

## Vacation Reading Challenge Rules

### **Outline of Challenge:**

1. 100 books will be chosen from the library's collection. These will be accessible to non-experts in the subject.
2. Books will be wrapped in brown paper to obscure their titles. The general subject will be written on them. A further two or three subject terms will be provided to guide students as to the approximate content.
3. Books will be made available on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> week (7<sup>th</sup> June)
4. Students will choose books on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. Students must choose a book from outside their degree subject.
6. To enter, students must submit a review of the book to the librarian by Friday 0<sup>th</sup> week (14<sup>th</sup> October)
7. Every student who enters a review will receive a Farthings voucher equivalent to one hot drink. The voucher will be valid until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> week (2<sup>nd</sup> December)
8. Two £100 prizes will be awarded. One will be drawn at random. The other will be a judged prize for the best review.
9. If any book from the Challenge is needed by a student for summer vacation reading, it will be removed and a different book substituted.

### **Eligibility:**

1. All Pembroke students whose Bodleian cards are valid on **7 October 2016 (Friday 0<sup>th</sup> week)** are eligible to enter.
2. Only one entry per person.
3. Reviews must be submitted in order to enter the Challenge.
4. The review must be received by the deadline of 23:59 on Friday 0<sup>th</sup> week in order to be eligible for a prize.

### **Reviews:**

1. Reviews may be in any written or recorded.
2. Pictures or graphics are not eligible.
3. Reviews should be between approximately 400 and 1000 words if written. There will be no penalties for going over the word count.
4. Reviews should be between 2 and 4 minutes if recorded. There will be no penalties for going over this time limit.
5. Reviews should be sent to [library@pmb.ox.ac.uk](mailto:library@pmb.ox.ac.uk). This can be in the form of an attachment or as a link to online content (at YouTube, Goodreads, Facebook, a blog or similar)
6. As an approximate guide, the reviews should address at least two main criteria:
  - a. The student's own opinion of the book
  - b. What, if anything, they found in the book that they can apply to their own studies  
OR the main thing that they will remember about the book in the future.

### **Prizes:**

1. Every student who submits a review will receive a voucher for Farthings equivalent to the cost of 1 large hot drink.
2. One £100 prize will be awarded at random by entering all names of entrants onto a spreadsheet and using a random number generator.
3. One £100 prize will be awarded to the best review, as judged by representatives from the Library, the Fellows and the JCR.
4. The winning reviews will be published or linked to in the student magazine, The Pink Times, with the editors' consent.