



# Reading

## Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.

You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

**Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.**

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Scouts BSA Requirements (Pub. 33216 – SKU 653801).

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2020 • This workbook was updated in June 2020.

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Do EACH of the following:

- a. 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.


- b. Learn how to search a library's card catalog or computerized catalog by author, title, and subject.
- c. In a library, search the card catalog or computerized catalog for six books of four different types, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and biographies.

	Type	Title	Author
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

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

2. Do EACH of the following:

- a. Identify a book you have enjoyed.

Title:  Author

Find out what other books the author has written.


- b. 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.

Title:  Author

3. Read four different types of books, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, or biographies.

	Type	Title	Author
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Do any ONE of the following for each book you have read:

- a. Write a review of the book. Include what you liked/didn't like about the book. Include if you would recommend this book, and if so, who might enjoy reading it.
- b. 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.
- c. Give a "book talk" to your class, troop, or patrol

Book 1:


Book 2:




