



GLADSTONE'S
LIBRARY

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

For ages 11+



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Age:



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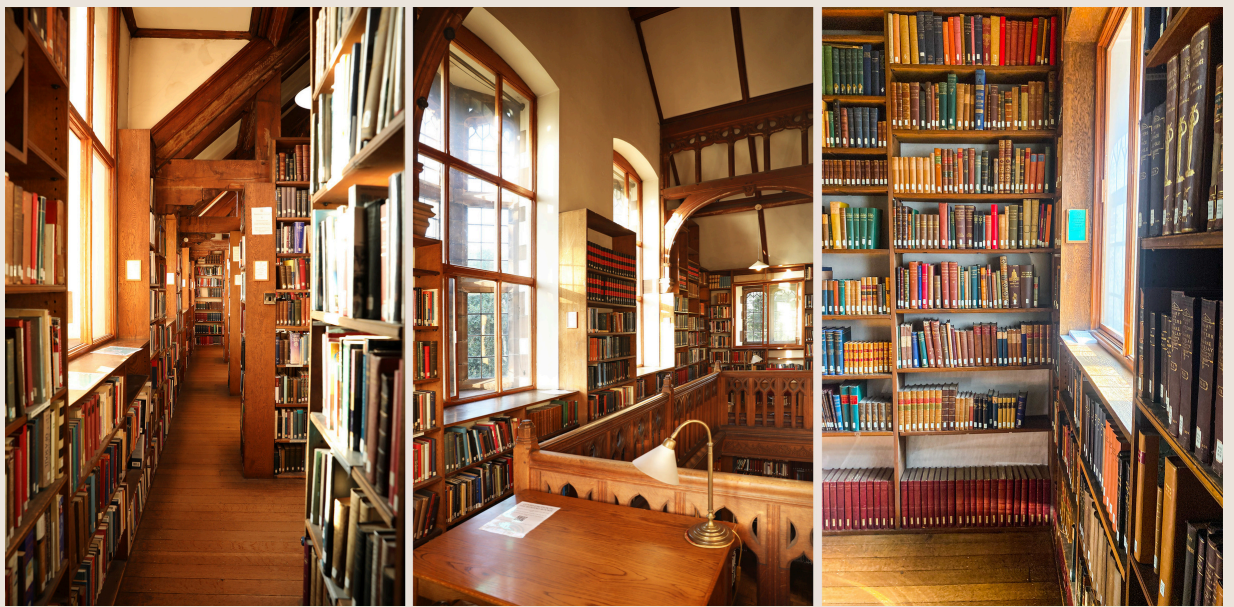
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About Gladstone's Library

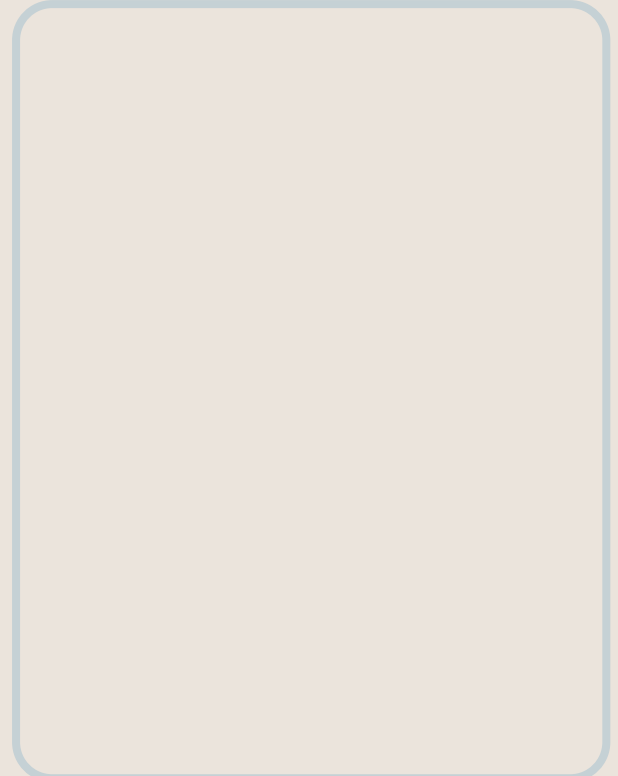


- Gladstone's Library was founded in 1894 by William Ewart Gladstone, four times Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- Gladstone wrote a diary for much of his life and kept track of what he read. During his lifetime, he read approximately 20,000 titles written by over 4500 authors - that is an average of around 300 books a year, or a book a day.
- We are the UK's only residential library, meaning we have 26 bedrooms and people come to stay overnight in the Library.
- We now have 150,000 items in our collections, including about 6,000 books printed before 1800, and some as old as the late 1400s.

Design Your Own Bookplate

The three bookplates below are from the collections at the Library. Bookplates often use imagery which reflects the person who owns the book.

Have a go at designing your own bookplate.





Book review 1

What was the name of the book and who wrote it?

What happened in the book?

What was your favourite part of the book?



William Gladstone enjoyed reading all of his life. He reread his favourite books, but was always collecting new books. Gladstone's Library is organised into 21 subject areas, but William Gladstone collected the most books on Church history and the Bible.

What type of books would you collect?

Here at Gladstone's Library, we have many different spaces for reading. Some people like reading at desks, some like comfy armchairs or sofas, or even taking a book with them when they go to their room!

Where do you like to read?



Book review 2

What was the name of the book and who wrote it?

What happened in the book?

What was your favourite part of the book?

Colour our Collections



Decorative initials like these were often used by printers to mark new sections of text. Initials sometimes featured flowers, animals, or Biblical scenes.

These initials all come from early printed books in our collections.



Book review 3

What was the name of the book and who wrote it?

What happened in the book?

What was your favourite part of the book?



William Gladstone gave around 32, 000 of his own books to start Gladstone's Library! He used a classification system which he invented himself to sort his books, and we still use it here. His books are sorted into 21 topics and 6 languages!

How do you organise your books?

In the past, books used to be sold without covers. The person who bought the book chose the cover, and they paid to have this work done. Putting a cover on a book is called binding and this was done by a skilled individual. Gladstone's Library itself used to have its own book binder.

Would you read a book without a cover?



Book review 4

What was the name of the book and who wrote it?

What happened in the book?

What was your favourite part of the book?



Reflection



Which was your favourite book you read for this reading challenge?

How did you keep track of which page you were on in the book?

What book would you like to read next?
