



## A to Z Reading Challenge 2014/15 for Rising 4th through 8th Graders

### What?

You will read through the alphabet by book title or by author in one school year. You may choose between four different challenges: bronze, silver, gold, and platinum.

### Why?

To foster a love of reading in a fun and challenging way.

### When?

All books must be read between June 9, 2014 and May 14, 2015.

### How?

- Choose Caldecott Medal and Honor books as well as chapter books (see grade-level requirements below).
- Books can be in any format (print, ebook, audio).
- Books can be read in any order.
- Books can be any genre, unless working towards a Gold or Platinum Medal (see below).
- Exclude a, an and the from the title. For example, you may use *The Wizard of Oz* by Frank L. Baum for your entry under W, F, or B.
- Since it may be difficult to find books that begin with the letters Q or Z, you

may read a book with any word in the title beginning with these letters (for example, *Endangered Zebras*). Likewise, you may find books with the letter X anywhere in the title words or author's name (for example, *Sugar Ray Leonard: The Baby-Faced Boxer*)

- If available, take an AR quiz on the book you read. During the summer, you may try taking a quiz on [bookadventure.com](http://bookadventure.com) if the book is available.
- Create an **AtoZ Challenge** page on your blog and add the title, author, and date read.

## Need Help Finding Titles?

- Jacksonville PL catalog: <http://jkpl.ent.sirsi.net/client/default>
- St. Johns County PL catalog: <http://www.sjcpls.org/content/library-catalog>
- Social cataloging websites: [Goodreads.com](http://Goodreads.com) or [Shelfari.com](http://Shelfari.com)
- Retailer websites: [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or [B&N.com](http://B&N.com)
- Caldecott Medal & Honor Books:  
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecotthonors/caldecottmedal>
- Kid-friendly book review websites: [Storysnooks.com](http://Storysnooks.com), [Spaghetlibookclub.org](http://Spaghetlibookclub.org), [Kidsreads.com](http://Kidsreads.com), [Bookwink.com](http://Bookwink.com)



## Bronze Medal

Grade Level	Total No. of Required Caldecott Books	Total No. of Required Chapter Books	Summer: Min. No. of Required Caldecott Books	Summer: Min. No. of Required Chapter Books
4	12	14	1	2
5	11	15	1	2
MS	9	17	2	2



## Silver Medal

Grade Level	Total No. of Required Caldecott Books	Total No. of Required Chapter Books	Summer: Min. No. of Required Caldecott Books	Summer: Min. No. of Required Chapter Books
4	9	17	2	3
5	8	18	2	3
MS	6	20	3	3



## Gold Medal

Grade Level	Total No. of Required Caldecott Books	Total No. of Required Chapter Books	No. of Genres Included	Summer: Min. No. of Required Caldecott Books	Summer: Min. No. of Required Chapter Books
4	6	20	4	3	3
5	3	23	5	3	3
MS	1	25	6	1	4



## Platinum Medal

- Double the Gold medal standards and repeat the alphabet

*Note: For 4th grade students, books with more than 250 pages count as two books. For 5th grade and middle school students, books with more than 350 pages count as two books. Graphic novels are excluded.*