



Reading Merit Badge Workbook

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Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity, whether online or in person, should consider using the Reading merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/reading/reading-pamphlet.pdf>

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/reading/reading-cpp.pdf>

REQUIREMENTS 4 and 6 REQUIRE COUNSELOR PERMISSION.

REQUIREMENTS 4, 5, and 6 REQUIRE PARENT / GUARDIAN PERMISSION.

REQUIREMENT 1d REQUIRES LIBRARIAN ASSISTANCE.

REQUIREMENT 1a: Take a tour of a library. Discuss with your counselor how the library is organized and what resources and/or services are offered in the library.

Library that you Toured:

Date and Time of Tour:

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 1b: Learn how to search a library's card catalog or computerized catalog by author, title, and subject.

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REQUIREMENT 1c: In a library, search the card catalog or computerized catalog for six books of four different types, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and biographies.

Book #1 - Title and Type:

Book #2 - Title and Type:

Book #3 - Title and Type:

Book #4 - Title and Type:

Book #5 - Title and Type:

Book #6 - Title and Type:



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REQUIREMENT 1d: With the assistance of your counselor or the librarian, see if you can locate on the shelves the six books you selected.

LIBRARIAN ASSISTANCE: IS REQUIRED.

Library Name and Location

Librarian's Name

Phone or Email

Librarian's Signature

Date

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assisted Scout with book locations

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REQUIREMENT 1e: Explain what a library card is, why it is needed, and how to get one.

What is it:

Why is it needed:

How to get one:

REQUIREMENT 2a: Identify a book you have enjoyed. Find out what other books the author has written.

Selected book you enjoyed:

Selected book's author:

Other books this author has written:

REQUIREMENT 2b: Look at one or more "best books" lists. These can be based on year, subject, or even all time. Identify at least one book you would like to read.

"Best Books" list you referenced:

Identified Book you would like to read:



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DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (3A, 3B, or 3C) FOR EACH OF THE FOUR BOOKS YOU READ FOR REQUIREMENT 3

REQUIREMENT 3:

Read four different types of books, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, or biographies. Do one of the following for each book you have read:

- Write a review of the book. Include what you liked and/or didn't like about the book. Include whether you would recommend this book, and if so, who might enjoy reading it.
- Watch a movie based on the book. What was the same between the book and movie? What was different? Which did you enjoy more? Discuss this with your counselor.
- Give a "book talk" to your class, troop, or patrol. (Be sure to include when and where)

BOOK #1:

☐ 3A – BOOK REVIEW ☐ 3B – MOVIE ☐ 3C – BOOK TALK

Title and Type:

When and Where Read:

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BOOK #2:

☐ 3A – BOOK REVIEW ☐ 3B - MOVIE ☐ 3C – BOOK TALK

Title and Type:

When and Where Read:

Notes:



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BOOK #3:

☐ 3A – BOOK REVIEW ☐ 3B - MOVIE ☐ 3C – BOOK TALK

Title and Type:

When and Where Read:

Notes:



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BOOK #4:

☐ 3A – BOOK REVIEW ☐ 3B - MOVIE ☐ 3C – BOOK TALK

Title and Type:

When and Where Read:

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REQUIREMENT 4:

Read a nonfiction book or magazine that teaches you how to do something like cooking, wood-building projects, video game design, science experiments, knot-tying, etc. With your counselor's and parent or guardian's permission, complete a project from the book. Share your experience with your counselor. **READING A MERIT BADGE PAMPHLET WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD COMPLETING THIS REQUIREMENT.**

Book or Magazine:

Selected Project from this Book or Magazine:

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION: IS REQUIRED.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date ☐ permission

COUNSELOR PERMISSION: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date ☐ permission

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REQUIREMENT 5:

Read about the world around you from any two sources: books, magazines, newspapers, the internet (with your parent or guardian's permission), field manuals, etc. Topics may include Scouting, sports, environmental problems, politics, social issues, current events, nature, religion, etc. Discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

SOURCE #1:

Source:

Topic:

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION: IS REQUIRED IF USING THE INTERNET.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date ☐ *permission*

Notes:



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SOURCE #2:

Source:

Topic:

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION: IS REQUIRED IF USING THE INTERNET.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date

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permission

Notes:



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REQUIREMENT 6:

With your counselor's and parent or guardian's permission, choose ONE of the following activities and devote at least four hours of service to that activity. Discuss your participation with your counselor.

- Read to a sick, blind, or homebound person in a hospital or in an extended-care facility.
- Perform volunteer work at your school library or a public library.
- Read stories to younger children, in a group or individually.
- Organize a book swap in your troop, school, or place of worship.
- Organize a book drive to collect books. Donate them to an organization in need.

Selected Requirement Option:

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION: IS REQUIRED.

Parent's / Guardian's Name

Phone or Email

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date ☐ permission

COUNSELOR PERMISSION: IS REQUIRED.

Counselor's Name

Phone or Email

Counselor's Signature

Date ☐ permission

Notes:

