



What is Beanstack?

Beanstack is a web-based reading challenge software where you can track your reading minutes. We run school-wide "minutes logged" challenges each year from August - April. Beanstack also has their own challenges that can be seen on the student's home page. Any minutes logged for our school are automatically applied to the current Beanstack sponsored challenge.

How to Access Beanstack

At Home

- Go to cobbgarrisonmill.beanstack.org
- Sign in with your 7 digit student id number and the MMDD of your birthday.
- Make sure you see your name at the top right.
- Once logged in, click the red **Log Reading** button at the top left of the screen.

At School

- Use your student laptop
- Go to CTLS > Shortcuts > Cobb Digital Library > Beanstack
- Sign in with your 7 digit student id number and the MMDD of your birthday.
- Make sure you see your name at the top right.
- Once logged in, click the red **Log Reading** button at the top left of the screen.

Options

- You can start a reading timer to calculate the time you spend reading.
- You can log minutes read if you already know your total minutes.

Logging Your Minutes

Select the date

- You can go back in time during the week if you forgot to log minutes, but you cannot log minutes for the future. To select a date, click on the date on the calendar.
- Remember, red dots mean you've already logged minutes on that date.

Fill in your information

- Title: The title of the book. Sometimes an image of a book cover may appear. You can search for the one that matches your book cover, but it is not necessary to add.
- Author: This is optional, which means it's okay if you don't fill in the box.
- Time Spent Reading: Type in the number of minutes or hours you read. If you used the reading timer and then selected "log minutes" the amount of time should automatically be filled in for you. Use "h" for hours and "m" for minutes.
- Did you finish the book? If yes, click on the toggle button to turn it green. If not, skip this and leave the toggle button gray.
- Would you like to include a review? This is optional and should only be used if you have finished reading the book. Click the arrow if you want to include a review. You will need to click the red "log reading" button before the review box will appear.
- Log Reading: Click the red button when you've finished adding all the information to save your minutes to your reading log.

Reading Log

To see your entire reading log:

- On the home page (where you see your name), select the Reading **Log** found across the top of the page.
- You will get two options: *Streaks* and *All Reading Logged*. Select **All Reading Logged**.
- You can now see all the books you've logged on each day.
- Click on any book cover to see more information including: Dates you logged minutes and how many times (sessions) you logged for that book.

Questions?

- Ask your teacher
- See Ms. Kenworthy at school or message on CTLS