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# READING CHALLENGE

for students in grade 6 through 8

Complete the Reading Makes Cents Reading Challenge and you could win a \$529 higher education 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 Friday, May 16, 2025..

**Email:**  
readingmakescents@virginia529.com

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

**Fax:**  
804-323-2708

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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***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***

Road 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

***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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