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MEET THE BOOK SQUAD

POLLI
SHE/HER

CHRISTINA
SHE/HER

LEAH
SHE/HER

SHIRLEY
SHE/HER

ILKA
SHE/HER

ADAM
THEY/THEM

The Book Squad Goals contains twelve prompts chosen by the Book Squad at Lawrence Public Library, guaranteed to jump-start your reading year! Read in any order you please, at any pace you'd like, and keep track of your reads with this form.
1. **READ A BOOK WRITTEN BY A TRANS/NB/GNC PERSON**: ______________________________________________________________

2. **READ A NOVEL FROM THE AFRICAN DIASPORA**: ______________________________________________________________

3. **READ A BOOK INVOLVING FOLKLORE**: ______________________________________________________________

4. **READ AN EAST ASIAN SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL**: ______________________________________________________________

5. **READ A NOVEL WITH A SOUTH ASIAN PROTAGONIST**: ______________________________________________________________

6. **LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK**: ______________________________________________________________

7. **READ A DARK ACADEMIA NOVEL**: ______________________________________________________________

8. **READ A ROM-COM NOVEL**: ______________________________________________________________

9. **READ A TRANSLATED NOVELLA (200 PGS OR LESS)**: ______________________________________________________________

10. **READ A HORROR NOVEL**: ______________________________________________________________

11. **READ A POST WAR HISTORICAL FICTION (1945-1972)**: ______________________________________________________________

12. **READ A FANTASY NOVEL WRITTEN BY A WOMAN**: ______________________________________________________________

*TRANSGENDER/NON-BINARY/GENDER NON-CONFORMING

**AFRICAN DIASPORA**

Definition: **Di-as-po-ra** / n. a dispersion of a people, language, or culture that was formerly concentrated in one place, to scatter, to displace, to live in separated communities.

Definition: African & Black Diaspora the African Diaspora is the voluntary and involuntary movement of Africans and their descendants to various parts of the world during the modern and pre-modern periods. **Source: DePaul University**

**EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES**
- China
- Japan
- Mongolia
- North Korea
- South Korea
- Taiwan

**SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES**
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- India
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- Maldives

**DARK ACADEMIA** is a sub-genre (and cross genre) where the plot features an academic setting, usually, a college or boarding school and involves a dark twist.