



# 2012 Reading Link Challenge

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## Congratulations!

You are now part of the Reading Link Challenge! Get ready to join in the fun and participate in the sport of reading!

### How does it work?

Your school has formed teams of seven kids in Grades Four and Five. A list of six books has been chosen by a team of librarians. The books are now at your school. You have until February to read as many of these books as you can. Get reading!

### What happens next?

After the books are read comes the best part—the Challenges! Here's how they work:

- Each team has a maximum of seven members - they can't have more.
- During Challenges, six members of the team sit around the table and one member sits aside and acts as a runner. The runner does not participate in answering questions. Between rounds the runner may be changed.
- A library staff member runs the challenges.
- Thirty questions will be read in three rounds of ten questions each. The teams have thirty seconds to answer each question - this is longer than you think!
- The runner's job is to take the answer up to the judge.
- The runner may be switched with another team member after any complete round.



### How many Challenges are there?

There are four levels of Challenge:

#### First Challenge

The First Challenge is held at your school. Each team will compete with the other teams at your school to answer thirty questions about the books. The team that wins will go on to the second level of Challenge.

#### Second Challenge

The Second Challenge is held at the library. The winning team from each school in your district will compete at this Challenge to answer thirty different questions about the books. The team that wins this challenge will go on to the Grand Challenge.

#### Grand Challenge

At the Grand Challenge, the winning team from each of the participating municipalities in the Fraser Valley will compete. There you will answer thirty more questions about the same books! You'll know a lot about these books by then! The winning school is presented with the beautiful and bright Reading Link Challenge Trophy, and will then proceed to the fourth level of Challenge.

#### Global Challenge

Winning teams from the Fraser Valley Region, including Surrey and Coquitlam, and Seattle, Washington will compete by video conference. At this Challenge, the teams will answer questions based on only four of the original six books.



2010-2011 Global Challenge Winners: Speed Readers II, Panorama Heights Elementary, Coquitlam

## How can my team be successful?

- Read as many of the six books as you can. Rewards could be given to the teammates who read all six books.
- Pay attention to the details of the stories.
- Practice with your team. Make up sample questions. Take turns asking and answering these questions.
- Ask your teacher if you can put on a “Mock Challenge” at a school assembly to demonstrate to the rest of the school how it works—and get a chance to practice with your team.
- Keep in mind that there will be short answer, multiple choice, and true or false questions.



Be creative with choosing your team name, like *Book Surfers* or *Rockin' Readers!* Get artistic! Create posters of the books and make a colourful banner for your team. Create a team cheer!

### What to expect:

- Lots of fun as you read and discuss the books with your teammates and friends.
- Lots of excitement as you compete at the challenges.

### Mom and Dad Can Help Too!

- Read the books!
- Encourage your child.
- Help quiz your child about the details of the books.
- Be an enthusiastic audience supporter of your child's team.
- Help drive to Challenges.

## The Books

- 1) *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School & Other Scary Things* by Lenore Look
- 2) *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- 3) *Extra Credit* by Andrew Clements
- 4) *George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt* by Lucy Hawking
- 5) *Safe as Houses* by Eric Walters
- 6) *Seaglass Summer* by Anjali Bannerjee

