music for Ugly Children</i> by Kirstin Cronn-Mills	yes	8 and up	
	<i>Ash</i> by Malinda Lo	yes	8 and up	
	<i>Hold Me Closer, Necromancer</i> by Lish McBride	yes	8 and up	
	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i> by Ruta Sepetys	yes	8 and up	

	<i>Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers</i> by Tanya Lee Stone		5 and up	
	<i>Boxers &amp; Saints</i> by Gene Luen Yang	yes	9 and up	
<b>Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers – Top Ten</b> <i>Only the top 10 are eligible.</i> <i>The full list is at <a href="http://bit.ly/1kFPBD7">http://bit.ly/1kFPBD7</a></i>				
	<i>Star Wars: Jedi Academy</i> by Jeffrey Brown		3-8	
	<i>Killer of Enemies</i> by Joseph Bruchac		7 and up	
	<i>The Testing</i> by Joelle Charbonneau	yes	7 and up	
	<i>100 Questions You'd Never Ask Your Parents: Straight Answers to Teens' Questions About Sex, Sexuality and Health</i> by Elisabeth Henderson and Nancy Armstrong			
	<i>Proxy</i> by Alex London	yes	8 and up	
	<i>Vietnam #4: Casualties of War</i> by Chris Lynch			
	<i>Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass</i> by Meg Medina	yes	8 and up	
	<i>How to Speak Dog: A Guide to Decoding Dog Language</i> by Aline Alexander Newman and Gary Weitzman			
	<i>Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong</i> by Prudence Shen and Faith Erin Hicks	yes	6-9	
	<i>Boy Nobody</i> by Allen Zadoff		9 and up	