



Bookmans' Reading Challenge FAQ

This document includes the answers to several frequently asked questions regarding the Bookmans' Reading Challenge that may be helpful in the coming months.

Q. Why only K-5th grade students? My school also has 6th grade students.

A. Not all participating schools have a 6th grade, so to make it fair, we decided to only include classes through the 5th grade.

Q. Can a book be counted if a teacher, parent, tutor, etc. read it to the child?

A. Yes, but a Challenge form must be filled out for each child and the book needs to be appropriate for the child's reading level. For example, if a teacher reads a book to his/her entire class, then each student needs to fill out a Challenge form about that book. If the class cannot yet write, then the teacher can fill out one Challenge form for the entire class and attach drawings from each child based on the book to that form.

Q. Can a story that is included in a textbook be counted as a separate book?

A. Yes, if the textbook contains the entire story. If the textbook only contains an excerpt from a book, it cannot be counted.

Q. Do audio books count?

A. Yes, if the child is a special needs student and listening to audio books is a standard part of his or her curriculum.

Q. Do comic books or graphic novels count?

A. Yes, if the comic book or graphic novel is appropriate for the child's reading level. If the reading level is below the child's reading level, it cannot be counted.

Q. What if my student can't yet write?

A. If a student is too young to write then a teacher or parent can fill out the specifics on the Challenge form (name, book title, grade, etc.) and the student can draw a picture based on the book.

Q. Can each chapter in a chapter book be counted as a separate book?

A. No. We understand that older children will be reading longer books, which might affect the total number of books that they are able to read, but we want to encourage each child to finish the book that they start.

Q. I'm running out of Challenge forms! How do I get more?

A. We will provide additional forms throughout the Challenge upon request. Please email Tamara Jones at tamaraj@bookmans.com when you are running low, and we will happily send you more.

Q. Why are there two different Challenge forms?

A. The two forms are basically the same, except one is single sided and the other is double sided. The single sided forms are meant mainly for K-1st grade students so that they can use the back to draw pictures.

Q. My students are already participating in Book-It or a similar reading program. Can those books and reports be used for the Bookmans Reading Challenge?

A. Yes, if the Book-It or other reading program report contains all the information required on the Bookmans Reading Challenge form AND a copy of the Book-It or other form for each child is attached to the Challenge form.

Q. Why do you count the average number of books read per student instead of the total number of books read by my school?

A. Since each participating school has different numbers of students, the only fair way to determine the winning school is to count the average number of books read per student.

Q. If a 5th grade student reads a picture book to a Kindergartner, can both students count the book?

A. No. Only the Kindergartner can count the book. The 5th grader would need to read a book at his or her own reading level to be able to count the book.

Q. Once I have collected the forms for the month do I send them to Bookmans?

A. No. Please hold all Challenge forms until the end of the Challenge. We will be collecting the winning school's forms so that we can compare the actual number of forms received against the reported numbers.

Q. If I have additional questions, who should I contact at Bookmans?

A. Tamara Jones at 881-1744 x112 or via email at tamaraj@bookmans.com.