

Book Club Resources

Starting Your Own Book Club

No two books are the same, and every book club has its own personality, with members sharing perspectives and reactions?often along with snacks?for a truly unique experience.

Maybe you've been to one of [the Library's book clubs](#), and you're inspired to go out on your own. Getting your own club up and running is rewarding and fun, but it does involve some planning and preparation. Use these resources to start a book club that's right for you and your group.



[I Love Libraries](#) is a project of the [American Library Association](#). On their [Starting a Book Club](#) page you'll find great practical tips on the basics?ground rules for your meetings, encouraging a lively discussion, finding members and books, and more.

[Novelist Plus](#), available free through the Library, offers ready-made [book discussion guides](#) you can use to spark conversation in your group. It's also an amazing tool for finding your club's next pick?use its browsing features to choose books by [genre \[video\]](#) or [appeal factor \[video\]](#), or see which award-winners might be a good fit for you.

For an easy grab-and-go option, don't forget the Library's adult [book club kits](#). Each kit contains ten copies of a title, discussion questions, readalikes, reviews, and author information. [Juvenile book club kits](#) are available as well.



- [The Bookreporter](#): Reviews in many genres, author interviews, polls, contests and more
- [LitLovers](#): Lots of resources, including reading guides and free online courses
- [Novel Conversations from Indiana Humanities Council](#): Free statewide lending library, loaning more than 600 titles, primarily fiction and biography, to reading and discussion groups all over Indiana, free of charge.
- [Reader?s Circle](#): A book club networking site
- [The Reading Club](#): A British site devoted to starting and running your own reading and book club
- [Reading Group Guides](#): A comprehensive online community for reading groups
- [The Booklist Reader](#) by Booklist: a blog offering organizational tools, well-informed reading suggestions, and news
- [Books on the Brain](#): A mom presents essays about what she's learned about organizing book clubs
- [National Reading Group Month](#): Supports reading groups by promoting the love of reading and literature through nationwide events; also provides tips for enhancing book discussions

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