

1:23:37 PM from NoveList Team Thanks for signing in early. We will get started in about 35

1:33:28 PM from Kim Heaster Is there a link to the slides?

1:36:59 PM from Dyan Dunagan I would also like to know if there is a link to the slides.

1:37:33 PM from NoveList Team Welcome! We're uploading the link to the slides now and will post

1:38:22 PM from Kim Heaster Thank you!

1:38:56 PM from Cindy Moore hello from Wyoming.

1:39:31 PM from Dyan Dunagan Thank you and Hello from Muleshoe, Texas!

1:40:04 PM from Kim Heaster I'm also from Wyoming!

1:40:14 PM from Annelise Gordon From East Lansing, MI

1:40:18 PM from Barbara Randolph Ellicott City, Maryland

1:40:26 PM from Michelle Sandquist Earlham, Iowa

1:40:27 PM from Tasha Reeves Tasha Reeves and Terry Dunn from Fremont County Library in

1:40:55 PM from Robin Salthouse I'm tuning in from Gilbert, Arizona

1:41:02 PM from NoveList Team Welcome! It's so fun to see where everyone is from. NoveList is in Durham, North Carolina. Hello!

1:42:46 PM from Kate Brown Hi, I'm in Clinton Township, Michigan at the beautiful Clinton-

1:43:00 PM from Barbara Randolph It turns out I'll be leaving to teach a class at 1:56. Will you be

1:43:37 PM from NoveList Team Hi Barbara yes we will email the recording out tomorrow!

1:44:15 PM from Juanita Foster I'm in Plymouth Minnesota a suburb of Minneapolis.

1:44:19 PM from Barbara Randolph Terrific. Sorry I'll be missing it live. Thank you!

1:46:14 PM from Joann Larin Hi from Long Sault Ontario Canada.....by the Seaway

1:49:25 PM from Pat Eick Hello from Roseville MI

1:50:47 PM from Cherie Davis Hello, this is Karen Lilly, aide for the Ronceverte Public Library. Thank you for opportunity to hear about book clubs.

1:51:02 PM from Lucinda Sheardown Lucinda Sheardown from Red Deer Public Library in Alberta,

1:51:51 PM from Fiona Lama Hi, this is Fiona Lama at the Alachua County Library in Gainesville,

1:52:03 PM from Aaron Gray Hi! I'm Aaron from Ponca City, OK.

1:52:03 PM from Denise Bohnet Denise Bohnet from Sanborn Public Library

1:52:20 PM from Novelist Team If you have any technical questions please send in chat to all

1:52:31 PM from Rosie Krul Hello! Rosie Krul from Wellington County Library in Palmerston

1:52:36 PM from Karin Martin Hi I'm Karin Martin Englewood Public Library in Colorado

1:53:09 PM from Sam King Hi from Sam King in Trail, British Columbia.

1:53:12 PM from Anna Van Scoyoc Anna from Hopewell Branch of Mercer County (NJ) Library

1:53:30 PM from Stacey Dorish Hello! I'm Stacey Dorish from Chapin Memorial Library !

1:53:33 PM from Novelist Team Hey everyone! Before we get started at the top of the hour, we invite you to talk about a book that sparked lots of conversation

1:53:42 PM from Regina Crandall Bad Girls of the Bible was very controversial, regardless of religious slant. The premise was comparing bad girl behavior as depicted in the Bible to contemporary scenarios, forcing people to

1:53:45 PM from Brendan Dickey Hey y'all! I'm Brendan from Richland Library in Columbia, South

1:53:46 PM from Aaron Gray We had good discussion with I'm Thinking of Ending Things by Iain Reid which is a trippy psychological thriller that is very open to

1:53:49 PM from Robin Salthouse My mystery book discussion had a good discussion with "A Duty

1:54:05 PM from Fiona Lama The Nix by Nathan Hill.

1:54:10 PM from Karin Martin To the Bright Edge of the World by Eoin Ivey

1:54:18 PM from Novelist Team If you are looking for today's slides and certificate they are here:  
<https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/book-clubs-your-community-connection>

1:54:50 PM from Jill DeMarco Stoner by John Williams

1:55:33 PM from PEG PELLETIER Hi, this is Peg Pelletier from the Newark Public Library in Newark, NY. I look forward to learning some tips to help make our book club more dynamic! I've attended book clubs for years but never

- 1:56:13 PM from Annelise Gordon I got 14 people to agree that they hated the book 10:04. Great reviews from publishers. Fantastic discussion about why they truly
- 1:56:35 PM from Anna Van Scoyoc Our "short story" book club is finally taking off. We read three stories by the same author each month.
- 1:56:43 PM from Lindsey Sanford Hi everyone. Lindsey here from the Lenawee District Library in Michigan. I don't run the main book club that we feature, but we are in our second year of a non-traditional book club that meets at
- 1:56:58 PM from Amber Sowinski Right now we only have 2 book clubs and they mainly read the same books. I am looking to see if maybe starting a digital book club would be something our patrons would be interested in. As in
- 1:57:16 PM from Maggie Allbee Hi! This is Maggie Allbee from Henrico County Public Library (Richmond, VA metro area). We have 19 book groups between our 11 locations. While they are popular, in my new role as
- 1:57:18 PM from Jessica Gilson Is there an official webinar hashtag for social media?
- 1:57:20 PM from Deidrah Reeves Hello! I am Deidrah Reeves from the Whiteford Branch of Harford County Public Library in MD. I will be taking over our long running book group in the new year. We also have a book group that
- 1:57:22 PM from Brenna Riethmiller Hi everyone. Brenna from Greene County in Ohio. I have started working in the library for 3 months and I'm learning how to make
- 1:57:39 PM from Regina Crandall My name is Regina Crandall and I'm new to my position in the St. Louis Public Library as an Adult Services Provider. I've facilitated book clubs in the past on a personal level, but never
- 1:57:40 PM from NoveList Team Our hashtag is #NoveListConversations
- 1:57:49 PM from Meagan Berry Hello! I'm Meagan from Oxford County County Library near London, Ontario. We have several book clubs in our branches, but I just run one of them. My book clubbers tend to love historical fiction. Our most loved and talked about books are The Light
- 1:57:55 PM from Mary Nuttelman Mary Nuttelman from Anaheim Public Library in CA.
- 1:57:59 PM from Jeannie Burrus Hello- this is Jeannie Burrus from the Central Arkansas Library System in Little Rock, AR. In addition to facilitating 3 book clubs in local retirement centers, I am also in charge of the book club kits
- 1:57:59 PM from Ashley Bryant Regina from Mizzou?!
- 1:58:10 PM from Samantha Mercer From Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada

1:58:11 PM from Regina Crandall Yes! Hi Ashley!

1:58:14 PM from Ashley Bryant Hi!

1:58:18 PM from Arianna Franciosi We have an adult book club that has been going on for about 3 years here at the West Branch District library. We are just beginning a middle school book club currently and our first

1:58:28 PM from Jade Noble Jade from Shelburne Public Library, Shelburne, Ontario!

1:58:30 PM from Lisa Touzeau We have had a book club between middle schools but want to

1:58:31 PM from Mary Hubbard Hi Mary Hubbard from the Peterborough Town Library. We have a book club and a bookclub and we also support local book clubs in

1:58:44 PM from Amber Christnsen I'm also a Hubbard!

1:58:46 PM from Maggie Allbee Anna -- does everyone read the same 3 stories for your short story

1:58:52 PM from Fiona Lama We also did 1984 as a One City, One Story event.

1:58:53 PM from Amber Christnsen I'm Danielle Hubbard, from Brandon Manitoba

1:59:01 PM from Anna Van Scoyoc @maggie -- yes, they do.

1:59:02 PM from Elizabeth Cronk Hello! One book that sparked a lively discussion at my book club

1:59:10 PM from TINA PEAK So sorry....we thought this webinar began at 2 pm Eastern.

1:59:14 PM from Helen Milner Helen Milner from Altadena Library District, Altadena, CA

1:59:20 PM from Julie Brown Hi - are you currently talking? We don't hear anything.

1:59:21 PM from Maggie Allbee I love the idea of meeting in a brewery!

1:59:23 PM from Helen Milner We have the No Guilt Book Club

1:59:28 PM from Maggie Dumont We do a book chat at breweries, where you just come and talk

1:59:30 PM from Patrice Rand Hi! This is Patrice Rand from Mission Viejo Public Library in

1:59:30 PM from Mary-Beth Mason Hello from Waterbury

1:59:35 PM from Dani Fritz Hi, Dani from Siouxland Libraries in Sioux Falls, SD.

