

# Glenn Hills Middle School's Reading Initiative

Read 20 Minutes Each Day  
(Sustained Silent Reading)

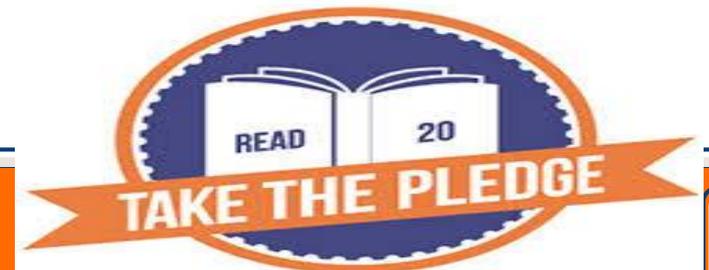
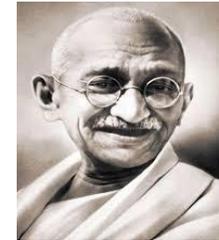


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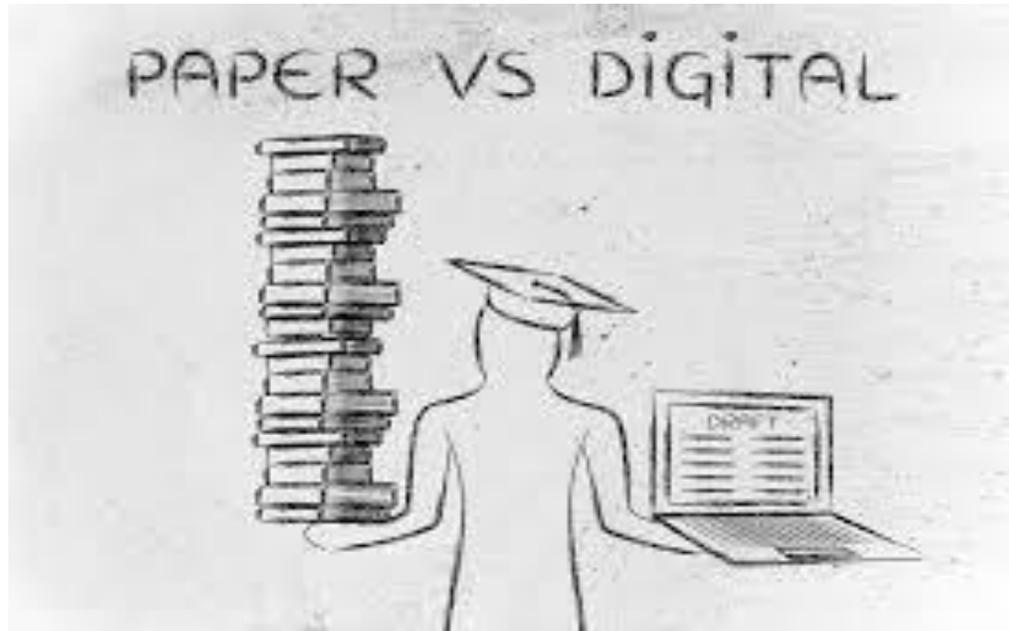
# The Benefits of Reading

Watch the video below to understand how reading allows you to pick and choose who you want to add to your inner group of influence that will eventually affect who you become as a person.



# Paper **vs.** Electronic Reading

What does research tell us?



Neuroscience research shows that paper-based content reading is better connected to memory in our brains. So, while electronics are becoming more and more prevalent in our day-to-day life, keep printed books the main form of reading. When reading an e-book or an online article, the part of the brain engaged in the activity changes and it no longer is a activity that builds literacy skills. There is no give and take here, electronics should be an enhancement and not a replacement.

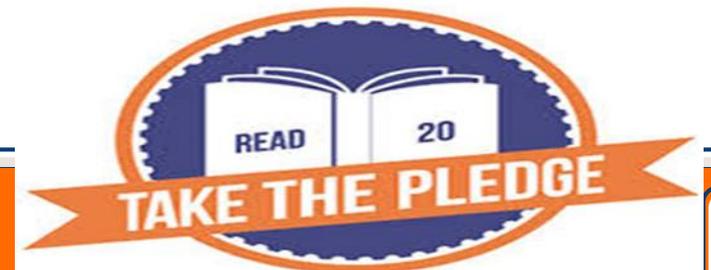
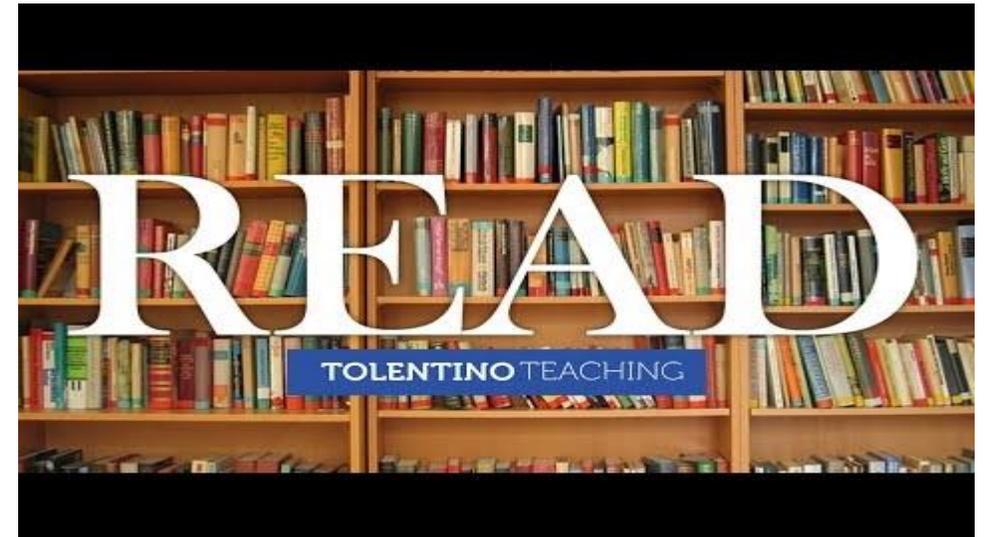
Source: [southsoundreading.org](http://southsoundreading.org) and Bangor University



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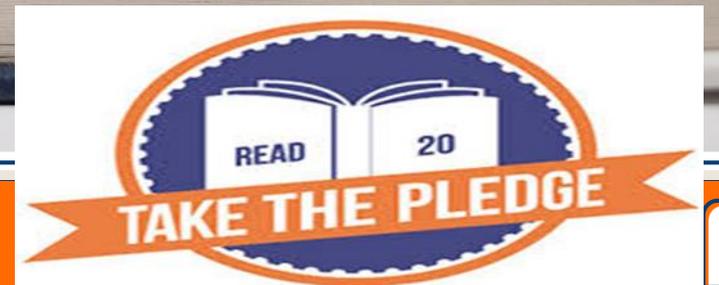
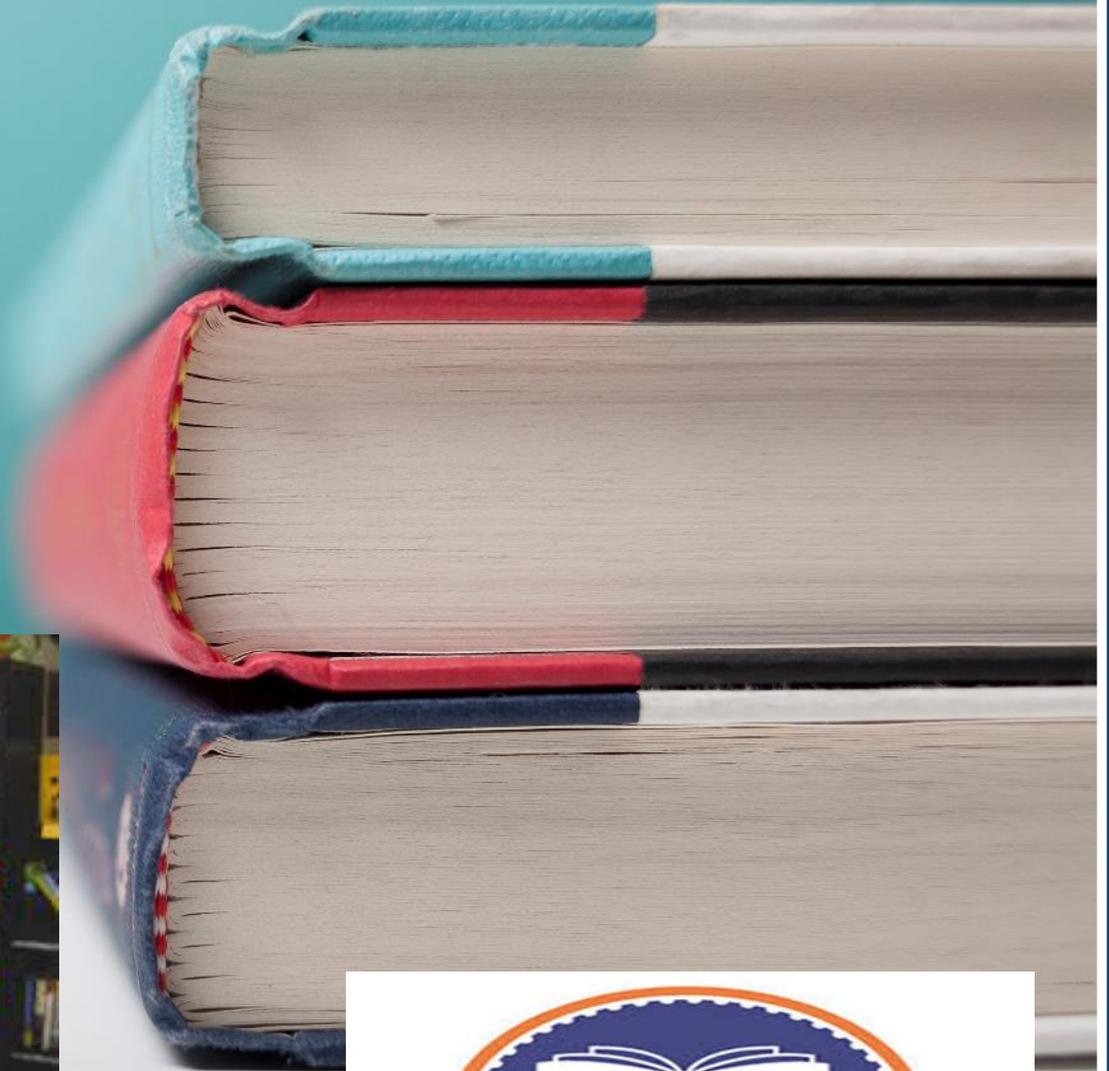
Watch the video to understand how when it comes to reading, every minute counts!

Student "A" Reads 20 Minutes A Day	Student "B" Reads 5 Minutes A Day
1,800,000 words read per year	282,000 words read per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year
Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests

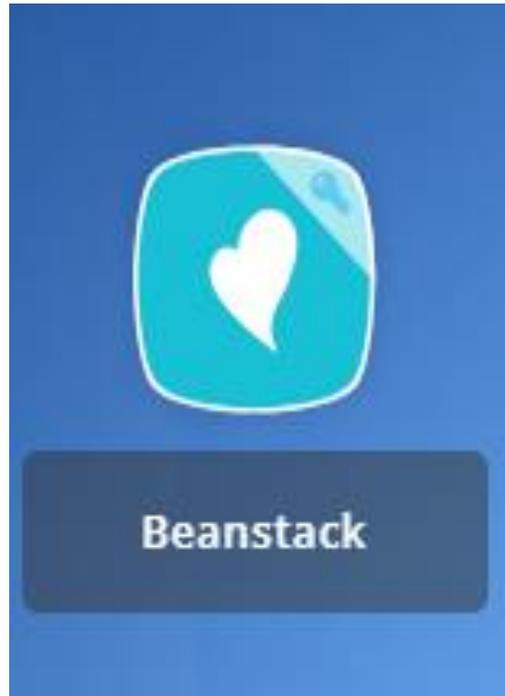


# Log Your Reading Minutes Using Beanstack

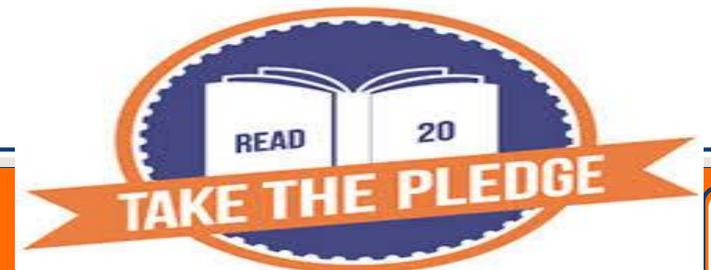
Beanstack is a reading motivational platform. It has been purchased by the Richmond County School System to encourage students to build a habit of reading and to increase reading stamina.



# How Do Users Access Beanstack?

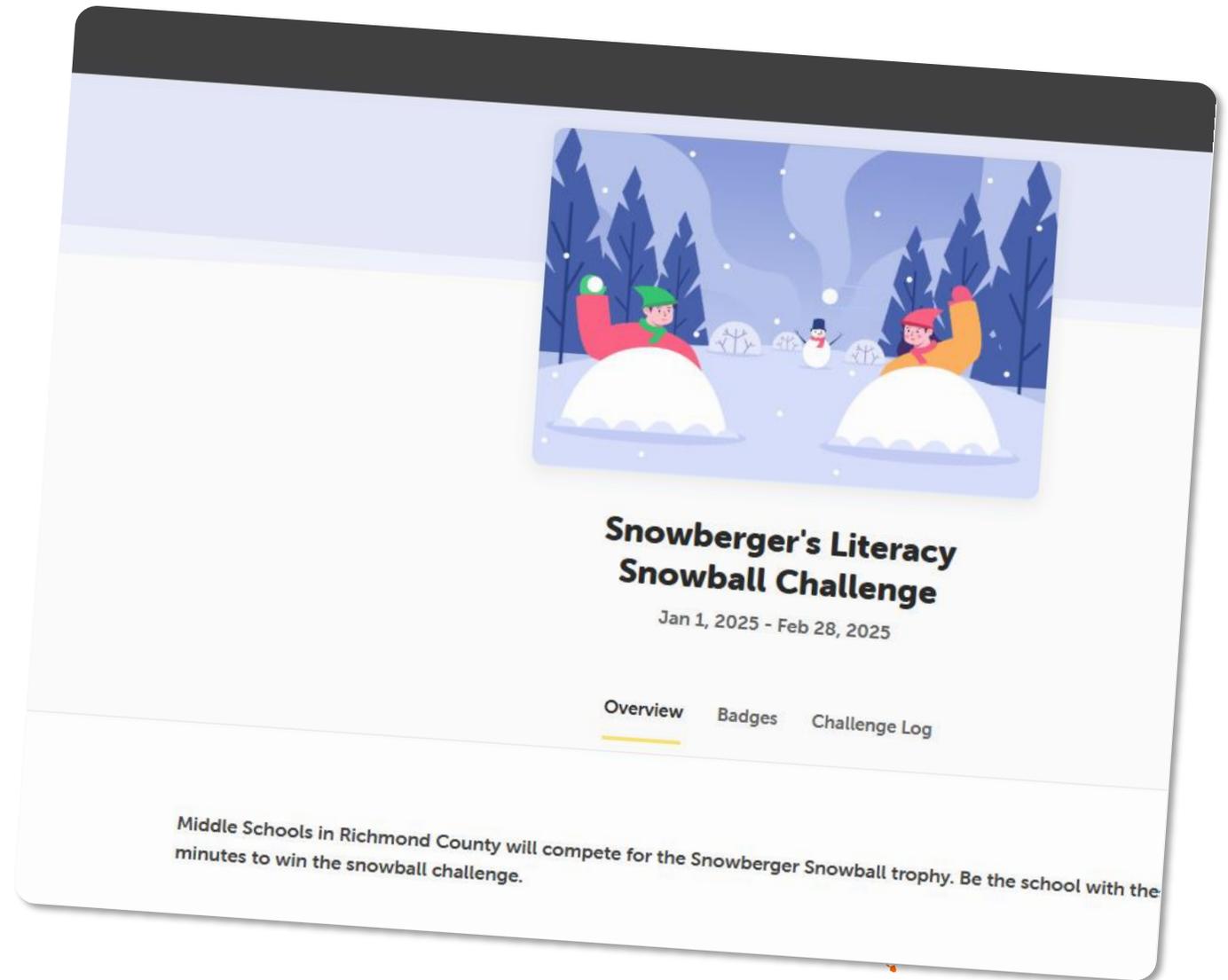


Students and teachers may access the Beanstack app by clicking on the Beanstack icon on their single sign in provider, LaunchPad.



# Snowberger's Literacy Snowball Challenge

Middle Schools in Richmond County will compete for the Snowberger Snowball trophy. Be the school with the minutes to win the snowball challenge.



# February's Challenge: Black History Month



## GHMS Black History Month 2025 Challenge: Read 20 Minutes A Day

Feb 1, 2025 - Feb 28, 2025

[Overview](#) [Badges](#) [Challenge Log](#)

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