

City of Big Readers

1. In Old Town, Evergreen sits between two streets named after writers (Schiller and Goethe). Old Town Pub sits at the corner of Evergreen and Wells. What four things are advertised in explosions?
2. Just west of the house at 545 W. 63rd is a mural. What are the people riding the train all reading?
3. RR Donnelley is one of the largest publishers in the world and used to produce the Sears catalogues and the Yellow Pages. One of the most distinctive features of the building is the shields that cover it. Facing the south-facing main entrance at 350 E. Cermak, what is on the first shield to the left of the door?
4. Stuart Dybek's "Farwell" tells the story of visiting a friend in the last apartment before the lake on the street of the the same name. There's a set of tennis courts next to the building- what's the highest numbered one?
5. Carl Sandburg's house is located at 4646 N. Hermitage. According to the plaque in the ground, who is the architect?
6. On Wilton and Diversey, there's a mural. How many books are painted on it?
7. At The Bourgeois Pig, 738 W Fullerton, the sandwiches are all named after famous works of literature. What famous architectural landmark is out front?
8. The University of Chicago Press, 1427 E 60th Street, is the largest university press in the United States. What two buses stop out front?
9. Richard Wright is one of Chicago's most famous authors and lived for a while at 3743 S Indiana Ave (though not in the house currently there). What does the bench (?) just north of the building say?
10. The Frankie Machine Garden, 1800 W. Haddon, is named after the protagonist of Nelson Algren's *The Man with the Golden Arm*. As a tribute to Frankie's career running casino games, there's a pair of dice on the sign. What number to they show?
11. On the northwest corner of Devon and Fairfield, you'll find a reader. Below him, what are you instructed not to do?
12. Poetry Slam was invented at the Green Mill, 4802 North Broadway. Who is pictured just inside the door holding a saxophone?

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13. In addition to plenty of expensive outfits to go with each of the dolls, there are a series of books for each American Girl. The store is at Michigan and Chestnut- how many US flags are on the Chestnut side of the street?
14. Studs Lonigan was the creation of James T. Farrell and one of the earliest heroes of Chicago literature. His house is at 5730 S. Michigan. Who is the building managed by?
15. Oprah and her book club managed to repopularize reading. According to the sign on her studios at 110 N Carpenter, where does the audience enter?
16. *The House on Mango Street* is another well-known Chicago book. The house isn't actually on Mango Street- it's at 1524 N Campbell. When does street cleaning take place?
17. While heading up north, we found a delightfully named bookstore- Armadillo's Pillow. It's at 6753 N. Sheridan. How much does one book in the Street Reads section cost?
18. A beloved children's author has a statue at Stockton and Dickens. Who is it?
19. Saul Bellow is a Chicago author who has won both the Pulitzer and Nobel prizes. He lived for quite a while at 2629 W. Augusta. How many stairs lead to his door?
20. Lorraine Hansbury's most famous work, *A Raisin in the Sun*, is based on her family's own experiences in Chicago. You can find their home at 6140 S. Rhodes. How many glass squares surround the door?
21. The Occult Bookstore, 1164 North Milwaukee Avenue, is probably one Chicago's stranger book shops. What numbers will you find in the shield in the door? (make sure you get them in the correct order!)
22. Adam Langer's *Crossing California* is one of the newer critically acclaimed books coming out of Chicago. It focuses on Jewish families in West Rodgers Park, all of whom attend synagogue at Ner Tamid, 2754 W. Rosemont. What year was it built?
23. What's the headline of this week's *Chicago Reader*?
24. There are many stories that take place at the Art Institute, 111 S Michigan, including *The Time Traveler's Wife* and Willa Cather's "The Song of the Lark". What are their garden hours?
25. *There are no Children Here* is the story of two boys growing up in the Henry Horner homes. If you head over there, you'll notice that the high rises have been demolished and that townhouses line the streets instead. Who/what will you find in the window at 2021 W. Randolph?

