

ARL 2017 Reading Challenge

2016 has been a page-turner of a year – literally.

This year I have turned the pages of more than 50 books from cover to cover. Many of those books I never would've read had it not been for a reading challenge I picked up at my local library. The challenge consisted of 12 reading prompts designed to help readers explore books, authors and genres outside the reader's usual go-to comfort zone.

This year, thanks to the challenge, I explored new places, read my first sci-fi thriller (*Dark Matter*), read lots of children's books (my favorite being *The Day the Crayons Quit*), became engrossed in a teen trilogy (*Daughter of Smoke and Bone*), checked one more to-read classic off my list (*The Picture of Dorian Gray*), and survived in a dystopian world (*Red Rising*).

I enjoyed this reading challenge so much that I decided to create a reading challenge for our Albemarle Regional Library readers. I've put together a reading challenge for 2017 that includes 12 different reading prompts. Stop by any ARL location and the librarians will be happy to assist you in finding books that fit the criteria.

I am so excited to start this list and I hope you will join me on this new reading adventure in 2017.

*Jennifer Patterson,
ARL Director*

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2017 Albemarle Regional Library Reading Challenge Record Sheet

Record the books you read for your challenge on this sheet!

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