- 1:59:35 PM from Susan Earle Hi My name is Susan and I am at the Woodstock PL We have 2 long-term Adult clubs heres, and are trying to start a Teen Club
- 1:59:37 PM from Amber Christnsen We have three adult book clubs (I run two of them), and one
- 1:59:37 PM from Asele Mack I would like to start a young adult lit club at a community college
- 1:59:38 PM from Carolyn Strickland We are starting an Urban Fiction Book Club.
- 1:59:43 PM from CATHY REID Hi, I'm Cathy Reid from Clark County Public Library in Springfield, OH. I've facilitated our one book club for about 5 years. I have a core group of about 6 women. Would like some tips on how to
- 1:59:44 PM from christina appleberry christina appleberry, san jose public library
- 1:59:46 PM from Samantha Mercer one of our libraries has a Book Club done via a Facebook group. We also have one that does an adult book club where they read
- 1:59:47 PM from Mary-Beth Mason Is the audio already on?
- 1:59:48 PM from Jan Fuetter Hi! We partnership with Community Center and hold monthly
- 1:59:51 PM from T Gulley One of our branches hosts a ya book club.
- 2:00:02 PM from Gayle Gordon Hi Gayle Gordon here, from the Dallas Public Library, Kleberg-Rylie Branch. We have had a mystery book club going for a while, but it has lost membership so it's in hiatus,. Looking for ways to revive it
- 2:00:06 PM from Alisa Snow We've had a series of book discussions called Read It and Eat where we have food to go along with the setting of the book.
- 2:00:11 PM from Patrice Rand Our library sponsors two book clubs but we also supply over 50 book club kits to over 50 local clubs.
- 2:00:12 PM from Bonnie Simmons we are a community college -- just started a book club last year. some of our activities are online and some are in person
- 2:00:13 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList Hi Julie, Make sure click the Communicate drop-down in the toolbar and select Audio Connection.
- 2:00:21 PM from Rosie Krul We do a "Page to Screen" book club where we discuss books that have been turned into movies - the participants can choose to
- 2:00:21 PM from Lucinda Sheardown We have just started a book club for adults who read junior and
- 2:00:38 PM from Simona Torregrossa My library hosts several adult book clubs, childrens's book clubs, as well as a middle school book club.

- 2:00:47 PM from Liz Holdzkom, Novelist This will prompt you to set up your audio
- 2:00:51 PM from Pauli Stern Hi, I'm Pauli from the Watertown Free Public Library in Watertown, MA. We have a longstanding adult book group, a Mystery Lovers Group (everyone reads different books and
- 2:00:52 PM from Suzanne Gitomer WE have a 7th and 8th grade book club in NJ middle school
- 2:01:20 PM from Diane Annunziato We did a One Community read using "Defending Jacob" by William
- 2:01:34 PM from Lisa Palmer Hi I'm Lisa from Mid Continent Public Library in Missouri - I currently look after 97 in house book groups, and close to 200 community book groups. I love book groups! thanks for putting
- 2:01:43 PM from Amber Sowinski I love the Cherry Hill PL Amanda! Been there many times!
- 2:01:44 PM from Pat Eick We have a monthly book club for adults with both fiction and nonfiction titles. We provide multiple copies (paid for by our
- 2:01:46 PM from Pauli Stern We also do a One Book, One Watertown each year
- 2:01:48 PM from Beverly Williams We do a bookclub via conference call. Our patrons are blind and have various disabilities that keeps them from getting in to the
- 2:02:07 PM from Linda Baker Hi Im Linda from Indiana, . I've lead book discussions for our libray system for 3 years now. Have recently started one for a women's shelter close to our main branch. It's evolving. Trying a book chat
- 2:02:12 PM from Ashley Bryant We currently have a mystery book club for adults, various youth book clubs, and are starting a book club called "Stranger Reads" where everyone reads their own book and does a book talk on it. We are also going to start a year-long Harry Potter Book Club broken up into ages and allow kids and adults to participate! As Assistant Director/Adult Services Manager, I currentlty lead the
- 2:03:17 PM from Maggie Dumont I am currently in about 5 book clubs! It is exhausting
- 2:03:22 PM from Lucinda Sheardown We have book clubs that are set titles, and reading on a theme, and reading any book and sharing.
- 2:03:39 PM from CATHY REID I do one book club, and sometimes one is exhausting! LOL!
- 2:03:43 PM from Amber Sowinski I love the idea of reading on a theme
- 2:03:53 PM from Lucinda Sheardown It's great for people to have a choice, because lots of us like to read our own choices but be part of a book club.

- 2:04:21 PM from Tara Matsuzaki The West Vancouver Memorial Library (Canada) is running "reading circles" (similar to a drop-in book club) focusing on Reconciliation (heeding the call of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations) to redress the legacy of Residential Schools in Canada and work towards a new, respectful relationship with Indigenous People. We are reading
- 2:04:40 PM from Lucinda Sheardown the theme works well. The new club I am doing alternates between a set title and a theme each month.
- 2:05:31 PM from Jessica Gilson Right now my library offers a very casual book club - Book Munch. People share what they're reading, as opposed a leader or group
- 2:05:35 PM from Kim Heaster We have two long standing book clubs. One I participate in monthly and help them choose titles. The other has one person who runs it and they choose their titles. If there is a kit for those
- 2:06:13 PM from Meredith York I run a 20-30s book club at a local bar for my library called Books on Tap. I love it, but I'm looking for ways to attract larger
- 2:06:24 PM from Maggie Dumont Books on Tap! I love that
- 2:06:40 PM from Annelise Gordon I run a Books on Tap too! In East Lansing MI!
- 2:06:41 PM from Dani Fritz Amazing ideas! Does anyone do anything with crafts/knitting/etc?
- 2:06:44 PM from Amber Sowinski I like the idea of a 20-30 book club
- 2:06:55 PM from Ajalon St. Charles My club is Books & Brews, similar concept
- 2:06:58 PM from Maggie Dumont Ours is called Books and Brews
- 2:06:59 PM from Alicia Gladwell We have a books on tap too at a local brewery
- 2:07:10 PM from Gina Hodnik I run a 20's 30's bookclub at my library and we get a lot of our participants by advertising it through meetup.com instead of just
- 2:07:11 PM from Annelise Gordon Come back and visit! Going strong!
- 2:07:32 PM from Jan Fuetter We host a book club at a local winery.
- 2:07:36 PM from Pauli Stern One of our librarians runs "cook the book" where participants cook something from a cookbook on that month's theme and

- 2:07:36 PM from Kim Chiasson I have been conducting our Lib Luv Bk Clb here at the Lafourche Parish Library for the last 4 1/2 years. The book club was in existence before my employment and we read mostly adult fiction and non-fiction books. We do the bk. clb on a monthly basis, where by, we meet the first Friday of every month to discuss the
- 2:07:40 PM from Alexandra Torregrossa Hello, everyone. Did the webinar just start? I want to make sure that I didn't make a mistake. I had a hard time logging in a a
- 2:07:42 PM from Patrice Rand We just started putting book club kits together for kids to host
- 2:08:23 PM from Bee Stillar I had a book club that compared the book to its film, but died out. Our problem is that we live rurally and it's hard to get people in
- 2:08:25 PM from Maggie Dumont We have book club kits at our library as well! They are really
- 2:08:26 PM from Stacey Dorish Ashley Bryant, Is there a way we could exchange contact info to discuss your Harry Potter Book Club? That is a huge interest for
- 2:08:32 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList Hi Alexandra! The webinar started a few minutes ago, at 2.
- 2:08:50 PM from Alyssa Krob What is a book club kit?
- 2:08:54 PM from Alexandra Torregrossa @Liz Holden. Thank you.
- 2:09:03 PM from Pat Eick Great idea taking the book group to the retirement center!
- 2:09:19 PM from Maggie Dumont A group of books you check out all together for your group to read
- 2:09:24 PM from Ashley Bryant Stacey Dorish- sure! ashleyb@idapubliclibrary.org
- 2:09:32 PM from Lorie Hyten How do you deal with the problem of HEARING when running a
- 2:09:33 PM from Stacey Dorish Thank you!
- 2:09:40 PM from Meredith York We've had a lot of interest from the older/retiree crowd about starting a books on tap for their age group - we just need a staff
- 2:09:48 PM from Lorie Hyten LOL
- 2:09:52 PM from Deidrah Reeves Our library does "Book Groups to Go" for Adults and Kids...multiple copies and guide in a nicely labeled canvas bag.
- 2:09:59 PM from CATHY REID We have book club kits - 12 copies of a book in a bag with a list of discussion tips and questions. Patrons can check out the entire
- 2:10:03 PM from Maggie Dumont @ Lorie we usually go a bit earlier when it is not as loud



- 2:10:06 PM from Pat Eick We've started creating book club kits for our patrons from the "booked for the Evening" titles as well.
- 2:10:09 PM from Maggie Allbee Dani, you should call it Knit Lit!
- 2:10:14 PM from Maggie Witte I am the facilitator for a book club for visually impaired persons. Kansas Talking Books is involved with a book club but it is run by our patrons. We are looking at possibly starting a conference call book club so patrons throughout the state can be involved rather
- 2:10:16 PM from Alyssa Krob Ok. So the books are chosen already @Maggie
- 2:10:18 PM from Stephanie DeLano Davi I am at a college library and want to start a book club for interested staff and faculty. I've tired starting clubs for students and it is hard to get them involved as they are busy reading texts
- 2:10:20 PM from Meredith York Noise can be a problem in a bar - we meet on the patio when weather allows, and never on the weekend
- 2:10:20 PM from Kim Heaster Book club kits are 8 to 10 titles of the same book in a bag or box that can be checked out. We also put in information about the author and a page for the person checking out the kit to keep
- 2:10:22 PM from Kelly Moore to host (pr The Hating Game was so good!
- 2:10:29 PM from Lisa Palmer One of our succesful book groups have been where people bring what they are reading and booktalk with the rest of the group. its called Noveltea and Coffee Too.. the leader does an amazing job.
- 2:10:31 PM from Amy Lauder Our library just started a book club last year, about the same time we started lending book club in a bag kits - which helps because we're fairly small and don't have a lot of copies of most books!
- 2:10:41 PM from Maggie Witte I'm also looking for ways to get more people involved in our book
- 2:10:43 PM from Shondra Brown Will the chat be available to us later?
- 2:10:44 PM from Amy Lauder we also do big reads 1-2 times/year
- 2:11:09 PM from PEG PELLETIER @Alexandra Torregrossa A Book Club Kit can be the books and the discussion guidelines all in one package - our library system puts them together and the member libraries can borrow them.
- 2:11:09 PM from Lorie Hyten Kim, we have three book clubs that are run that way...

