

## Hallow-Read Reading Challenge



### CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION

Spooky season is upon us! Halloween is a holiday full of merrymaking, magic, and mischief. Get ready to monster mash, have ghoulish fun, or curl up with a chilling book. Log your reading and activities to earn badges all month long.

### CHALLENGE STRUCTURE

**1 Registration Badge**

**1 Completion Badge**

**10 Logging Badges**

**3 Activity Badges**

### ACTIVITY BADGES

**Activity Badge Title:**

Jack-o-lantern

### Badge Description

The jack-o'-lantern has its origins in Ireland, where the Irish traditionally hollowed out turnips, gourds, and other ground vegetables and placed candles inside. The light was believed to ward off evil spirits. When the custom arrived in America, pumpkins were used instead as lanterns.

### Activities

- Get festive and decorate with pumpkins! Here are a few ideas to get started:
  - Carve a pumpkin with family and friends. After Halloween, you can compost or bury your pumpkin to help the earth.
  - Gather pumpkins and gourds of all shapes and sizes—the more unique, the better! If they're not carved, you can donate them later to a local food pantry.
  - Draw or cut out pumpkins with colorful construction paper and your favorite craft supplies. After the festivities, you can save your decorations for next year or recycle them.

### Activity Badge Title:

Halloween Treats

### Activities

- Here are some delicious, seasonal treats to enjoy (no tricks here!) What is your favorite Halloween treat? Share it in the space below. **(text box)**
  - Pumpkin seeds: Did you carve a pumpkin? If so, you can use the pumpkin seeds to make the perfect treat! Rinse the seeds, season with yummy spices (like cardamom, cinnamon, and pinch of salt) roast them in the oven, and voilà!
  - Apples: Whether dipped in caramel, sprinkled with cinnamon, or picked fresh from a tree, apples are a staple fall snack.
  - Monster Munch: Create your own snack mix with popcorn, pretzels, M&Ms, marshmallows, caramel, and other tasty treats.

### Activity Badge Title:

Scary Stories

### Badge Description

What would Halloween be without a chilling tale or two? From Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein” to J.K. Rowling’s “Harry Potter” series, delightfully eerie and magical stories have been written and shared throughout history. Whether you’re gathered around a bonfire with friends or curled up under a blanket at home, here are a few ideas for some frightful fun.

### Activities

- Write your own scary story. Let your imagination run wild—perhaps your neighbor is secretly a werewolf, or your local bookstore is mysteriously haunted. Anything goes!
- Do you like scary movies? ’Tis the season! Watch one with family and friends, or even alone, if you dare! What movie did you watch? **(text box)**
- Ghost stories are meant to be shared! Swap your favorite tales with friends or family.