



Reading Link Challenge

SO YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM IS INTERESTED IN JOINING READING LINK CHALLENGE (RLC)? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

READING LINK CHALLENGE OVERVIEW

RLC is a quiz type program for children in grades four and five. This fun and worthwhile partnership program began in response to research showing that children's reading often drops off in grade four. RLC promotes reading for pleasure and retention, and exposes kids to new books and authors. Every year the planning team chooses six junior fiction books that cover a variety of reading levels and interests, including boy/girl interest, multicultural themes and Canadian authors. The planning team creates questions from each of the books for every level of the Challenge. RLC is a province-wide program, with participating library systems from the Lower Mainland, Sea to Sky corridor, Vancouver Island and the Kootenays.

HOW READING LINK CHALLENGE WORKS

- In early fall public library staff make contact with schools to promote the program.
- Interested students form teams of six – teachers register teams with library by the end of October.
- Libraries order book sets based on the number of registered teams (schools must have a minimum of two teams to participate, though four to six teams per school is ideal).
- Beginning in early November, the six book titles are announced at school book talks, and the book sets are delivered to the schools.
- Each team is responsible for knowing the contents of the six books, with each participant responsible for reading at least one of the books (but usually more).
- All teams then participate in one or more levels of Challenge.
- In March the Challenges begin:
 - **School Challenge:** Teams challenge other teams in their school.
 - **Library Challenge:** Winning school teams challenge each other at their local library branch.
 - **Community Challenge:** Each of the Library Challenge winners meets to determine the overall library system winner.
 - **Grand Challenge:** Currently, winning teams from Coquitlam, Fraser Valley, North Vancouver City, Port Moody and Surrey library systems challenge each other to determine an overall winning team. Other Lower Mainland library systems are welcome to join this level of Challenge!

YOUR COMMITMENTS

- Promote RLC to local schools and recruit teams in early fall.
- Purchase books for the registered teams and donate to the schools to keep permanently.
- Book talk chosen titles in the fall when you deliver book sets.
- Organize and run all the levels of Challenge.
- If your library is in the Lower Mainland, have one member of your library staff sit on the Reading Link Challenge Program Team, which helps plan the annual RLC program.