- 2:11:10 PM from Annelise Gordon @Lorie - the bar we meet in has a kind of banquet room that we can reserve and meet in. Can turn off the speaker system and
- 2:11:39 PM from CATHY REID I pick the books. I've encouraged my members to suggest books or to vote on the titles, but so far, they don't want to do that -
- 2:11:44 PM from Lisa Palmer Would Love to connect to who spoke about conference call book group - would like to know more
- 2:11:46 PM from Julie Reinke At first we let them vote, but later the group wanted the leader to
- 2:12:03 PM from Meredith York @Cathy same for us - I offered more choice, but they would rather just show up and find out the titles
- 2:12:18 PM from Maggie Witte @Lindsey, me too
- 2:12:42 PM from Amy Lauder Interesting how different groups choose books! For my private (non-library) book clubs I've been in, we usually take turns
- 2:12:52 PM from Suzanne Gitomer 7 and 8 graders want choice in the book selections but they always pick sci fi or dystopia or fantasy! Hard to get them past those
- 2:13:03 PM from Meredith York @Amy - I offered that as an option, too - but they said "nope"!
- 2:13:22 PM from Pauli Stern In Santa Monica, do you pay the authors for their visits?
- 2:13:47 PM from Pat Eick We first picked the books, then when there were monthly discussion leaders they chose the book. At this point it's a mix of both. If there's a One Book, One Community book through the
- 2:13:48 PM from Maggie Dumont Sheesh I am usually the only Maggie...I see three here!
- 2:13:55 PM from Amy Lauder @Suzanne haha I would love a book group that read more scifi!
- 2:13:58 PM from Julie Reinke Chris Bohjalian likes to do phone interview with book groups.
- 2:14:16 PM from Elizabeth Land Does anyone do a graphic novel book club? It's on our list of possibilities so I was wondering if anyone had already done this.
- 2:14:33 PM from Amber Sowinski That's actually a really interesting idea Elizabeth
- 2:14:39 PM from Maggie Witte I provide options and we take one book club meeting to decide what we're going to read. I use Litlovers.com and book lists to pick books that Talking Books has and make a list and provide it the
- 2:14:44 PM from Julie Reinke We tried a Women's Comic Book Club-- it didn't take.

2:14:53 PM from Regina Crandall Graphic would be great - it's very popular in St Louis

2:15:04 PM from Karyn Witt The Westchester Public Library has a graphic novel book club

2:15:22 PM from Lucinda Sheardown We have done graphic novel months in our thematic/genre clubs. Challenges people who don't normally read them, as they only

2:15:26 PM from TINA PEAK Robert - do you have written policies....as you just reviewed -- for your one book one city program?

2:15:28 PM from Annelise Gordon We have read graphic novels as part of our Books on Tap - we rotate between fiction and nonfiction. They like trying new things

2:15:33 PM from PEG PELLETIER @Elizabeth Land I did one at the correctional facility library where I also work - it was okay, but I needed a better idea of how to

2:15:44 PM from Sandy Mayer Any tips for starting a book club in an assisted living facility? Attempted to start one...did not go well.

2:16:31 PM from Sarah Skinner I just started a "genre" book club. Each month is a different genre and everyone reads a different book. Then we discuss the books AND genre at the meetings. The members leave with book

2:16:32 PM from Joyce Sigler @AshleyBryant - may I also contact you for more information

2:16:34 PM from Aaron Gray I'd like to get feedback on the following from the

2:16:35 PM from Alicia Cavitt I am also looking for ideas for book club at assisted living facilities.

2:16:36 PM from PEG PELLETIER We used audio books for assisted living readers.

2:16:56 PM from Aaron Gray Ooops... try again

2:17:02 PM from CATHY REID I've asked my group several times to email me suggestions - they

2:17:04 PM from Alicia Cavitt Beth B., how did the assisted living group not go well? thanks

2:17:10 PM from Robert Graves Answering Pauli's question... Yes, we do pay authors, but budget does play into our selections. We've also had authors who've appeared for free. We're lucky, being in the greater Los Angeles

2:17:25 PM from Ashley Bryant Joyce Sigler- Absolutely!

2:17:42 PM from Maggie Dumont I am involved in a genre book club as well. We have a list of books in the current genre, which you can read as many or as few as your like, and then we get together talk about the genre as a

- 2:17:49 PM from Aaron Gray I'd like to get feedback on the following from the group/presenters:-- do you provide copies of the books to your members? Also, would anybody be willing to set up a book club kit
- 2:18:13 PM from Matthew Gunby New Hampshire has a statewide sharing system of book kits.
- 2:18:14 PM from Meredith York I also tried voting via SurveyMonkey, but I didn't get much
- 2:18:38 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Sandy -- we have several that meet in assisted living homes. Email me for details: mallbee@henricolibrary.org
- 2:18:39 PM from Maggie Witte We provide copies of the books to our members
- 2:18:45 PM from Kathryn Brandt @Aaron Gray We send out kits to other libraries in our state
- 2:18:51 PM from Meredith York we have participants request the books on their own
- 2:18:51 PM from Debra Schultz We just did a book discussion on "A Town Like Alice", and everyone LOVED it. Several patrons also checked out the BBC mini series, and enjoyed that just as much. Any suggestions for
- 2:18:55 PM from CATHY REID @Aaron - the library buys 12 copies for my discussion group. After the group, we put the books into a book club kit.
- 2:18:57 PM from Amber Sowinski We have people sign up and we will request copies for them
- 2:18:57 PM from Wanda Erickson Maybe this will be discussed, has anyone tried an online club through a google doc? All could edit/share.
- 2:19:07 PM from Aaron Gray My group said they like for me to pick the book so that they can read outside of their boxes. However, we had several books that nobody liked. So now, I pick several and let the group vote before each season. It's working better! We started as mystery club, but
- 2:19:25 PM from Jan Fuetter We provide the books and request copies through ou library
- 2:19:37 PM from Sandy Mayer Beth-what about the need for large print? That's the problem I ran into. Our library did not have enough LP copies or had LP titles
- 2:19:51 PM from Karyn Witt I get many of my book sets from 'Novel Conversations' at Indiana
- 2:19:55 PM from Pauli Stern I run into the LP problem, too.
- 2:19:55 PM from Suzanne Robinson My book club is always welcome to suggest titles. I build a list throughout the year based on suggestion, reviews, and lists online and create a ballot. They vote on the year's books at the annual

- 2:20:06 PM from Lucinda Sheardown That's where a thematic book club works well - we don't need to have so many copies of one book and be limited by that. For each theme, I provide a booklist of a variety of books on the theme that
- 2:20:12 PM from Aaron Gray @ Cathy Reid- Thanks! We do that to, but we provide 8 copies.
- 2:20:22 PM from Lorie Hyten Would like to hear more about hosting on Meetup
- 2:20:27 PM from Gail Kavelman I am from Oxford County Library and I use our book club sets to help us...we have 8 members and our sets generally have 8 books
- 2:20:36 PM from Evan Davis I'm hoping to start a science and technology book club in a public library system with a Main and 13 smaller branches. I've put together a Survey Monkey to link from our Facebook page to gauge interest but am holding off pending ideas from you folks
- 2:20:37 PM from Aaron Gray @ Kathryn Brandt. Thanks! What state do you live in? Do other
- 2:20:52 PM from Beverly Williams For audio books your state Library for the Blind may be able to
- 2:20:59 PM from Kathryn Brandt @Aaron Gray we are in Missouri and several libraries use our kits.
- 2:21:13 PM from Meagan Berry @Gail Kavelman. Hi Gail!
- 2:21:18 PM from Gina Hodnik @Lorie I advertise our Thirsty Thursdays bookclub on meetup to attract people who don't come into the library as much and it
- 2:21:30 PM from Maggie Witte definitely talk to your Talking Books library. we provide books for
- 2:21:32 PM from Maggie Dumont My personal book club had everyone pick a book they wanted to read over 2017 and we drew straws for what month we would read each book. I think this was great because it drew some
- 2:21:55 PM from Gina Hodnik <http://www.meetup.com/Thirsty-Thursdays-Books-on-Tap/>
- 2:22:03 PM from Regina Crandall I like the straw drawing!
- 2:22:09 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Evan Davis -- Can we email about this? It's something I have considered, too. Trying to up our STEM programming.
- 2:22:38 PM from Ashley Bryant Maggie Dumont- That's why my personal book club does, too! I wonder how well that would work in a library club? Especially as
- 2:22:39 PM from Patrice Rand A few of our clubs have donated new kits in memory of their members who have passed away. They usually choose a title that
- 2:22:55 PM from Evan Davis @ Maggie Allbee -- edavis@acpl.info

2:23:36 PM from Maggie Allbee thanks, Evan!

