



READING

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1)** Learn how to use the library (card file or computer), and with the assistance of your counselor or your librarian, select six books of four types (such as poetry, drama/plays, fiction, nonfiction, and biographies). After you have read this material, discuss your reading with the counselor or librarian. Using your log as a reference, explain why you chose the material, whether you enjoyed it, and what it meant to you.
- 2)** Read two books or material from any two sources (magazines, newspapers, field manuals, etc.) about the world around you (sports, environmental problems, politics, religion, etc.) and discuss your reading with your counselor.
- 3)** From a catalog of your choice, fill out the application as if you intended to place an order, and discuss it with your counselor.
- 4)** Choose ONE of the following activities and devote at least 4 hours of service to that activity:
 - A)** Read to a sick, blind (contact the American Foundation for the Blind at 1-800-232-5436), or homebound person, in a hospital or in an extended-care facility.
 - B)** Perform volunteer work at your school or public library.
 - C)** Read stories to younger children, in a group or individually.
 - D)** Assist in a literacy program (Project Literacy may be contacted at 1-800-228-8813 for information about the nearest library center) and discuss your participation with your counselor.

Requirement 1

Give a brief description of how to use the library card or computer to find a selection: _____

With the assistance of your counselor or librarian, select six books of four types (such as poetry, drama/plays, fiction, nonfiction, and biographies). List your selections below.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Read each one of the books you selected. After you are done reading them use the area below to explain why you chose the material, whether you enjoyed it, and what it meant to you.

Book 1: _____

Did you enjoy this book? YES NO

Why did you select this book? _____

What was the book about and what did it mean to you? _____

Book 2: _____

Did you enjoy this book? YES NO

Why did you select this book? _____

What was the book about and what did it mean to you? _____

Book 3: _____

Did you enjoy this book? YES NO

Why did you select this book? _____

What was the book about and what did it mean to you? _____

Book 4: _____

Did you enjoy this book? YES NO

Why did you select this book? _____

What was the book about and what did it mean to you? _____

