Beyond Books Challenges

Try some of our activity challenges for fun!



Borrow something from the library that is not a book

What do you think of when you think about libraries? Books, right? As librarians, we're here to tell you that our public space is a home for so much more! Take time this month to browse our catalogue and borrow something that is not a book.



Try a new hobby

Shake things up by trying a new hobby this spring/summer! Try baking and cycling in May, or gardening in June—to name a few! Who knows, maybe you'll discover something new about yourself!



Celebrate the Great Outdoors

Explore nature! Go hiking, biking or swimming! Go to a Markham trail or park! Stay home and enjoy your own backyard! When the weather is beautiful go outside and do something you love!



More from Between the Lines

Kid's Book Club

Want to chat about what you've read? Visit our website to see when the next Kids' Book Club - Bring Your Own Book program is happening at a library branch near you!

Continue the reading fun all summer

Between the Lines will continue this summer (July-August) with a special bingo card.

Also join MPL's Summer Reading Club! Visit our website for all the details.







Welcome to Between the Lines!

Bi-monthly, you will discover new themes and adventures as you complete reading challenges and beyond the book activities for grades K to 8. Track your reading for each challenge using the Beanstack App or this reading log brochure.







How to participate

Complete all four **reading challenges** within May and June
and you'll have the **chance to win a prize!**

For your chance to win, bring in this completed reading log and you'll receive a ballot to enter into a raffle draw. You will also receive a Between the Lines bookmark, which you can use to recommend a favorite book to other library customers.

after the last month of the edition (e.g. May/June winners will be contacted in July).
Post your Between the Lines reading and adventure challenges on social media with the hashtag #MPLBTL to connect with other participants

Raffle winners will be contacted

Reading Challenges



Read a book that takes place in Asia

May is Asian Heritage Month! In celebration, read a book set in an Asian country. There are many wonderful stories that offer a look into diverse cultures, traditions, and viewpoints. Enjoy the journey of discovery and connection through literature!



Read a book by an indigenous author

For millennia, storytelling has been an important part of the cultures of different indigenous peoples. These traditions continue today through authors of indigenous ancestry. June is Indigenous Heritage Month, what a great time to read a book written by an indigenous author!



Read a book that has a TV show or Movie based on it

A lot of television shows and movies are based on books. What are some of your favourite tv shows or movies? Read a book that is based on something you enjoyed watching and see how the two compare!



Read a book about an invention

Can you imagine a world without computers, telephones, or cars? These are just a sample of the many innovations gifted to humans by great minds! May is Inventor's month, celebrating these great ideas. Take time to appreciate an invention that has improved our quality of life by reading about it!