

Adult Book Club Ideas

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about initiating a book discussion club or to peruse individual recommended reading materials.

For an introduction to the topic, see

- NOVELIST – a website offering a series of book discussion guides and other resources to help form an exciting reading group. To access this site, visit www.johnstonlibrary.com; click on Virtual Library located in the left column on the home page; then choose Informational Data Bases; click on Novelist in the upper right corner and enter your library barcode - no spaces - and submit; choose the Novelist Plus or Novelist K-8 Plus icon and choose the appropriate tab. Then choose Book Discussion Guides tab. You can narrow your search by choosing boxes on the right. When you have your list of titles, simply click on the Discussion Guide icon for that title.

Key Resources at a Glance

- *Reading Group Choices* (2008) (2009) [374.22REA]
- *I Love Libraries; an initiative of the American Library Association: An in-depth and detailed site with many links and resources for starting a book club.*
www.ilovelibraries.org/booklovers/bookclub/bookclub
- *Real Simple Start a Book Club Checklist: Whether you're looking for like-minded lovers of the classics or just an excuse to chat over food and drink, get a reading group together in just a few steps.*
<http://www.realsimple.com/work-life/start-book-club-checklist-00000000001100/index.html>

Books

- *The Book Club Companion: A Comprehensive Guide to the Reading Group Experience* (2006) [374.22 LOE]
- *The Pulpwood Queens' Tiara-wearing, Book-sharing Guide to Life* (2008) [374.22 PAT]
- *The Good Neighbor Cookbook: 125 Easy and Delicious Recipes to Surprise and Satisfy the New Moms, New Neighbors, Recuperating Friends, Community-meeting Members, Book Club Cohorts, and Block Party Pals in Your Life!* (2011) [641.5 QUE]
- *The Book Club Cookbook: Recipes and Food From Your Book Club's Favorite Books and Authors* (2004) [641.5 GEL]
- *Gourmet Game Night: Bite-Sized, Mess-Free Eating for Board-Game Parties, Bridge Clubs, Poker Nights, Book Groups, and More* (2010) [641.812 NIM]
- *A year of reading* (2002) [374.22 ILL]

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Book Club Ideas
- Group Reading
- Book Discussions

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Book Clubs
- Food in Literature
- Book Discussions

Call Number

- 028.5 (Dewey Decimal)
- 374.22 (Dewey Decimal)
- 372.41 (Dewey Decimal)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- Log on to www.johnstonlibrary.com
- On the homepage, click the Virtual Library link located in the left hand column. Then choose Informational Databases and scroll through the choices and click on EBSCOhost.
- Enter your library barcode – no spaces.
- Click on the databases you want to search and click submit.
- Enter search terms.
- If a full text link is provided by the citation you can get it online. If not, call the Reference desk at the library and we will attempt to get the article for you.

Library catalogs

- Johnston Public Library Catalog
www.johnstonlibrary.com
- Urbandale Public Library Catalog
www.urbandalelibrary.org
- SILO - State-wide catalog
<http://z3950.silo.lib.ia.us>

If you find a book on this website, we will attempt to get the item for you through our interlibrary loan service.

Book Club Titles/Copies

- The Johnston Public Library has over 100 titles of past book club selections with multiple copies available to book clubs. To see a partial list, select 'Adults' on the left hand side of the Johnston Public Library's home web page. Then click on 'Special Programs', scroll down to 'Past Johnston Book Club Reads', and click. For a complete listing, contact the library.

Children's Books

- *The Kids' Book Club Book: Reading Ideas, Recipes, Activities, and Smart Tips for Organizing Terrific Kids' Book Clubs* (2007) [028.5 GEL]
- *The Mother-Daughter Book Club: How Ten Busy Mothers and Daughters Came Together to Talk, Laugh, and Learn Through Their Love of Reading* (2003) [372.41 DOD]

Web Pages and Web Portals

- **Goodreads:** an excellent website designed to help avid readers discover authors, genres, and personalized titles for their next good read. According to the website, "Goodreads is a free website for book lovers. Imagine it as a large library that you can wander through and see everyone's bookshelves, their reviews, and their ratings. You can also post your own reviews and catalog what you have read, are currently reading, and plan to read in the future. Don't stop there – join a discussion group, start a book club, contact an author, and even post your own writing."
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www.goodreads.com/genres/book-club-suggestions - by genre
- **LitLovers:** Another website devoted to readers who are interested in choosing their own titles or participating in a book club. Book club suggestions, book reviews, and reading guides are just a few of the topics covered on this popular website.
<http://www.litlovers.com/>
- **Oprah.com: BookFinder Reading List:** Find Adult and children's reading lists for book club ideas for book club ideas
www.oprah.com/finder/book/book_list_lists.html
- **BookMovement:** The best book club picks based on ratings from 35,000 clubs delivered to your inbox each week. In addition to suggested titles, this site also allows your club to manage the books you have read, keep track of meeting dates, and much more.
www.bookmovement.com
- **About.com Bestsellers** Book clubs don't run themselves. Successful groups select good books, have interesting discussions and foster community. Here are some ideas to keep your book club a fun and interesting place to be. In addition to suggested titles, the site also gives tips on how to start a book club, how to lead a discussion, and numerous other suggestions for planning a book club.
<http://bestsellers.about.com/od/bookclubresources/tp/Book-Club-Ideas.htm>

Organizations and Special Collections

- Johnston Public Library Adult Book Club – see library website or call library for more information
- Johnston Public Library: www.johnstonlibrary.com 'What Do I Read Next?' Visit the library's home page; click on Search Catalog; scroll down to What Do I Read Next and click. Then choose from a variety of web links recommending books for adult readers.
- Don't forget to pick up your free copy of BookPage near the book drop for suggested reading ideas. Or visit www.bookpage.com