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# 2025-2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE

for students in grade 6 through 8

Complete the Reading Makes Cents Reading Challenge and you could win one of 14 \$529 contributions to an Invest529 savings account.

- 1. Read five books.** At least four of the books must be selections from the Reading Makes Cents reading list on the back of this page. You can read them on your own, read with an adult, watch a video recording of the book, or listen as an adult reads to you.
- 2. Complete** this reading log.
- 3. Submit** it to Invest529 by May 22, 2026.  
**Email:**  
readingmakescents@commonwealthsavers.com

**Mail to:**  
Invest529 ATTN: Reading Makes Cents  
9001 Arboretum Parkway  
North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Fourteen student participants (two from each of the seven VaASL regions) will be randomly selected to win a \$529 higher education savings account from SOAR Virginia and Invest529.

Read official terms and conditions at  
[www.ReadingMakesCents.com](http://www.ReadingMakesCents.com)

## Students in grade 6 through 8:

Fill in the sections below as you complete the Reading Challenge.

### PLEASE PRINT

I read, or had read to me, the following books:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite book was \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Student Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Division: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Title I School:  Yes  No

### Parent/Guardian Information (please print legibly)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the child above has completed the Reading Makes Cents Reading Challenge by reading five books, with at least four from the approved list.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about the Reading Makes Cents Reading Challenge, call 1-888-567-0540, email [readingmakescents@commonwealthsavers.com](mailto:readingmakescents@commonwealthsavers.com) or visit [www.ReadingMakesCents.com](http://www.ReadingMakesCents.com).

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***A Budget for Bingo***  
Tori Filas

***A Long Walk to Water:  
A Novel: Based on a  
True Story***  
Linda Sue Park

***Al Capone Does My  
Shirts***  
Ginnifer Choldenko

***Bea and the New Deal  
Horse***  
L.M. Elliot

***Billy Sure, Kid  
Entrepreneur***  
Ross Graham

***Born Behind Bars***  
Padma Venkatraman

***Brotherhood***  
Anne Westrick

***Charlie and the  
Chocolate Factory***  
Roald Dahl

***Chirp***  
Kate Messner

***Cleo Edison  
Oliver: Playground  
Millionaire***  
Sundee Frasier

***Crenshaw***  
Katherine Applegate

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog  
Days***  
Jeff Kinney

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The  
Long Haul***  
Jeff Kinney

***Esperanza Rising***  
Pam Muñoz Ryan

***Finally Seen***  
Kelly Yang

***Front Desk***  
Kelly Yang

***Full of Beans***  
Jennifer L. Holm

***Hidden Figures: The True  
Story of Four Black Women  
and the Space Race***  
Margot Lee Shetterly

***How to Steal a Dog***  
Barbara O'Connor

***Iceberg***  
Jennifer Nielsen

***J.D. and the Great Barber  
Battle***  
J. Dillard

***Josephine and Her  
Dishwashing Machine:  
Josephine Cochrane's  
Bright Invention Makes a  
Splash***  
Kate Hannigan

***Kizzy Ann Stamps***  
Jeri Watts

***Lunch Money***  
Andrew Clements

***Merci Suarez Changes  
Gears***  
Meg Medina

***Millionaires for the Month***  
Stacy McAnulty

***Ninth Ward***  
Jewell Parker Rhodes

***Pictures at the Protest  
(The Virginia Mysteries  
Book 9)***  
Steven K. Smith

***Serafina's Promise***  
Ann E. Burg

***Shelter***  
Christie Mateson

***Stef Soto: Taco Queen***  
Jennifer Torres

***Survival Strategies of the  
Almost Brave***  
Jen White

***The Big Dark***  
Rodman Philbrick

***The Lemonade War***  
Jacqueline Davies

***Three Keys***  
Kelly Yang

***Unspeakable: The Tulsa  
Race Massacre***  
Carole Boston Weatherford

***Watchdog***  
Will McIntosh

***Wednesday Wilson Gets  
Down to Business***  
Bree Galbraith

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