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# SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

## Reading Merit Badge

SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN A SCOUTMASTER BUCKY MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITY (ONLINE OR IN PERSON), PLEASE CONSIDER ALSO USING THE READING MERIT BADGE CLASS PREPARATION PAGE FOR CLARIFICATIONS, INSIGHTS, AND EXPECTATIONS.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/reading/reading-cpp.pdf>

### READING MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

**REQUIREMENT 1a:** Take a tour of a library. Discuss with your counselor how the library is organized and what resources and/or services are offered in the library.

Library Toured:

Date and Time of Tour:

Notes:



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**REQUIREMENT 1b:** Learn how to search a library's card catalog or computerized catalog by author, title, and subject.

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**REQUIREMENT 1c:** In a library, search the card catalog or computerized catalog for six books of four different types, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and biographies.

Book #1 - Title and Type:

Book #2 - Title and Type:

Book #3 - Title and Type:

Book #4 - Title and Type:

Book #5 - Title and Type:

Book #6 - Title and Type:



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**REQUIREMENT 1d:** With the assistance of your merit badge counselor or the librarian, see if you can locate on the shelves the six books you selected.

For most situations, you will need to do this requirement with the librarian and the follow up with the counselor.

**This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.**

**BE PREPARED!**

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Library Name and Location

\_\_\_\_\_  
Librarian's Name

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Phone

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Librarian's Signature

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Date

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component  
completed*

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**REQUIREMENT 1e:** Explain what a library card is, why it is needed, and how to get one.

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**REQUIREMENT 2a:** Identify a book you have enjoyed. Find out what other books the author has written.

Selected book you enjoyed:

Selected book's author:

Other books this author has written:

**REQUIREMENT 2b:** Look at one or more "best books" lists. These can be based on year, subject, or even all time. Identify at least one book you would like to read.

"Best Books" list you referenced:

Identified Book you would like to read:



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**DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (3A, 3B, or 3C) FOR REQUIREMENT 3**

**REQUIREMENT 3a:** Read four different types of books, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, or biographies. Write a review of the book. Include what you liked/didn't like about the book. Include whether you would recommend this book, and if so, who might enjoy reading it.

BOOK 1:

**Book #1 – Title and Type:**

**Book Review:** (be sure to include what you liked/didn't like about the book, whether you would recommend this book, and who might enjoy reading it)

BOOK 2:

**Book #2 – Title and Type:**

**Book Review:** (be sure to include what you liked/didn't like about the book, whether you would recommend this book, and who might enjoy reading it)



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BOOK 3:

**Book #3 – Title and Type:**

**Book Review:** (be sure to include what you liked/didn't like about the book, whether you would recommend this book, and who might enjoy reading it)

BOOK 4:

**Book #4 – Title and Type:**

**Book Review:** (be sure to include what you liked/didn't like about the book, whether you would recommend this book, and who might enjoy reading it)



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**REQUIREMENT 3b:** Read four different types of books, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, or biographies. Watch a movie based on the book. What was the same between the book and movie? What was different? Which did you enjoy more? Discuss this with your merit badge counselor.

BOOK 1:

**Book #1 – Title and Type:**

**Book's Movie Title (if different from the book):**

**What was the same between the book and the movie?**

**What was different between the book and the movie?**

**Which did you enjoy more?**



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BOOK 2:

Book #2 – Title and Type:

Book's Movie Title (if different from the book):

What was the same between the book and the movie?

What was different between the book and the movie?





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BOOK 3:

Book #3 – Title and Type:

Book's Movie Title (if different from the book):

What was the same between the book and the movie?

What was different between the book and the movie?



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BOOK 4:

Book #4 – Title and Type:

Book's Movie Title (if different from the book):

What was the same between the book and the movie?

What was different between the book and the movie?



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**REQUIREMENT 3c:** Read four different types of books, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, or biographies. Give a “book talk” to your class, troop, or patrol.

BOOK 1:

**Book #1 – Title and Type:**

**“Book Talk” given to:**

**Date and Location of “Book Talk”:**

**Notes:**

BOOK 2:

**Book #2 – Title and Type:**

**“Book Talk” given to:**

**Date and Location of “Book Talk”:**

**Notes:**



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### REQUIREMENT 4:

Read a nonfiction book or magazine that teaches you how to do something like cooking, wood-building projects, video game design, science experiments, knot-tying, etc. With your counselor's and parent's permission, complete a project from the book. Share your experience with your merit badge counselor. Reading a merit badge pamphlet will not count toward completing this requirement.

Book / Magazine Read:

Selected Project:

**COUNSELOR APPROVAL:** PERHAPS IMPLIED, THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT STATE THAT YOU NEED THE COUNSELOR'S APPROVAL AHEAD OF TIME TO WORK YOUR PROJECT. PLEASE NOTE, AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

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Counselor's Name

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Phone

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Counselor's Signature

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Date

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Parent's Name

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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**REQUIREMENT 5:**

Read about the world around you from any two sources: books, magazines, newspapers, the internet (with your parent's/guardian's permission), field manuals, etc. Topics may include Scouting, sports, environmental problems, politics, social issues, current events, nature, religion, etc. Discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

TOPIC #1:

Topic #1:

Source for Topic #1:

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Parent's / Guardian's Name

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Phone

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Parent's / Guardian's Signature

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Date

permission

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TOPIC #2:

Topic #2:

Source for Topic #2:

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Parent's / Guardian's Name

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Phone

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Parent's / Guardian's Signature

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Date

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### REQUIREMENT 6:

With your counselor's and parent's or guardian's permission, choose ONE of the following activities and devote at least four hours of service to that activity. Discuss your participation with your counselor.

- a. Read to a sick, blind, or homebound person in a hospital or in an extended-care facility.
- b. Perform volunteer work at your school library or a public library.
- c. Read stories to younger children, in a group or individually.
- d. Organize a book swap in your troop, school, or place of worship.
- e. Organize a book drive to collect books. Donate them to an organization in need.

### Selected Requirement Option:

**COUNSELOR APPROVAL:** PERHAPS IMPLIED, THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT STATE THAT YOU NEED THE COUNSELOR'S APPROVAL AHEAD OF TIME TO WORK ON THIS REQUIREMENT. PLEASE NOTE, AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

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Counselor's Name

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Counselor's Signature

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Date

permission

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Parent's / Guardian's Name

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Phone

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Parent's / Guardian's Signature

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Date

permission

Date	Start Time	End Time	What I did / Who I read to / What I read