

HAVE FUN!



- Tie books into the time of year
- Is there a movie? Compare book and film
- Select a title that takes place in your area
- Have a joint meeting with another book club
- Have a guest speaker that ties in to the topic
- Have a special holiday meeting
- Have an awards night. Vote on books and/or characters that were the most and least favorite.
- Have a husbands or wives night to add a different perspective

BREAK ANY RULE YOU WANT TO!

- Ultimately it falls to whatever works for you!
- Just keep reading!



WEBSITES

- Novelist – can be reached from websterlibrary.org *Quick Link*
- www.bookbrowse.com/bookclubs/
- www.bookmovement.com/
- www.goodreads.com/
- www.readinggroupchoices.com
- www.readinggroupguides.com



Webster Public Library

Webster Plaza
980 Ridge Road
Webster, NY 14580
www.websterlibrary.org

Phone: 585-872-7075

Press 2 for Hours, directions & holiday closings

Press 3 for Reference Desk to ask a question or place holds

Press 4 for Circulation to check your account or renew items

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 10 am – 9 pm

Friday: 10 am – 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm

(Saturdays, June - August: 10 am - 1 pm)

Sunday: 1 pm – 4 pm (Closed May – September)



HOW TO START A BOOK CLUB



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BENEFITS OF A BOOK CLUB

- Keep in touch with old friends
- Make new friends
- Discover new authors, topics and genres
- Awesome way to stir up great conversations



Meeting Logistics

WHEN TO MEET

- Once a month is the norm
- Choose a day and time
- Meetings last 1 ½-2 hours



WHERE TO MEET

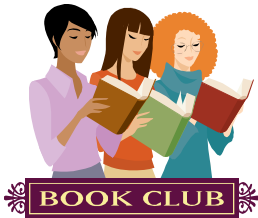
- Permanent host or
- Rotate houses or
- Coffee shop or restaurant or
- Bookstore or library

CHOOSING YOUR BOOKS ...

- Choose books with support materials
- Stretch your comfort zone
- Choose books that warrant discussion
 - Award winners
 - Banned Books
 - Big Read/ If all Rochester Read the Same Book
 - Topical books



SETTING UP A GROUP



- Grab a friend and get started
- Spread the word
- What size group?
- What atmosphere – scholarly vs. social?

GROUND RULES



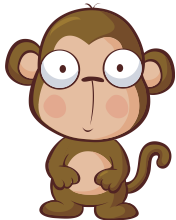
- Pick a leader or rotate leaders
- Keep focus on book
- Build in social time if desired
- What about refreshments?
- What about new people?
- Get a notebook
- Decide how to get books
- What if I don't read the book?

CONDUCTING THE MEETING

- Each discussion needs a leader
 - Keep discussion flowing
 - Give everyone a chance to speak
 - Keep on topic
- Finding questions:
 - Back of book often has reading group guides
 - Ask members to bring in 2-3 questions
 - Easiest yet - WPL book discussion kits!!!
 - Ask librarians to show you how to research



NAMING YOUR GROUP



- “Reading Group” or “Book Club” is boring but descriptive
- Fun to choose a name that really fits your group or is a little crazy
- Set a time limit, so you don't spend the whole meeting on it!

CHOOSING YOUR BOOKS



- Have everyone bring in a list of books they want to read to the first meeting or
- Bring a selection to meeting and let everyone vote or
- Let hostess or discussion leader choose title
- Keep a running list
- Ask at library or bookstore for suggestions
- Use a reference book like *Book Lust*
- Select books for an entire year at a time

WHAT ABOUT THE BOOK?

- Its not whether you liked the book, but what was your experience of the book?
- Is your response intellectual or emotional?
- There's no right or wrong!
- Leave your egos at the door