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26. *Devil in the White City*, one of the most popular recent books set in Chicago, tells the story of a serial killer living in our fair city during the Columbian Exposition. H.H.Holmes built his "murder castle" at 611 W. 63rd Street, a site that is now a post office. According to the yellow sign to the right of the door, what else does the building serve as?
27. Women and Children First, 5233 North Clark, is a bookstore selling publications by and about women, as well as children's books (surprise!). According to a sign in their door, what would they like you to do with cell phones?
28. The Associated Negro Press, founded in Chicago in 1919, was the largest news service to black newspapers in America, though they also had 75 papers in Africa on their subscription list. Located at 3507 S. King Drive, their old entrance is now an unmarked door. Who is advertised in stickers on the light pole out front? Bonus: Which rally organizer did he used to work with?
29. In *Miami and the Siege of Chicago*, Herman Mailer describes the 1968 democratic convention, including the riots, as seen from his window at the Chicago Hilton, 720 S Michigan. Hopefully, you'll see a much calmer scene today and can tell us how many pine trees you notice between Balbo and the fountain at 8th Street.
30. What is your favorite Chicago book?
31. Fountain of Time, located on Cottage Grove at Midway Plaisance, is one of Chicago's many famous fountains, but did you know it was inspired by Henry Austin Dobson's poem, "Paradox of Time"? Look at the plaque in the sidewalk- who was it commissioned by?
32. Ida B. Wells used her position as a journalist and newspaper editor help advance both the civil rights and women's suffrage movements. Her house is at 3624 S. King Drive, and there's even a sign out front to prove that we're not making this up! According to the insert on the sign, what are you invited to name?
33. "Drinking and Writing" is a show performed at the bar at Hopleaf, 5148 N. Clark. What beer is advertised in the bottom window just to the right of the door?
34. *Divergent* is a popular series of young adult books set in a future version of Chicago, with much of the action taking place at the Sears Tower (we'll never call it by any other name!). If you swing by the skydeck entrance at 323 S Wacker, you'll see a bunch of flags out front. Name four of the countries they represent.
35. Mike Royko's *Boss* is, of course, all about Mayor Richard J. Daley. You'll find his house at 3536 S. Lowe. When is parking prohibited?

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36. We were surprised to learn that L. Frank Baum, the author of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, lived in Chicago while he wrote that book. What three animals are on the light pole directly across from his house at 1667 N Humboldt?
37. Powell's Bookstore is a Chicago chain. What newspaper can you find outside of their store at 1218 S Halsted?
38. Mather High School is another location that features prominently in *Crossing California*. What will you find at the south end of the parking lot, approximately 5850 N California?
39. One of Chicago's most famous residents is a best selling author. While we're not actually going to make you go to Barak Obama's house at 5046 S Greenwood (we already encouraged you to not get arrested!), we're going to make you get close. Who does his honorary street sign pay tribute to?
40. Robert Abbot founded the Chicago Defender, which was one of only three African-American daily newspapers in the United States. What is pictured on the mailbox in front of his house at 4742 S King Drive?
41. How many of the books on this rally have you read? Heard of?
42. Edgar Rice Burroughs, the creator of Tarzan, was born in Chicago and lived as a child at 1943 W Washington. The house is no longer there- it's a parking lot for the United Center. There's a sign for Red Top Parking- what does the message in the arrow read?
43. City Hall appears in many of the books covered in this rally. Just north of the entrance at 121 N LaSalle, there's a carving of a man with a fish. What is behind them?
44. We're sure you know that Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* is all about the terrible conditions that existed in the slaughterhouses. There's a bull on the entrance gate at Halsted and Exchange. What color are his eyes?
45. There's plenty of specialty bookstores to be found in our fair city, including Islamic Books N Things at Devon and Washtenaw. Look across the street - what do I like?
46. Founded by Margaret Anderson in March 1914, The Little Review became, over the course of its 15-year existence, one of the chief periodicals in the English-speaking world for publishing experimental writing and publicizing international art. Her apartment can be found at 837 W Ainslie. What color are the planter boxes out front painted?
47. *Sin and the Second City* tells the story of Chicago's Prairie District, famously known for its brothels. Its south end, located at Dearborn and Cermak, is now ironically the site for what?