2:23:43 PM from Linda Bond We allow our patrons to read anything they want and then come to talk about it. That way we don't need to have 10 copies at the

2:24:00 PM from Meredith York How do you steer the group away from letting you do most of the talking? I'm afraid my group has come to expect that of me (and I do bring extra resources to add to the discussion), but I'd love it if

2:24:05 PM from Ashley Zengerski I have a new Page to Screen book club that I am attempting to get off the ground--how do you build a basis of people who are interested in attending regularly? How long did it take for those of

2:24:15 PM from Pat Eick We usually have at least on "Readers Choice" month during the

2:24:24 PM from Laura Baker @Ashley Bryant Could we swap contact info to discuss your Harry Potter book club? I think we'd have lots of interest for that here!

2:24:25 PM from Wanda Erickson Can you give examples of ice breaker questions, please?

2:24:44 PM from Kathryn Brandt @Aaron Gray wanted to make sure you saw this: we are in Missouri where a lot of libraries use our services.

2:24:51 PM from Maggie Allbee I have found that just asking if they liked the book is a great way to

2:24:55 PM from Ashley Bryant @Laura Baker- for sure! ashleyb@idapubliclibrary.org

2:24:56 PM from Kim Chiasson In our bk. clb., one our members is usually in charge of the bk. discussion. She researches on-line for the book related discussion questions list. We all take turns answering or contributing to the discussion of the bk. Sometimes it can get a little carried depending on the subject matter of the book that we are reading. My position is to make sure we have enough copies of the book

2:25:07 PM from Rosie Krul @Ashley - for our Page to Screen, we display a copy of the book and DVD at the front desk each month and it's actually lead to a few people asking about it that we may not have had interested

2:25:24 PM from Ashley Zengerski @Lindsey Sandford absolutely! zengerskia@buffalolib.org

2:25:32 PM from Suzanne Gitomer How do you get the "dominating" participants to give the floor to

2:25:35 PM from Meredith York @Rosie - I love that idea!

- 2:25:42 PM from Sandra Meyers I have been leading a "Book Lovers Book Club' since last winter. It's not book club where we all read the same thing, but come together to discuss books. Books we've read, what we want to read, etc. It can be any genre or age group for that matter. It
- 2:25:49 PM from CATHY REID @Meredith - I use some of the discussion questions to get them talking, but our group has been together for awhile and they kind of just start talking. If things stall, I go back to one of the
- 2:26:07 PM from Dani Fritz Generally how long do you dedicate to a books club meetings? One hour? I feel like ours tend to go over the hour we allot.
- 2:26:15 PM from Elizabeth Cronk Suzanne, I have that same question - what to do when someone
- 2:26:32 PM from Amy Lauder I've found the best book club discussions with books that people
- 2:26:44 PM from Maggie Witte Ours is an hour or a little bit less.
- 2:26:45 PM from Maggie Dumont @Sandra I think this is such a great format. This is what I am doing with Books and Brews. It seems like most book clubs I've been involved with get off topic about interesting books we are reading
- 2:26:45 PM from Mary-Beth Mason I facilitate a book club for seniors 60+ and have local sponsors provide lunch - this is how we got a group started and it keeps growing. Although we have them rsvp and cap each month to 10
- 2:26:50 PM from Aaron Gray @ Kathryn Brandt- yes! Thank you! I'm glad they get used. I'd like to get some kind of exchange in my state of Oklahoma.
- 2:26:51 PM from Maggie Allbee most of our book clubs have specific titles for each meeting (we only select titles avail in paperback to make it cheaper to obtain enough copies). Copies for next meeting are distributed at the end of the meeting, and patrons check them out before leaving building. In December, we don't typically pick a title -- it's more of
- 2:26:54 PM from JOYCE MCCOMBS Pass a timer or an Ipad with a countdown of two or three minutes on it --- every speaker has to hold it and STOP when the timer
- 2:26:54 PM from Jan Fuetter We do the page to screen too. We'll read and discuss the book and later that month will show the movie on our big screen. The
- 2:27:05 PM from CATHY REID @Dani - ours usually lasts about an hour. We've all been together a while, so sometimes we go longer because we like to chat.
- 2:27:07 PM from Tina Schmidt ITA, it is much more interesting when they dislike the book!
- 2:27:07 PM from Gwen Denton Can you give some more examples of ice breaker questions

2:27:40 PM from CATHY REID @joyce - that's a great idea!

2:27:41 PM from Robin Salthouse We have good response to read the book/ watch the movie. I've picked up book discussion movies from this two-part program

2:27:51 PM from Aaron Gray How many people have book clubs off-site from the library? I know books clubs at bars was mentioned... For those that do, do

2:28:05 PM from JOYCE MCCOMBS We use it at Summer Readers, too... it gets to be really fun for the kids... stopping in mid-sentence always makes them smile

2:28:22 PM from Elaine Robinson Aside from using meetup, any other ideas of how to attract

2:28:24 PM from Robin Salthouse I'll have members pair up before we begin and discuss a question or issue about the book I pose.

2:28:38 PM from Jan Fuetter We offer book clubs at our library, local winery and local

2:28:41 PM from Kim Heaster One of our book groups meets here at our library monthly the other meets at a local restaurant monthly.

2:28:42 PM from Meredith York We have book clubs both on and off-site. Off-site was simply seen as an advantage to attracting an age group that we don't see at the library as often - plus, it's in the evenings, for those who work

2:28:46 PM from Nancy MacKenzie when do facilitators read the book club book? on work time or

2:28:49 PM from Aaron Gray @ Lindsey Sanford- love the winery idea!

2:28:55 PM from Maggie Allbee anyone use Goodreads for their book clubs? Interested in any use of Goodreads for book clubs at libraries.

2:28:57 PM from Kate Gramlich How do you recruit participants for the discussion facilitators group? Are they staff, or volunteers? I'd love to know more about

2:29:06 PM from Maggie Dumont @Aaron I have found more success offsite. Several attempts at my branch have failed miserably. I think the option to get food or

2:29:24 PM from Aaron Gray @ Nancy MacKenzie- good question-- I read on my personal time

2:29:32 PM from Meredith York @Beth - still nice! I use my own time

2:29:33 PM from Edward Sanchez Any tips on how to keep book club participants coming back? And

2:29:42 PM from Leah Kelley How do you get more people to come to the book club? What have you found to be the most effective way to advertise the book



2:29:46 PM from Maggie Witte I read the book during work time and on the way to and from

2:29:49 PM from Maggie Witte from work

2:30:01 PM from JOYCE MCCOMBS Door prizes work -- random meetings have one, not every one...

2:30:03 PM from Julie Reinke Sometimes you can get a grad student to facilitate.

2:30:04 PM from Amber Christnsen I often ask people who their favourite character is and why

2:30:05 PM from Amber Sowinski i second the question of how to advertise book clubs

2:30:06 PM from Ashley Zengerski @Robin Salthouse Do you always find books/movies to do the same each month, or do you have two separate page to screen programs? We struggle with finding enough material with our

2:30:06 PM from Bee Stillar My bookclub was called "Nacho Mamas"

2:30:08 PM from CATHY REID I've thought about going off site, but not sure if my admin would approve it. We have a great coffee shop nearby that I'd like to try.

2:30:11 PM from Bee Stillar we always had nachos!

2:30:11 PM from Alicia Cavitt I love the idea of comp time for reading the selection. We don't do that now, staff reads on their own time. I'll suggest it.

2:30:21 PM from Wanda Erickson LOVE Station 11!!!

2:30:21 PM from Ashley Bryant @Maggie Allbee- we do, but I don't know how often it gets utilized. I haven't found the best approach to it. I usually add the book, and forget about it. I would be interested to hear how

2:30:39 PM from Maggie Dumont @Wanda ME TOO

2:30:41 PM from Maggie Allbee thanks, Ashley!

2:30:46 PM from Paul Wilson Speed book friending- Speeding dating for book lovers.

2:30:54 PM from CATHY REID Loved Station 11, too - but don't think my group would like it.

2:31:00 PM from Helen Milner Icebreaker: What was your fave book as a child?

