

## 40-Book Challenge Genre Quick Glance

You are challenged to read 40 middle-grade books during the school year. Below are the different genres you will be reading from. Your challenge is to do "wide reading." This means you read books from many different genres. Below is a list of the genres, and the minimum number of books you must read from that genre.

Code	Genre	Definition	Minimum # to Read
TL	Traditional Literature	Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths from different cultures.	2
F	Fantasy	A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. Make-believe is what this genre is all about!	4
SF	Science Fiction	A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, etc.)	
RF	Realistic Fiction	A story using made-up characters that could happen in real life.	5
HF	Historical Fiction	A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination.	2
M	Mystery	A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story.	2
I	Informational	Texts that provide information about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.)	5
B	Biography	The story of a real person's life, written by another person.	2
AB	Autobiography	The story of a real person's life, written by that person.	
P	Poetry	Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme to help convey its meaning.	2
GN	Graphic Novel	A story written in comic-strip form, and published as a book.	2
	Your Choice	Any genre	14
		Total books to read	40

