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

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)
**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

**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?

**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

**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!

**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

**What About the Book?**
- It’s 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