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48. Sarah Paretsky writes about a private investigator, V.I. Warshawski, who lives on the southwest corner of Belmont and Racine. What is the name of the apartment complex (it's written next to the door on Racine)?
49. In addition to naming a street after the German poet Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller (Question 1!), the city allowed a statue of him to be erected at Stockton and Webster. What symbol is below his feet?
50. Our other German writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, also has a statue in Chicago. Looking south from Sheridan and Diversey, it's pretty hard to miss. Who is it from?
51. Half of *The Devil in the White City* is about serial killer H.H. Holmes; the other half is about the 1893 World's Fair, which took place along Midway Plaisance. About halfway down, at 1130 Midway Plaisance N, you'll find an ice skating rink. When was it established?
52. There's a delightful mural on the wall on 16th Street, just west of Paulina, that pays tribute to many of the books covered in this rally. What does it say in the seal on the spine of *The Jungle*?
53. *The Third Rail* is about a murderer who kills his victims along Chicago's El system, with the first murder happening at the Southport brown line station, 3411 N Southport. What lives at the west stairs of the station?
54. If you're feeling fancy enough to enter the lobby at the Four Seasons Chicago, 120 E Delaware, you'll see a porcelain sculpture of books in a bookcase. Outside, there's a man hailing a taxi. What color is his tie?
55. There's a park at the corner of Lincoln and Webster with an iconic storybook character welcoming visitors. What are the initials on his leg?
56. The Harold Washington Library at State and Van Buren is the largest public library in the world. Just to the left of the Van Buren entrance is a picture of a woman reading a book. Who is the author of this book?
57. Speaking of libraries, one of the coolest features of the University of Chicago's newest, located on the northeast corner of 57th and Ellis, is the fact that books are retrieved from the stacks by a robot. Write the name of the library **exactly** as it appears on the building.
58. Michael Harvey, author of the Chicago Way series of mysteries set in Chicago, co-owns the Hidden Shamrock, 2723 N Halsted. What 6 sport flags are in the windows on the second floor?
59. If a book was written about your team or car, what would its title be?

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60. At the north end of Buttercup Park (Sheridan and Ainslie), there are sculptures of books with different globes (or, if you prefer, spheres) in them. How many are there?

61. One of our city's most important books isn't really literature, but we're counting it anyway! Daniel Burnham lived at 4300 S Michigan while he wrote his *Plan of Chicago*. These days, it's Bronzeville Pizzeria & Grille. They deliver Italian what?

62. Given that it is better known as Printer's Row, it's not surprising to learn that the stretch of Dearborn just south of Congress used to host plenty of book makers. Across from Kasey's at 701 S Dearborn is a park honoring them. Write what's on the three southmost benches exactly as they appear.

63. Eugene Field, often called the Children's Poet, lived at 4240 N Clarendon. How many shields are above the door?

64. The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton, is one of the key settings in *The Time Traveler's Wife*. How many years after the library was founded was the "Umanita" sculpture erected?

65. The Chicago Defender is one of the largest African American newspapers in the country. What is written on the paper box in front of their headquarters at 4445 S MLK Drive?

66. You'll find poet Edgar Lee Masters' house at 4853 S Kenwood. What color are the roof tiles?

67. Poetry, the magazine, is headquartered in Chicago at 61 W Superior. Who is a friend and benefactor of poetry?

68. In the warmer months, if you head to Sheffield's, 3528 N Sheffield, you can catch their reading/drinking/trivia show, Reading Under the Influence. Who is the honorary street out front named for?

69. Frank Norris's *The Pit* centers around the action at the Board of Trade, 141 W. Jackson. What entrance would they prefer you use?

70. You can donate books on the southeast corner of 47th and Cottage Grove. What's the website?

71. Encyclopedia Britannica has its main offices in Chicago at 331 N. LaSalle. What cities are etched on the door?

72. George C Hall Library, 4801 S. Michigan, was a major meeting place for Chicago's Black Renaissance authors. Who does the tribute sign out front honor?

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73. Mike Ditka is an actual published author, so we're including his restaurant (100 E Chestnut). How much is the valet?

74. Nelson Algren is one of Chicago's most beloved authors (at least by one of your Rally Masters). He lived in Wicker Park on the third floor at 1958 W. Evergreen. What is written in the stained glass above the door?

75. Look, we know you're not going to drive out to Oak Park for one question, but we couldn't very well leave Earnest Hemmingway off this! If you do feel up for the drive, head to 339 N Oak Park Ave, where you'll find his birthplace and museum. What is the path to the house from the sidewalk made of?

76. The Dresden Files are a series of sci-fi detective novels set all over our lovely city. In what sounds like the best book of the series, *Dead Beat*, to fight off the zombies taking over the city, the lead character heads over to the Field Museum, 1400 S Lake Shore Drive, and brings SUE the T. Rex back to life so he can fight them off. For real. What time is taxi service requested in front of the South Entrance?

77. What is the last book you've read?

78. 680 North Lake Shore Drive is better known as the Playboy Building, as it was the home of Playboy Magazine. What is the name of the chain grocery store located inside this building?

79. Stephen Colbert a great American author and writer of such amazing books as, *America Again: Re-Becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't* and *I Am America (and So Can You!)* is an alumni of the university that sits on the campus very near the northernmost question on this rally. What is the name of that university?

80. At 251 E. Huron there is a breezeway in between 2 buildings. What is the name of the bookstore that can be found in the breezeway?