

10 January **Reading** Challenges for Kids

Kick off the new year right with these fun book goals!

- Did you know Z day — meant to celebrate people or places with names that begin with the letter “z” — is January 1? Read a book with “z” in the title.
- As we look to the new year ahead, think about the past, too! Read a story that takes place at least 20 years ago.
- Read the first book in a brand new series. (Grownups, [here are great options.](#))
- Brr, it's chilly! Get a blanket and read a book about an animal that lives in a cold place.
- Ask a parent or teacher what their favorite book was growing up, then read it! (Grownups, jog your memory with these timeless [picture books](#) and [chapter books.](#))
- Pretend the main character in a book is your pen pal. Write them a letter, asking them about their day and telling them about yours!
- Read a new book about a superhero, then write down the qualities about that hero (like bravery, humor, or friendliness) that you like the most.
- January 18 is National Thesaurus Day. Flip through a thesaurus until you find a word you've never seen before. (Grownups, check out [this children's thesaurus!](#))
- January 20 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Read a book about him!
- Read a book out loud to a grownup, friend, pet, or stuffed animal. Use your very best character voices to act out the story!