2:31:02 PM from Gina Hodnik @Elaine: we have done other millennial programming and actually got a bunch more people when we advertised at our storytimes (millenials are parents). I would say 75% of the people who

- 2:31:21 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Paul Wilson LOVE that idea
- 2:31:28 PM from Kathryn Brandt I've noticed a lot of websites suggest asking people to cast the movie version of the book as an icebreaker.
- 2:31:44 PM from Kate Gramlich What do you do if you have TOO MANY participants? We maxed out (~17ppl) on one club, started another one, and now have maxed out on that one too. Any suggestions beyond just starting a
- 2:31:51 PM from Meredith York How do you attract the Millennials who AREN'T parents?!
- 2:31:58 PM from Tina Schmidt I use Goodreads lists and their goodreads award winners for
- 2:31:58 PM from Meredith York They are the hardest group for us to reach
- 2:31:59 PM from Nancy Buehler ask participants how wouldyou dedcribe this book to a friend?
- 2:32:03 PM from Patty Bailey We are starting a brand new book club, a 30 year book leader is retiring, 8 members of staff are running the new group and we are
- 2:32:11 PM from Nancy Watson What suggestions do you have to motivate readers to read the designated number of pages for each meet up date, so we don't
- 2:32:12 PM from JOYCE MCCOMBS Casting the movie is always our last question in our book club...
- 2:32:32 PM from Gina Hodnik @Lindsey basically we made a bunch of crafts (Scrabble tile coasters, pearler bead ornaments, and mugs) that they could give as gifts. We had some budget money for craft supplies and they
- 2:32:44 PM from Kate Gramlich @Gina - omg I want to know more about the Broke A\$\$ HOLIDAY
- 2:33:03 PM from PEG PELLETIER C@Kate Gramlich Count yourself very fortunate, and start another
- 2:33:04 PM from CATHY REID @Shannon - I've never asked about reading on the clock, but several co-workers seem to think that I should be able to!
- 2:33:09 PM from Nancy Watson What suggestions do you have to motivate readers to read to the designated pages so that discussions don't include "spoilers." This has been a challenge at the high school level with very busy
- 2:33:11 PM from Gayle Gordon We have requested copies from other branches for the group.
- 2:33:11 PM from Amber Christnsen Could you speak to paying staff for the time required to read books. Is that something the staff running the book club should be
- 2:33:18 PM from Cassi Hall Here's a short post about book club "speed dating" ideas:  
<https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/book->

2:33:37 PM from Kate Gramlich @PEG I am very fortunate! Just can't personally run more than 3

2:33:42 PM from Alicia Cavitt I love Station Eleven but I've found it a tough sell for a book club

2:34:07 PM from Alicia Gladwell There are a lot of bookclubs on Meetup. Do any of your libraries use Meetup to "advertise" your bookclubs?

2:34:13 PM from Kate Gramlich @regina- same here. do you weed regularly?

2:34:18 PM from Meredith York I use Meetup to advertise

2:34:21 PM from Carolyn Strickland We have Book Club to Go Kits at our library and staff as well as patron book clubs can reserve a Kit in advance using KitKeeper.

2:34:52 PM from Teresa Bishop NHCPL offers a Book Club in a Bag program

2:34:53 PM from PAT KENNEDY We have book club bags also. We include 8-10 books, questions, reviews, and author bio. If there is a corresponding movie we may

2:34:56 PM from SCOTT SJOLIN My group's selections are "What I didn't read in high school"...

2:35:12 PM from Meredith York @Scott - great idea!

2:35:14 PM from Lisa Palmer we have kits of 10 books. vary in content. we also use the

2:35:16 PM from Linda Baker Our library system does have book discussion sets. approximately 50 titles, sets of 10 books which we try to refresh with classics, popular fiction, non fiction and fiction. We also will use interlibrary

2:35:30 PM from Elaine Robinson any success with walk and talk booktalks in local parks?

2:35:45 PM from Kim Chiasson In our book we have had one of our book authors participate in our book club discussion through skype. That meeting was

2:35:59 PM from PEG PELLETIER @Elaine Robinson Like that idea!

2:36:08 PM from Carolyn Strickland At Lake County Public Library each of our BCTG kits include biographical information about the author as well as sample

2:36:18 PM from Ashley Zengerski We have a One Community One Book program, and it involves both the community and the library system to put together an entire month of events around the title. Robert, how did you obtain funding for your One Book events? Did you seek corporate

2:36:19 PM from Joanna Herlan This might have been asked, but has anyone tried an online book club? We're going to attempt one on Goodreads but I would love

- 2:36:19 PM from Robin Salthouse We are trying book walks, but community didn't seem to get the idea. We are trying the event again, but calling them book talks in
- 2:36:20 PM from Elizabeth Land @Elaine Robinson: I've wanted to do that but haven't figured out
- 2:36:25 PM from Kathryn Brandt I've had an author skype chat with a book group before as well
- 2:36:26 PM from Andrea Larson We don't use book in a bag because we felt that regular patrons should have access to any copies that weren't being used. So we have 330+ titles with 10 copies each shelved in the book club section of our library. We have a staff member who manages
- 2:36:32 PM from Maggie Witte do any of you request books from your State Talking Books library so visually or physically impaired can be involved in your book
- 2:36:32 PM from Evan Davis What do people think of everybody reading the same book for a meeting vs. different people reporting on different books on the
- 2:36:38 PM from Linda Baker @ Elaine Robinson, I like that idea, do you have more
- 2:36:42 PM from Ashley Bryant @Tina Schmidt- Do you get pretty good recommendations that way? Since I run the mystery club, I typically just check Novelist or the Agatha Awards list. But I'm trying to get more active on
- 2:36:52 PM from Gayle Gordon I prefer all reading the same book.
- 2:36:55 PM from Jeff Eling I lead a history book discussion group. For three years, our theme has been reading books about many of the Presidents. It's been very successful particularly because we have a good group.
- 2:36:59 PM from Meredith York what kind of licensing is required for a staged reading program?
- 2:37:07 PM from Joanna Herlan @Evan Davis... I asked a group that questions once and they all said they'd rather read the same book.
- 2:37:08 PM from Elizabeth Cronk We've thought seriously about starting a nonfiction book club, picking one topic per month, but it's daunting. I'd love
- 2:37:11 PM from Maggie Dumont I had a book club meet at a burlesque show doing a show with a book theme, recently. It was pretty amazing. Maybe not work
- 2:37:14 PM from Robin Salthouse Virtual Author visits are really enjoyed by my book group.
- 2:37:15 PM from Stacey Dorish For those of you who run/do any book clubs geared more towards children, have any of you had any success with Mock Newbery or any type of award winner book clubs? Trying hard to get away

- 2:37:27 PM from Gayle Gordon I did go to one meeting where everyone talked about their favorite book, rather than all about one book, and that meeting
- 2:37:33 PM from Aaron Gray @ Scott Sjolin- I love your theme!
- 2:37:34 PM from Maggie Allbee We're getting ready to start a Next Chapter Book Club for adults with developmental disabilities. Google it if you're interested -- it's
- 2:37:40 PM from Tina Schmidt I do but we read a variety of genres. They do award a mystery
- 2:37:43 PM from Andrea Larson Our non-fiction club goes through the Dewey system each year: 1 book from the 100's, the next from the 200's, etc.
- 2:37:49 PM from Christine Thomson We do too have almost 200 titles and storage issues. We started as in-library clubs for seniors and have opened up to community use of our sets of 10 books. It has grown now to the point where we are trying to automate the scheduling of titles for >30 clubs by
- 2:38:07 PM from Kate Gramlich @maggie - where are you? i want your club :P
- 2:38:13 PM from Jan Fuetter We do The Next Chapter Book Club. It's such a joy!
- 2:38:14 PM from Maggie Dumont Boise, ID
- 2:38:32 PM from Nicole Steeves For your s6aged readings, do you write a script? Or just selected
- 2:38:39 PM from Tina Schmidt and Goodreads has a ton of lists voted by members in their
- 2:38:43 PM from CATHY REID The programs that are being talked about sound really cool, but my town and library doesn't have the resources to do that kind of
- 2:38:44 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Joanna Herlan -- We've been toying w/Goodreads. Here's my email if you want to chat! mallbee@henricolibrary.org
- 2:38:52 PM from Kate Gramlich @Maggie - nice! I'm in Lawrence KS and I can see our town totally getting into a book themed burlesque show!
- 2:38:57 PM from Aaron Gray @ Maggie Witte- I haven't requested books from our library for the blind/handicapped, but I think that is a great suggestion.
- 2:38:59 PM from Debbie Unger @Evan Davis The group that meets here often choose different books on a theme for their monthly discussion. It works for them.
- 2:39:06 PM from Maggie Dumont @Kate it was so fun!

- 2:39:24 PM from Linda Baker @ Andrea Larson Oooh, I like that non fiction idea. I will be starting with a new group in December, and monthly we will rotate, one month fiction, next non fiction and next a classic title.
- 2:39:25 PM from Amber Christnsen Do you have an upward registration limit?
- 2:39:26 PM from Elaine Robinson How successful are you getting more men to your groups?
- 2:39:34 PM from Nancy Buehler different books o a theme? please explain?
- 2:39:36 PM from Aaron Gray I prefer reading the same book too. We have done book shares on off-months or busy months (summer/December).
- 2:39:37 PM from Joanna Herlan @ Maggie Allbee -- thanks!! I'm at jherlan@infopeake.org. We
- 2:39:50 PM from Debbie Ashworth I have a blind patron in my group....I always get her title in audio mp3 or from CNIB beforehand. She is very excited that she is
- 2:39:52 PM from Evan Davis How do I save the text of this chat?
- 2:39:55 PM from Jeff Eling Regarding the nonfiction book group question, we only meet once every other month because reading history tends to take longer.
- 2:39:58 PM from Gayle Gordon In all my book club attempts, I have had very few men show up.
- 2:40:08 PM from Leah Carter I'm trying to start up a teen book club that's actually a combination reading and writing club. We read a book of a certain genre and then the next section is writing in the genre. And tips for generating interest? We're trying to start more teen
- 2:40:17 PM from Chris Lundy I could not get my book group to help pick the books. They wanted the librarian to choose everything. The one time I asked everyone to just read one of their favorites and talk about it,
- 2:40:29 PM from Lucinda Sheardown @Cathy Reid - that's where the thematic book club works well. Dont' need a lot of any one book. Just book lists with lots of
- 2:40:31 PM from Meredith York @Gayle - true for us, too, even at a bar!! The men who showed up once never came back. No idea how we scared them off!
- 2:40:32 PM from Maggie Witte @Debbie great. I'm glad she enjoys it
- 2:40:34 PM from Jeff Eling The history book club attracted a lot of men to our group.
- 2:40:45 PM from Mary-Beth Mason how do we get more men to participate in book clubs?

