

THE JEMEZ MOUNTAINS
SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY
(JMSS)
and
JEMEZ SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Invite you to
The Shakespeare Challenge

Make a commitment to read, listen to, watch a video, or attend a performance of 36 of William Shakespeare's plays: 7 in a year, 20 within three-years, 35 within five years, or 36 in a lifetime.

You will automatically become a "Gold" member of the Jemez Mountain Shakespeare Society and entitled to all the benefits of membership. (It's a great thing to put on your resume when looking for your next job.) You are free to print your own membership card and membership certificate to place on the wall to impress your friends and co-workers.

If you are too pressed for time or otherwise have reason to believe that you can only handle so much Shakespeare, you can aspire to the "Platinum Plus" membership wherein you would pledge to read, watch, or listen to just one new to you play of your choice within the next year.

Finally, a third level of membership is available. To be a "Silver"-level member, you don't need to commit to anything except engaging with Shakespeareana and the Society in some way available to you.

The level of your membership is secret and known only to you!

Once a quarter, the Society will meet at the library for coffee and donuts (or tea and biscuits). Attendance is not required but may be fun and beneficial. The Society anticipates holding additional meetings, from time to time (including in the hybrid format), to discuss, read, recite, listen to, or watch full plays, screen adaptations, and supporting materials relating to Shakespeare.

Library staff are available to assist with recommended reading orders, library and non-library resources, and texts. Also, other members can reliably provide questionable advice.

The JMSS is for:

1. People who want to think about something other than the news.
2. People who want to impress their in-laws (or any difficult relative).
3. People who are trying to figure out what is so great about Shakespeare anyway.
4. People who just like to join stuff.
5. People who are trying to improve their Trivia Pub Night skills.
6. People who love Shakespeare.

No cost to join. No obligation, except a promise to yourself (which you are free to revise from time to time). JMSS will not monitor your reading progress, but it will be happy to help you set up a tracking system for yourself.

To join, please email librarian@jsplibrary.org, subject line: "Shakespeare Society Membership Registration," and provide the form your name you would like the Society to use when communicating with you. Your email will not be shared with other Society members but only be used by the Society to remind you about the meetings and to provide information and assistance.

Here is the list of plays in chronological order, though you probably don't want to read them in this order. Also, the challenge is for 36 plays. We recommend you skip "King John." (Frankly, Shakespeare must have been having a bad day when he was writing it). The last two plays on the list are of shared authorship and are included for completeness' and trivia's sake.

- *Henry VI, Part 2* (1590)
- *Henry VI, Part 3* (1590)
- *Henry VI, Part 1* (1591)
- *The Comedy of Errors* (1591)
- *Richard III* (1592)
- *Titus Andronicus* (1593)
- *The Taming of the Shrew* (1593)

- *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* (1594)
- *Love's Labour's Lost* (1594)
- *Romeo and Juliet* (1594)
- *Richard II* (1595)
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1595)
- *King John* (1596)
- *The Merchant of Venice* (1596)
- *Henry IV, Part 1* (1597)
- *Henry IV, Part 2* (1597)
- *Much Ado About Nothing* (1598)
- *Henry V* (1598)
- *Julius Caesar* (1599)
- *As You Like It* (1599)
- *Twelfth Night* (1599)
- *Hamlet* (1600)
- *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (1600)
- *Troilus and Cressida* (1601)
- *All's Well That Ends Well* (1602)
- *Measure for Measure* (1604)
- *Othello* (1604)
- *King Lear* (1605)
- *Macbeth* (1605)
- *Timon of Athens* (1605)
- *Antony and Cleopatra* (1606)
- *Coriolanus* (1607)
- *Pericles* (1608)
- *Cymbeline* (1609)
- *The Winter's Tale* (1610)
- *The Tempest* (1611)
- *Henry VIII* (1613)
- *The Two Noble Kinsmen* (1613) (Fletcher and Shakespeare)
- *Sir Thomas Moore* ("The Stranger's Case" speech revised by Shakespeare)

Welcome to a great adventure with the Bard and the English Language!

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