



Literary Scavenger Hunt

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WHAT IS A LITERARY SCAVENGER HUNT?

- It's an **easy-to-plan** event where participants search for books that fit a description on a scavenger hunt list.
- It's a way to **learn about diverse books** as well as gain exposure to entire categories of books.
- It's a great **summertime activity** before the busyness of Get Out The Vote season – participants simply show up and have a good time!

WHERE TO HOLD THE EVENT?

- **Your local bookstore**
 - Talk with the bookstore management in advance about your event and see how they want to be involved. Bookstores may donate prizes, and managers could serve as “judges” at the end.
- **Your local library**
 - Talk with librarians in advance about your event and see how they may want to be involved. Librarians could serve as “judges” at the end, and possibly talk about some of the books participants identified.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- **Meet up** at your designated location and pass out scavenger hunt lists.
- **Explain the task.** Participants search in pairs or individually for books that fit the descriptions on the list. Participants with the most accurate responses win.
- **Assign a time limit** to the hunt – and a location for regrouping when time is up. Remind participants to be kind to librarians and book store employees by returning all books to shelves so we don't make more work for them!
- **Review results.** Teams or individuals share the books they identified for each item on the scavenger hunt list.
- **Judge responses** for accuracy, announce winner(s), award prizes
 - OPTION: Give participants a ticket for each correct answer on their scavenger hunt card and do a drawing from all tickets for prizes.
- **Socialize and chat about the books** – at the bookstore/library coffee shop or at a coffee shop, bar, or restaurant nearby.

PRIZE IDEAS

- Books, bookmarks, book themed stickers
- Gift cards to a local bookstore
- Something unrelated but fun: a drink for the winner, coffee mug, RWB Network merchandise
- Attagirls – keep it simple and celebrate the winners!



Make Good Trouble, Share Great Books

AN RWB SCAVENGER HUNT

**Find one book for each of the descriptions
below and write the title in the squares.**

**A book that features LGBTQ+
themes or characters.**

**An autobiography or biography
of a historical figure who fought
for voting rights or racial justice.**

**A novel that criticizes strict
gender roles.**

**A book that challenges
“traditional” accounts of
U.S. history.**

**A novel about the danger of
attacks on women’s choices
and bodies.**

**A book – fiction or non-fiction –
that tells the story of an
immigrant or refugee.**

**The YA novel you most want to
recommend to the Troublemaking
students in your life.**

**A book that helps you have
more productive conversations
about policy and politics.**

**BONUS QUESTION: Find a book from one of RWB’s Monthly Banned
Book Clubs.**



Be sure to take pics of the fun during the hunt!