- 2:40:48 PM from Alicia Cavitt A book called A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson and a biography on Elon Musk attracted some male attendees. We rarely see them
- 2:41:00 PM from CATHY REID @Elaine Robinson My group is all women. I've had a couple of men come from time to time, but they don't stay. I try to choose books that would appeal to both men and women, but still just
- 2:41:11 PM from Laura Baker We have a men's book club specifically for men that meets at a
- 2:41:20 PM from Leah Carter @Lindsay I also run a writing club for adults
- 2:41:23 PM from Ashley Zengerski Boys in the Boat definitely attracted men at our library!
- 2:41:23 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Elizabeth Cronk: we have several non-fic book clubs. All have specific titles (rather than themes) each month. They do bio, history, science, memoir....all kinds of books. I read non fic mostly
- 2:41:25 PM from Meredith York We do fiction and non-fiction, a wide variety of topics - still no
- 2:41:28 PM from Maggie Dumont @Leah is that working well?
- 2:41:39 PM from Christine Thomson We have our book title list (wordpress) on our website with links to descriptions and links to Goodreads for reviews. Community clubs use it, but the seniors, not so much. We need to provide
- 2:41:47 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList The chat text will be included in the recording that we will send out in a couple of days. Or you can copy and paste it at the end of
- 2:41:52 PM from Aaron Gray @ Laura Baker- do you have high attendance your men's club? What types of books do you read?
- 2:42:03 PM from Elaine Robinson @Chris Lundy try giving patrons list of books to choose from and pick a certain number they like...sort of like a ballot.
- 2:42:19 PM from Leah Carter @Maggie it's really new so it's hard to know. I haven't had a lot of interest yet but it's also very new. Our first session is next week
- 2:42:21 PM from Laura Baker Attendance comes and goes... but generally we get 8-10 or so.
- 2:42:21 PM from Julie Reinke The Monument's Men book got men to attend. We did that before the movie came out. I think doing a book discussion before
- 2:42:42 PM from Robert Graves @Cathy Reid ... We're definitely lucky with our programming opportunities. But I think there's probably some way to expand upon books within your community. Is there a local university,
- 2:42:49 PM from Leah Carter @ Lindsay it's the club I would have wanted to join as a teen so I

- 2:42:55 PM from Tina Schmidt ITA agree about books about to be films, I often pick those
- 2:43:19 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Andrea Larson -- going thru the Dewey categories! Brilliant!!!
- 2:43:24 PM from Marilyn Mullen My GoodReads Library Book chat  
<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/136131-cranbury->
- 2:43:27 PM from Elizabeth Cronk We read one or two NFs per year in my book club.
- 2:43:31 PM from Gayle Gordon We've had a mystery book club, that dwindled in membership until we decided to stop it for a while. We tried a Manga club, but
- 2:43:32 PM from Lindsey Anderson We have a nonfiction book club at my branch.
- 2:43:40 PM from Michael Nelson We are trying several nonfiction titles in 2018. Patrons have asked
- 2:43:41 PM from Amber Sowinski Our book group does maybe 1 or 2 nf books a year
- 2:43:42 PM from Annelise Gordon We have a group called Better Health that read non fiction about physical and mental health improvements
- 2:43:44 PM from Kate Hudson I have facilitated a non-fiction book discussion for 11 years now!
- 2:43:47 PM from SCOTT SJOLIN Started my group with "short nonfiction" but there weren't enough good titles we could find in the library system. Switched to
- 2:43:47 PM from Karyn Witt We have a 'Popular Books' club that has been meeting for 40 years and all they read is non-fiction
- 2:43:48 PM from Maggie Witte We do a combination of fiction and non-fiction and that normally
- 2:43:49 PM from Amber Sowinski sometimes its hit or miss
- 2:43:50 PM from Patrice Rand We include nonfiction titles like In the Kingdom of Ice. They
- 2:43:59 PM from Fiona Lama Yes, Stamped From the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi was a great non-fiction choice. Long book though!
- 2:44:02 PM from Jan Fuetter We read half fiction and half non-fiction.
- 2:44:03 PM from Suzanne Robinson I offer my club a mix. We read at least 2 nonfiction and 1 or 2
- 2:44:09 PM from Christine Thomson We have many non-fiction books in our list of 200, and clubs do choose them - especially biography.



- 2:44:11 PM from Jeff Eling History is good I think for attracting more men. WE have been successful for three years with a mix of men and women.
- 2:44:11 PM from Susan Earle I do non-fiction, this year I am doing Hidden Figures and discussion will center on tie-in with the movie.
- 2:44:12 PM from Debbie Ashworth Our group loves non fiction but our resources are limited. We are a group of all women and our tastes are very diverse. We have had great success with titles such as Devil in the white city, The
- 2:44:15 PM from Deb Fafara Yes, I have many people take our chosen book of the month I call "Shadow readers" that read the books then return them and talk to the person at the desk about the book. Then don't actually come to the meeting. We average Historical Fiction books.
- 2:44:17 PM from Maggie Allbee yes, goodreads's Listopia is where i find soooooooo many great
- 2:44:18 PM from Gayle Gordon I love non-fiction and would love to have that kind of book club, but I've been worried it would not get much attention.
- 2:44:20 PM from Elaine Robinson @Leah Carter Is the writing club/book club working well for you. Any additional info you can provide..number of participants, time
- 2:44:20 PM from Alicia Cavitt I personally prefer fiction but our nonfiction titles usually have good turnouts and bring in newcomers.
- 2:44:35 PM from Mary Hubbard Every other month we do non-fiction. It's generally well received.
- 2:44:41 PM from Lisa Palmer Non fiction sure fires that went well for us was The Immortal Life of Henrietta lacks, and Empty Mansions by bill Dedman
- 2:44:44 PM from Erin Poehlman We choose monthly. I try to incorporate YA, nonfic, fic, etc. into each list of choices. This seems to work better than having a
- 2:44:44 PM from CATHY REID Our group mostly does fiction, but I try to choose one nonfiction title every year. My most successful discussion was Wild, by Cheryl Strayed. I'd plan to to When Breath Becomes Air next year if it
- 2:44:45 PM from Debbie Ashworth I try to stick with non fiction that reads like fiction.
- 2:45:00 PM from Lisa Colcord My group does books that have been turned into movies. Usually we have one or two nf titles a year.
- 2:45:04 PM from Leah Carter @Elaine our first session is on tuesday but I only have one person
- 2:45:05 PM from Maggie Witte We've done Dead Wake, When Breath Becomes Air, and are going to do Killers of the Flower Moon next month.

2:45:07 PM from xx xxx We do a mix of fiction and non-fiction, along with a classic every

2:45:09 PM from Renee Findahl We do several NF books/year that usually go over well.. As long as they're a good narrative NF, not text-booky.

2:45:09 PM from Gayle Gordon I'm in a book club now that is not part of the library that alternates between fiction and non-fiction.

2:45:12 PM from Chris Lundy Our group does about 3-4 non-fiction per year, including at least on biography. Another near-by library has a non-fiction book club,

2:45:12 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Joyce McCombs -- We have a book group like that! Members read a different YA book every month and meet to discuss.

2:45:18 PM from Maggie Dumont Most of our participants get really excited about nonfiction and

2:45:21 PM from Susan Amann We have a very enthusiastic History book club which evolved from a Civil War grant program --still going strong for 3 years.

2:45:21 PM from Meredith York The Lost City of Z got a good response for our non-fic

2:45:25 PM from Kate Gramlich Being Mortal was an interesting book club discussion for us.

2:45:36 PM from Kate Hudson Yes, NARRATIVE nonfiction is what our nonfiction book discussion

2:45:37 PM from Julie Reinke Its fun to take a fiction book based on a true story and compare

2:45:39 PM from Gayle Gordon Has anyone used Meetup to bring in members?

2:45:46 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Linda Baker -- That's a really good rotation, IMHO -- fiction, non,

2:45:49 PM from PEG PELLETIER Group thoughts on a book discussion group based on the Black

2:45:50 PM from Janet Yost We have the Shadow Reader problem as well. They check out the books and don't come. This leaves not enough copies for the book

2:45:57 PM from Wanda Erickson THIS IS FANTASTIC!!! Thank you all for sharing and for hosting this

2:45:59 PM from Meredith York @Gayle - yes, several of us use meetup

2:46:02 PM from Jan Fuetter The Zookeepers Wife and Unbroken were uber popular for us.

