

FAQS (frequently asked questions)

about Mr. Hunt's Reading Extravaganza Challenges

Website link for downloadable Challenge lists: <http://sardis.sd33.org/library-news>

What are the Challenges?

- They are lists of fabulous books in different categories that are so fun to read that every kid should check them out (...really, go get some now!).
- The lists are meant to lead kids to new things they might not have seen before (and to re-read some well-known favourites)
- Hopefully, many kids and family members will also enjoy reading these books together...cozy up on the couch and enjoy!
- Once a list is completed, and an adult has signed off at the bottom, the student brings the list to the Library and chooses a free book from Mr. Hunt's special reward books cart... SHAZAM !

Do you **have to** work on a challenge sheet?

- No, it's just for fun (and for free getting books). It's totally voluntary.

Can parents or other caregivers come in and help sons or daughters choose or find books?

- Yes, indeed, that would be great! The Library is open every day for about half an hour both before and after school. Come visit Mr. Hunt and find the next book on your list.

Do you have to do any tests on the books?

- No, siree, absolutely not! It is just about the joy of reading awesome books.

What categories of books are there Challenge lists for?

- Well, let's see...there are multiple Picture Books lists, Alphabet Books, Counting Books, I Spy Books, Bedtime Books, First Nations Books, Stories Without Words Books, Non-fiction lists, Bedtime Books, Series Novels lists, Short and Longer Novels lists, Graphic Novels...in other words, there is something for everyone! Have I got a Challenge list for you...come on in...!

Is there a time limit to finish a list?

- Not really. Hand in a completed list at any point during the school year.

Can you work on more than one list?

--Absolutely; please do. Finish one, hand it in, pick your freebie from Mr. Hunt's special reward cart, and start a new list.

--Or work on two lists at once just for variety if you so wish.

If you are working on a Challenge list, are you still allowed to read other books that are not on that list...just for fun?

--Yes, absolutely, definitely, you can read anything you want, anytime you want, and work on completing your Challenge list at your own pace.

Does the student have to read all of the books all by himself or herself?

--Only if he or she can, and if he or she wants to. It is totally allowed, and very much encouraged, for students to get these books read to them at home.

Or, he/she can read them out loud to someone else. Any way that works for you: sharing the books with a loved one makes them even more special.

What if you already read one (or more) of the books on your list last year, etc...?

Are all of the books on the lists actually in the Library?

--Yes. Copies of all of them exist in the Sardis Elementary Library. But, one title you want next might be out to another student, so you might have to pick a different book from your list to read next...(see question and answer below).

Do you have to read the books in the exact order they are on the list?

--No. Nobody cares what order you read them in. #11, then, 15, 1, 8, 7, 2...

Can you get some of the book titles on your list out from the public library, read them, and still have them count?

--Sure. That's smart thinking. With 500 kids in our school, sometimes a book you want might be out for a while (won't usually be a problem, though)

Do you really get a free book after you finish reading all the books on a list?

--Yes. Really. It's not too good to be true. It's just true.

How can the school Library afford to give away free books?

--Remember Scholastic Book Fairs? Well, virtually all of the funds the Library gets from holding the fairs now goes to buying reward books for the Challenges. Giving back to the community-- HUZZAH!