

Reading Merit Badge



Scouts BSA






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- Safety

- Follow your family's rules for going online
- Protect your privacy
- Do not open emails or files from people you do not know or trust
- If you receive/discover information that makes you uncomfortable, leave it and tell your parents
- Do not believe everything you see or read online
- NEVER agree to get together with someone you "meet" online
- NEVER give personal information like email, phone number, address
- NEVER share your Internet passwords with anyone
- NEVER shop online unless you have your parent's permission to do so
- Be a good online citizen

Importance of Reading

- For FUN
- For KNOWLEDGE
- Expands imagination
- Indulges curiosity
- Increases understanding of self and the world around you
- Increases communication between people
- Expands opportunities in school and future career



Reading gives us someplace to go
when we have to stay where we are.

Mason Cooley

“ quote fancy

Access

➤ E-Reader

- Black and white e-ink reader
- 7 inch LCD tablet
- Full size tablet

➤ E- Reader App

- Download to desktop, laptop, phone, and tablet

➤ Books

- Hardback
- Paperback
- Graphic Novels
- Braille
- Large print
- Audible



Access

➤ Public Library

- <http://www.memphislibrary.org/browse/>
- Overdrive: Libby app
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4pZG7kMshM>

➤ School Library

- http://www.scsk12.org/SCS/departments/Libraries/SCS_Library_Home.html

➤ Online Bookstores

- <https://bookshop.org/>

➤ Brick & Mortar Bookstores

- <https://www.booksamillion.com/>



Library Tour and Use

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrRU48JQX3o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PV1MWVwrkE0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOCBaNBb--l>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpxicvV7vGM>

Genres: Fiction and Non-Fiction

- Mystery
- Thriller
- Romance
- Fantasy
- Science Fiction
- Western
- Adventure
- Horror
- Humor
- Historical
- Realistic
- Fan Fiction
- Sports
- Folklore
- Classics



- Biography
- Memoir
- Letters/Diaries
- Essays/Speeches
- News/Magazine Articles
- History
- Informational
- Technical Manuals
- Guidebooks



Genres: Poetry and Drama

- Lyric
 - Narrative
 - Dramatic
- Comedy
 - Drama

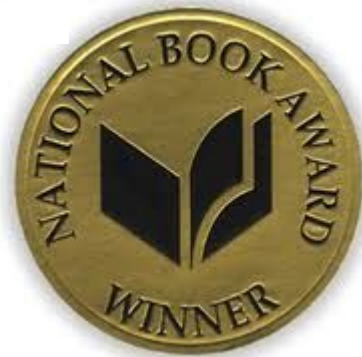
**All what-ifs
And what can't be,
I cast them out;
Now I am free.**

- Ms Moem



Award-Winning: American

- National Book Award
- International Booker Prize
- Pulitzer Prize
- Caldecott Award
- John Newbery Medal
- Michael L Printz Award



Requirement 1

Do EACH of the following:

- a. Tour a library. Discuss how it is organized and what resources/services are offered there.
- b. Learn how to search a library's card catalog or computerized catalog by **Author, Title, and Subject.**
- c. Search the catalog for 6 books of 4 different types, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and drama.
- d. Locate on the shelves the 6 books you have selected.

Virtual Library Tour and Digital Use

- Beautiful Libraries Around the Globe
 - <https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=Virtually-Visit-8-World-Class-Libraries>
- Memphis Public Library
 - https://mpub.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/mplic
 - <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>



Requirement 2

Do EACH of the following:

- a. Identify a book you have enjoyed. List other books written by the same author.
- b. Look at one or more “Best Books” lists. Based on year, subject, or even all time. Identify at least one book you would like to read.

October Daye series: Seanan McGuire

➤ Fiction:

- Incryptid Series
- Wayward Children
- Velveteen vs. Everything

➤ Non-Fiction: Essays

- “Summers and Winters, Frost and Fire” in Chicks Dig Comics: A Celebration of Comic Books by Women Who Love Them
- “How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Numbers: A Girl, a Rulebook, and Arithmetic” in Chicks Dig Gaming

➤ Pseudonym: Mira Grant

- Fiction: Newsflesh Trilogy, Parasitology Trilogy

Best Books Lists

➤ Most Anticipated Young Adult Books 2020

- <https://www.readbrightly.com/young-adult-books-2020/>
- The Montague Twins: The Witch's Hand

➤ Top 100 Science Fiction/Fantasy Books of All Time

- <https://www.npr.org/2011/08/11/139085843/your-picks-top-100-science-fiction-fantasy-books>
- The Last Unicorn

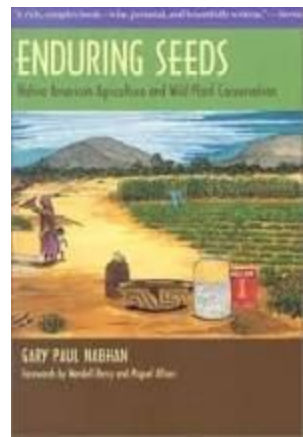
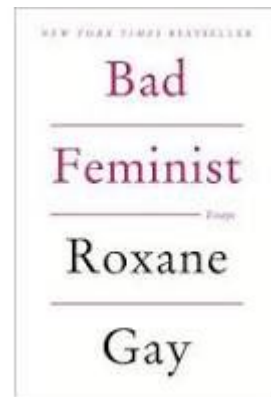
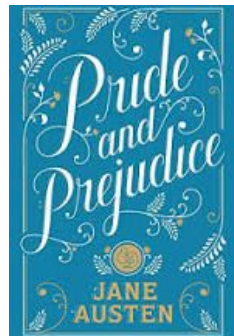
Requirement 3

Read 4 different types of books. Do any ONE of the following for EACH book you have read:

- a. Write a review of the book.
 - i. Include: what you liked/ disliked about the book. would you recommend it. who might enjoy reading it
- b. Watch a movie based on the book. What was the same and what was different between them? Which did you enjoy more? Discuss with merit badge counselor.
- c. Give a “book talk” to your class, troop, or patrol.

Requirement 3: Example

- Pride and Prejudice
 - Watch the movie and compare
- Watership Down
 - Watch the movie and compare
- Bad Feminist: Essays
 - Write a review
- Enduring Seeds: Native American Agriculture and Wild Plant Conservation
 - Give a book talk



Requirement 4

Read a nonfiction book or magazine that teaches you how to do something like cooking, wood-building project, video game design, science experiments, knot-tying...(anything that interests you). With counselor/ parent permission, complete a project from the book. Share your experience with the merit badge counselor. (Reading a merit badge pamphlet does not count for this requirement)

Requirement 4: Example

- Baking Bread: A Baker's Journey Home in 75 Recipes



Requirement 5

Read about the world around you from any 2 sources: books, magazines, newspapers, the internet, field guides, etc.

Topics may include: scouting, sports, environmental problems, politics, social issues, current events, nature, religion...anything that interests you. Discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

Requirement 5: Example

Bullying

➤ Website

- <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying.htm>

➤ Article

- <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20190913-why-some-children-become-merciless-bullies>

➤ Book

- <https://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/books/backlash-9780545651264.html>

Requirement 6

With your counselor's and parent's permission, choose 1 of the following activities and spend 4 hours of service to that activity. Discuss participation with your counselor.

- a. Read to a sick, blind, or homebound person in a hospital or in an extended-care facility.
- b. Perform volunteer work at your school library or a public library.

Requirement 6

- c. Read stories to younger children, in a group or individually.
- d. Organize a book swap in your troop, school, or place of worship.
- e. Organize a book drive to collect books. Donate them to an organization in need.

Questions