2:46:07 PM from Renee Findahl And, wheather fiction or nonfiction, if the author is coming for a speaking engagement, that amps up interest.

- 2:46:10 PM from Alicia Cavitt For retirement communities/assisted living book clubs, are titles that contain sex/violence a turn off to the book club members?
- 2:46:19 PM from Lindsey Sanford @ Leah don't give up! The first meeting of my writing group (which ranges in ages 16 - 60+) had 4 people. I was like "oh no..." but the second meeting we had 8 and a year and a half later we
- 2:46:21 PM from Kate Gramlich PEG- I'm into that idea, we currently have a Social Justice Book
- 2:46:21 PM from Gail Kavelman I am so very sorry but I do need to leave now for a meeting
- 2:46:24 PM from Gayle Gordon I think Meetup is great, but our library doesn't have an account.
- 2:46:25 PM from Maggie Witte We're actually doing, I think, 4 nonfiction books this year.
- 2:46:27 PM from Gail Kavelman Thank you all so much
- 2:46:35 PM from Gail Kavelman Will we get the notes?
- 2:46:39 PM from Ashley Zengerski Has anyone had more success with a digital book club than physical meetup--and what did you use to run the digital program?
- 2:46:42 PM from Susan Amann We try to include at least one non-fiction, one classic and one
- 2:46:43 PM from Theresa Tittle our Big Read (system wide, one book read) was Being Mortal -
- 2:46:45 PM from Leah Carter @Elaine we're running it as an after school program, so it's
- 2:46:51 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList Gail, the chat text will be included in the recording that we will send out in a couple of days. Or you can copy and paste it at the
- 2:46:54 PM from Denise Engel The Devil in the White City, Stiff and Quiet were interesting
- 2:47:00 PM from Gail Kavelman Okay
- 2:47:03 PM from Wanda Erickson Could Novellst do a webinar on hosting a BigRead please?
- 2:47:11 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList Thanks for coming, Gail!
- 2:47:13 PM from Dani Fritz @Peg that is a great idea, I would worry about people protesting it depending on what your local atmosphere is like
- 2:47:13 PM from Maggie Dumont mdumont@cityofboise.org Just throwing this out there :)
- 2:47:14 PM from Gail Kavelman My name is Gail Kavelman

2:47:29 PM from Sarah Skinner I am in a book club with some of my lady frineds and we keep it to non-fiction. Everyone enjoyed Furiously Happy by Jenny Lawson

2:47:31 PM from Julie Graham Echonig Wands on future webinar on BigRead / community reads -

2:47:32 PM from Aaron Gray I don't use Meetup, but I use bookmovement.com

2:47:34 PM from Gail Kavelman I think there is another Gayle online

2:47:40 PM from Ashley Bryant @Ashley Zengerski- we're starting a private Facebook group for our Harry Potter book club. Haven't started it yet, but we have a pretty good idea of how we're going to run it... just have to see

2:47:51 PM from Gayle Gordon There's a Gayle and a Gail, I think!

2:47:57 PM from Gail Kavelman I think the chat messages are a bit incorrect

2:48:01 PM from Amber Sowinski for those who use goodreads for book clubs, do you get

2:48:07 PM from Don Priest I've started a digital book club, I use a free site called freeforums.net. It hasn't gotten much interest yet, but I'm hopeful it will take off. The board gets a lot of visitors, not a lot of

2:48:07 PM from Wanda Erickson @AshleyBryant wonderful idea!!! A facebook group!!!

2:48:14 PM from Gail Kavelman thanks again

2:48:15 PM from Joanna Herlan @Ashley Zengerski - we're going to try one on Goodreads, but haven't started the book club aspect yet

2:48:18 PM from Denise Engel Has anyone done a book club with a special needs community?

2:48:19 PM from Gayle Gordon I've tried Goodreads, but it didn't help much.

2:48:24 PM from Laurel Bradshaw I do an annual "theme" with one of my groups, where 3-4 of the monthly titles fit a theme. We did "Black Lives Matter" this year

2:48:26 PM from xx xxx We also have a tea-time mystery book club, where the (mostly ladies) serve tea and cookies while discussing murder mystery

2:48:27 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList Thanks, Gail! All participants will get the recording in a couple of

2:48:30 PM from Ashley Zengerski @Ashley Bryant I would love to learn more about how you're using Facebook for that... can we continue to chat about it?

2:48:43 PM from Maggie Allbee We had a military-themed book club. Each book was about war, veterans, battles, etc. -- mix of fiction/non fiction. Promoted it to

- 2:48:44 PM from PEG PELLETIER @Dani Fritz Hadn't thoguht of that - was more thinking of how to
- 2:48:52 PM from Wanda Erickson Liz will there be like a certificate of attendance?
- 2:48:53 PM from Kate Gramlich if anyone wants to swap ideas - kgramlich@lplks.org :)
- 2:49:00 PM from Sandy Mayer Leah-that's what I do with my book club. I create a ballot and group picks 5-6 books. The group reads the books that received most votes. Has worked well for 15 years I've been running the
- 2:49:03 PM from Cindy Krul In our adult club we have 3 members who are parents with young children, and they participate digitally by emailing me their reviews on the book . I share them wtih the group at the meeting, then send out a summary of our discussion after the meeting to
- 2:49:04 PM from Alicia Gladwell I live on Goodreads!
- 2:49:06 PM from Alicia Cavitt I'd like to know about forming online book clubs at the library.
- 2:49:15 PM from Ashley Bryant @Ashley Zengerski- absolutely! ashleyb@idapubliclibrary.org
- 2:49:16 PM from Maggie Witte @Alicia sex/violence is a turn off for some of my book club members, but they've become more okay with the more books we read and the better the discussion has become with books that
- 2:49:21 PM from Anna Van Scoyoc there's a charge to juse meetup, right?
- 2:49:26 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList You can download a certificate for this presentation at <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/book->
- 2:49:26 PM from Jan Fuetter The Next Chapter Book Club is for adults with development disabilities. We partner with our community adult DD facility.
- 2:49:36 PM from Maggie Dumont I use Goodreads to keep track of my own books to use for readers advisory, but not really for my book club groups
- 2:49:39 PM from Gayle Gordon I love Goodreads for my own reading lists, but Goodreads book
- 2:49:42 PM from Stacey Dorish My college roommate is from Durham so I have been there A LOT. The bar scene is amazing! Not only great fun and relaxing, but I know why you use that scene to reach a variety of interested
- 2:49:53 PM from kristine Quinn Is this webinar going to be available to listen to later?
- 2:49:53 PM from Jessica Gilson Has anyone sponsored an in person meet up of an online book club? e.g. Harry Potter Alliance, Our Shared Shelf (Emma

- 2:49:56 PM from Wanda Erickson @Alicia Cavitt YES to online clubs
- 2:50:41 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList We will be sending a recording to all participants in a couple of
- 2:50:43 PM from Edward Sanchez Do ya'll have more success with book clubs outside the library... at
- 2:50:46 PM from Dani Fritz @Peg I know where we are we would have a few angry calls and emails for sure (which shouldn't/wouldn't deter us), I think the idea of a more general name/theme of social justice and activism
- 2:50:46 PM from Deb Fafara We tried off site location. Did not go ver well. Met at local bar type place. too noisy, hard to hear everyone, too many side
- 2:51:28 PM from Kate Gramlich @peg, @dani - yeah, the more general social justice one is a nice way to recruit more people and then totally sneak BLM into there
- 2:51:34 PM from Sarah Skinner We host a book club at a locally owned bar and another at an independent coffee shop. The bar book club is extremely popular. We've had to consider doing 2 sessions because so many folks
- 2:51:50 PM from Alicia Cavitt With online book clubs are they "live" or ongoing discussion over a
- 2:52:05 PM from Maggie Allbee I used to do a book club @ the art museum where i worked. it was pretty popular, esp. since we did a gallery tour related to the book, too. email me for details if you're interested:
- 2:52:09 PM from Suzanne Robinson How do you pay for meetup subscription?
- 2:52:16 PM from Amber Sowinski Alicia that was my question too
- 2:52:24 PM from Sharon Benedict I hold a book discussion at an area Senior housing site. It's been going on for about 9 years, residents have come and gone, but we read a book a month. I am the designated leader, which
- 2:52:28 PM from Gayle Gordon That's the thing about Meetup. The library would have to pay for a
- 2:52:29 PM from Mary-Beth Mason Please keep sharing titles for One Read city titles to consider
- 2:53:01 PM from PEG PELLETIER @Kate Gramlich @dani It's a conversation in its infancy here, but starting. I'd like our library to be a part of that.
- 2:53:07 PM from Maggie Dumont @Helen So good. I loved that book
- 2:53:08 PM from Don Priest My online club is a message board, updated with upcoming books, and after each discussion to let online participants know what happened, what general thoughts were, etc. Make them part of

2:53:18 PM from Alicia Cavitt I am interested in info on online book clubs or clubs at facilities for seniors. Sharon, you can email me any input at

2:53:29 PM from Elaine Robinson Wish we could tie participation with students. If they knew they could attend a program and that would be credit in place of writing an essay, more students would participate....anything to

2:53:34 PM from Teresa Bishop One Read - The Things They Carried

2:53:39 PM from Pauli Stern One Read: Homegoing; Sandcastle Girls

2:53:44 PM from Maggie Dumont He's coming out with a book about pirates (?) on the MOON.

