

**Illinois Center for the Book and the Illinois State Library invites high schoolers to participate in the “Read for a Lifetime” reading program, held annually statewide. It promotes the enjoyment of reading by encouraging students to read contemporary literature and rewards them for their efforts.**

Each year, a Read for a Lifetime composes a list of 25 titles that appeals to all students with a wide variety of subjects and provides many opportunities for enjoyable, thought-provoking escapes from the demands of high school academics.

By participating in the program and making these connections, students are benefited with increase of verbal skills, creativity, empathy and develop a love for reading.

Certificates are given to students at the end of the school year who read:

- At least four titles from the annual booklist during the school year
- all 25 books from the annual list during the school year
- At least four titles from the annual booklists all 4 years of high school
- All 25 books on the annual booklists all 4 years of high school

Blind or visually impaired students may work with their local Read for a Lifetime coordinator to substitute another title for those unavailable in Braille or Talking Books.

**The final report for student documentation is due April 15, 2025**

**The 2024–2025 Annual Lifetime Reading List:**

- *Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives it Changed* by Dashka Slater
- *All Your Twisted Secrets* by Diana Urban
- *Anatomy: A Love Story* by Dana Schwartz
- *Baby and Solo* by Lisabeth Posthuma
- *Check & Mate* by Ali Hazelwood
- *Divine Rivals* by Rebecca Ross
- *Four for the Road* by K.J. Reilly
- *Furia* by Yamile Saied Mendez
- *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* by Mary Roach
- *Golden Arm* by Carl Dueker
- *Here to Stay* by Sara Farizan
- *Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute* by Talia Hibbert
- *Huda F Are You?* by Huda Fammy
- *Impossible Escape: A True Story of Survival and Heroism in Nazi Europe* by Steve Sheinkin
- *In the Lives of Puppets* by TJ Klune
- *Legends & Lattes: A Novel of High Fantasy and Low Stakes* by Travis Baldree
- *My Lade Jane* by Brodi Ashton, Cynthia Hand and Jodi Meadows
- *Rez Belli* by Byron Graves
- *Spice Road* by Maiya Ibrahim
- *Sunshine: A Graphic Novel* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- *The Loop* by Ben Oliver
- *The Weight of Blood* by Tiffany D. Jackson
- *Thieves’ Gambit* by Kayvion Lewis
- *What the River Knows* by Isabel Ibanez