

IditaRead 2022 Reading Challenge



CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION

Mush - let's go! Follow the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome by logging one minute for every mile of the race. Check out book recommendations to read throughout the month. Earn a new set of colorful canine badges along the way!

CHALLENGE STRUCTURE

1 Registration Badge

1 Completion Badge

10 Minutes Logging Badges

2 Activity Badges

Badge 1: 100 minutes

Badge 2: 200 minutes

Badge 3: 300 minutes

Badge 4: 400 minutes

Badge 5: 500 minutes

Badge 6: 600 minutes

Badge 7: 700 minutes

Badge 8: 800 minutes

Badge 9: 900 minutes

Badge 10: 1000 minutes

ACTIVITIES

Activity Badge Name

Adopt a Sled Dog

Activity Badge Description

Around age 9, sled dogs are usually looking to retire to a nice cozy home where they can maintain an active lifestyle and get lots of cuddles.

Activities

- Did you know – you can adopt a retired sled dog! If you think you could provide a nice home for one, check out this adoption page from the National Park Service.
 - [Adopting a Retired Denali Sled Dog](#)

Activity Badge Name

Book Recommendations

Activity Badge Description

Check out inspiring book recommendations here! Choose your next read from the list below.

Activities

PreK - Grade 5

- **“Dog Diaries #4: Togo”** by Kate Klimo
- **“Snow Dogs! Racers of the North”** by Ian Whitelaw
- **“Helen Thayer’s Arctic Adventure: A Woman and a Dog Walk to the North Pole”**
by Sally Isaacs
- **“Kamik: An Inuit Puppy Story”** by Donald Uluadluak
- **“Sled Dogs Run”** by Jonathan London
- **“Alaska’s Dog Heroes: True Stories of Remarkable Canines”** by Shelley Gill
- **“The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto”** by Natalie Standiford
- **“Big Enough Anna: The Little Sled Dog Who Braved the Arctic”** by Pam Flowers with Ann Dixon
- **“Stone Fox”** by John Reynolds Gardiner
- **“Solo Flite: An Alaskan Puppy Becomes a Legend”** by Marianne Schlegelmilch

Grades 6–8

- **“Black Star, Bright Dawn”** by Scott O’Dell
- **“Diamond Willow”** by Helen Frost
- **“Dog Driven”** by Terry Lynn Johnson
- **“Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northers”** by Gary Paulsen
- **“Rivers: Diary of a Blind Alaska Racing Sled Dog”** by Mike Dillingham
- **“Skinny Leg”** by Suzette Bruggerman
- **“Champion of Alaskan Huskies: Joe Redington Sr., Father of the Iditarod”** by Katie Mangelsdorf
- **“The Double Life of an Alaskan Sled Dog”** by Andrea “Finney” Aufder Heyde
- **“Iditarod Country: Exploring the Route of the Last Great Race”** by Tricia Brown
- **“Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books”** by Gary Paulsen

Grades 9-12

- **“Sixteen in Nome”** by Max Brand
- **“The Call of the Wild”** by Jack London
- **“Togo and Leonhard”** by Pam Flowers
- **“White Fang”** by Jack London
- **“Jona Van Zyle’s Iditarod Memories: 40th Anniversary Edition of Official Race Art”** by Jona Van Zyle
- **“Woodsong”** by Gary Paulsen
- **“The Cruellest Miles: The Heroic Story of Dogs and Men in a Race Against an Epidemic”** by Gay Salisbury and Laney Salisbury
- **“Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod”** by Gary Paulsen
- **“Dog Man: Chronicles of an Iditarod Champion”** by Martin Buser
- **“Black Star, Bright Dawn”** by Scott O’Dell

Adult

- **“The Cheechako’s Guide to the Art of Dog Mushing”** by Lavon Barve
- **“The Cruellest Miles: The Heroic Story of Dogs and Men in a Race Against an Epidemic”** by Gay Salisbury and Laney Salisbury
- **“Dog Driver: A Guide for the Series Musher”** by Miki Collins and Julie Collins
- **“Father of the Iditarod: The Joe Redington Story”** by Lew Freedman
- **“Iditarod Glory”** by Brian Patrick O’Donoghue, photos by Jeff Schultz

- “Lessons My Sled Dog Taught Me: Humor and Heartwarming Tails from Alaska’s Musers” by Tricia Brown
- “One Second to Glory: The Alaska Adventures of Iditarod Champion Dick Mackey” by Lew Freedman
- “The Right to Be Cold: One Woman’s Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic, and the Whole Planet” by Sheila Watt-Cloutier
- “Spirit of the Wind: The Story of Alaska’s George Atla, Legendary Sled Dog Sprint Champ” by Lew Freedman
- “This Much Country” by Kristin Knight Pace

- Which book did you choose? **(text box)**
- What are three new things you learned while reading your book? **(text box)**