2:53:56 PM from Leah Carter @Elaine that is something I would like to do with my teen club

2:54:18 PM from Jan Fuetter Community Read - Hillbilly Elfegy

2:54:28 PM from Wanda Erickson Anyone tried an Inspirational Book Club with local faith based

2:54:28 PM from Andrea Larson One Read: The Story Hour by Thrity Umrigar

2:54:44 PM from Julie Graham past One Read titles - Boys in the Boat, The Martian, The Girl Who

2:54:52 PM from Jessica Gilson KC's Big Read is The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

2:54:57 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Alicia Cavitt -- yes, in our experience, seniors are put off by books w/graphic sex, language, etc.

2:55:00 PM from Lorie Hyten Please send link to chat transcript?

2:55:00 PM from Erin Poehlman We met down the hall at the senior center, and no one would would eat, because they were afraid to mess up the room!

2:55:03 PM from Lee Johnson We have a book club at our church

2:55:09 PM from Sharon Benedict I would love to do a graphic novel with my group, but when I've

2:55:10 PM from Alicia Cavitt Thanks, all. Great chat topics.

2:55:14 PM from Leah Kelley We have had a request for a "Parent Book Club" to discuss chapter books that are of good quality for their children. Any ideas about

2:55:14 PM from Wanda Erickson How does it go Lee

2:55:15 PM from Sandy Mayer Gayle would like to discuss more with you. Please email

2:55:20 PM from Maggie Dumont Community Read: The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett

2:55:20 PM from Renee Findahl One Read: Just Mercy; Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks;

2:55:24 PM from Elizabeth Cronk One librarian in our system has a cozy mystery club and she gets restaurants to make a recipe from each book for each meeting. I can't imagine! But then they visit restaurants in that town that

2:55:27 PM from Lisa Palmer my challenge is keeping the momento going! -

2:55:32 PM from Aaron Gray @ Jessica Gilson - good question and idea. I hadn't thought about

2:55:37 PM from PEG PELLETIER One Read: Just Mercy

2:55:40 PM from Meredith York @Leah - that sounds interesting! Maybe get the children's dept

2:55:43 PM from Gayle Gordon Low attendance has been the main problem for us.

2:55:49 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList You can copy and paste the chat yourself. It will also be in the recording that we send in a couple of days.

2:55:56 PM from Erin Poehlman Amen! A ton of work! Please tell my boss...he has no idea!

2:56:01 PM from Don Priest Same Gayle, just can't get people to come, or stay if they do

2:56:06 PM from Lee Johnson participation waxes and wanes but every contributes to the book selection list and we choose 12 at the beginning of the year...one

2:56:21 PM from Lucinda Sheardown @Leah Kelly - the adult book club that reads junior and YA reads works for those parents too, as well as teachers and people, like

2:56:24 PM from Deb Fafara I get people to come by FEEDING them lol

2:56:28 PM from Gayle Gordon I don't mind the work, but some ideas for marketing.

2:56:40 PM from Pat Eick Most programs do better with food!

2:56:40 PM from Lee Johnson we choose mostly Fiction but 1-2 NF also

2:56:43 PM from Ashley Bryant @Elizabeth Cronk- so jealous! I wanted to do that, but I'm new to this area and have no knowledge of the local restaurants, and when I brought it up I was told, "You don't want to do that around

2:56:44 PM from Suzanne Robinson I use BookMovement.com wit my group

2:56:45 PM from Gayle Gordon We've even had food and couldn't keep them!



- 2:56:49 PM from Maggie Allbee We have trouble getting our book club kits to circulate. How do we make them more popular w/our patrons? Help!
- 2:56:50 PM from Laurel Bradshaw I'm going to try something new in January - a craft/knitting and book club that will not have assigned books, but might try having some general suggestions, like read a cozy mystery to share, or read a book with a red cover, or something like that. Has anyone
- 2:56:56 PM from Maggie Dumont I subscribe to a lot of Book Riot lists, they are amazing for finding good reads for my groups. Too good sometimes. My tbr list is
- 2:57:12 PM from Julie Kelly Do we have access to this chat after the fact?
- 2:57:16 PM from Maggie Dumont @Helen That sounds amazing!!
- 2:57:16 PM from Don Priest People are suggesting food: what do you do for that? Library provides, potluck, something else?
- 2:57:19 PM from Leah Carter For the tweens especially, if you provide food, they will come. I have quite the lively group of grades 5-7
- 2:57:35 PM from Alicia Cavitt Our book club faces the threat of being cancelled due to low attendance. We have a small, loyal group of attendees who come even when they don't enjoy the book. We have a hard time
- 2:57:36 PM from Renee Findahl challenge of fluxuating participation/attendance
- 2:57:42 PM from Maggie Allbee @ Denise Engel -- do a google search for Next Chapter Book Club
- 2:57:45 PM from Leah Carter @Don I take it out of my programming budget
- 2:57:45 PM from Novelist Team Lots of requests for chat! We will post it as a text file for you to
- 2:57:50 PM from Maggie Witte We provide snacks and water for the group that is funded by our
- 2:57:52 PM from Kate Gramlich @Maggie Allbee - we've done displays with our book club titles, and started a Book Club Speed Dating program a couple years ago.
- 2:58:05 PM from Linda Baker I'm on the desk now. Enjoyed the session. Thank you everyone!!!!
- 2:58:08 PM from Maggie Dumont @Helen did you bring in food from the cookbooks?
- 2:58:09 PM from Elizabeth Cronk I think it's useful to be in the group when I'm the person who chooses their books - then I know what they like and don't like.
- 2:58:10 PM from Wanda Erickson Thank you for txt file

- 2:58:11 PM from Alicia Cavitt I wish we could offer refreshments but it's against our policy.
- 2:58:12 PM from Denise Engel I will thank you
- 2:58:13 PM from Erin Poehlman We have light snacks. Cookies or some sweet with a salty/crunchy thing on the side. Tea, hot chocolate, water.
- 2:58:15 PM from Pat Eick Usually chips and other salty treats, cookies or cakes
- 2:58:16 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList THanks for coming, Linda!
- 2:58:19 PM from CATHY REID I've brought snacks a few times (that I paid for), and nobody ate any of it! So I haven't done it again for a while.
- 2:58:22 PM from Dani Fritz @Peg sorry, had to step away to help a patron. I think it is a fantastic idea -- I wish I could give it ago but I don't know if our conservative area would handle it well. There are so many great
- 2:58:23 PM from Lori Siegel Sometimes if attendance is continually low...it's time to rethink
- 2:58:35 PM from Amanda Zuccarelli We usually have 2 potlucks a year with snacks & desserts
- 2:58:35 PM from Gayle Gordon I'm on the desk, too. Looking forward to the recording! There was a lot going on here. Hard to keep up!
- 2:58:43 PM from Sharon Benedict I've tried both all reading the same and everyone sharing their book. These have both been at Senior housing, so it depended a lot on the members. One group had a couple who outlined the book and came totally prepared, the rest of the participates were
- 2:58:45 PM from Leah Carter Adult book club is usually tea and cookies
- 2:58:46 PM from Liz Holdzkom, NoveList Thanks, Gayle!
- 2:58:46 PM from Julie Rekow In Neptune Beach, FL we have a Flamingo Book Club and base our selections on books written about Florida or written by Florida
- 2:58:47 PM from Erin Poehlman I'm happy with three people! We usually get 7 to 9.
- 2:58:47 PM from Debbie Unger our bookclub wraps up the year with a potluck where they make a new recipe from one of the cookbooks on our shelves
- 2:58:50 PM from Pauli Stern Jenn McKinlay has the library lover's mystery series, and they do a
- 2:59:03 PM from Don Priest I've tried food before, will think about trying again with these
- 2:59:04 PM from Leah Carter I usually go for chips and juice for the tweens.

2:59:05 PM from Maggie Allbee I have to go to a meeting. Thank you for such a great webinar! Please have more of these -- or a part 2!!! Thank you in advance

2:59:12 PM from CATHY REID I usually get 4 to 6 every month.

2:59:19 PM from Novelist Team Thanks Maggie!

2:59:20 PM from Wanda Erickson THIS WAS GREAT!!! Yes I am yelling.

2:59:29 PM from Novelist Team Wanda <3

2:59:31 PM from Maggie Dumont Loved this! Thank you!

2:59:33 PM from Alexandra Torregrossa Thanks for this presentation. For those of us who are thinking about possibly starting book clubs, you have given us many things

2:59:59 PM from Deb Fafara In our case, I am the facilitator, no one else wanted to do it. Library (me) provides snacks that are some way related to the book - by place, people or events occurring in the book. I continually ask for food suggestions, but they want me to keep

3:00:02 PM from Pat Eick Thank you! A lot of good ideas for boosting participation and new

3:00:03 PM from PEG PELLETIER Wanda - me too! :)

3:00:05 PM from Jan Fuetter Great ideas. Thank you.

3:00:12 PM from Kate Gramlich A regular chat or listserv would be awesome. FB group?

3:00:12 PM from Elizabeth Cronk What a good example of a book that didn't work! I wish I could

3:00:22 PM from Debbie Ashworth thank you very informative