

Resources

Books

Gelman, Judy and Vicki Levy Krupp. *The Book Club Cookbook*. Penguin, 2004. This guide provides discussion questions and recipes for 100 popular book club selections. See also *The Kids' Book Club Book* by the same authors.

Jacobsohn, Rachel W. *The Reading Group Handbook: Everything You Need to Know to Start Your Own Book Club*. Hyperion, 1998. The author has led reading groups for 20 years, and her discussion of group dynamics is especially helpful.

McMains, Victoria Golden. *The Readers' Choice: 200 Book Club Favorites*. Harper, 2000. Based on the author's newspaper column, "Book Club Favorites," this is a list compiled from over 70 reading groups across the country.

O'Hare, Mary, and Rose Storey. *Recipe for a Book Club: A Monthly Guide for Hosting Your Own Reading Group*. Capital Books, 2004. Written by two sisters, this book recommends reading themes and a menu for each month.

Pearl, Nancy. *Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment and Reason*. Sasquatch Books, 2003. These book lists were compiled by the dynamic librarian who created the library program "If All Seattle Read the Same Book," which served as an inspiration for similar programs around the country. See also *More Book Lust* and *Book Crush for Kids and Teens* by the same author.

Scrafford, Barbara. *Literary Feasts: Recipes from the Classics of Literature*. iUniverse, 2004. More than just recipes, this book features a collection of essays on the significance of food in literature.

Wenger, Shaunda, and Janet Jensen. *The Book Lover's Cookbook: Recipes Inspired by Celebrated Works of Literature, and the Passages That Feature Them*. Ballantine Books, 2005. This book offers recipes that are related to foods mentioned in books, and quotes from writers about books and reading.

Articles

Dempsey, Beth. "[Why Your Library Should Get On the One Book, One Community Bandwagon.](#)" *Library Journal*, September 1, 2009.

Nagaraj, Amulya. "[Online Book Clubs Make the Rounds Following E-Book Popularity.](#)" *International Business Times*, September 4, 2010.

Wu, Katie. "[The Book Club Phenomena.](#)" *The State of Publishing, Timothy McSweeney's Internet Tendency*, February 8, 2011.

Selected Websites

Along with an increase in the popularity of face-to-face book & film clubs, there has also been an explosion of online book & film clubs and resources. These sites will help you get started. See also the [Learning Links](#) in the Teachers section of the MASTERPIECE website. (Note that websites and URLs frequently change. These sites were verified as of 2011.)

BookBuffet

www.bookbuffet.com

BookBuffet is a news and social networking site for book groups and avid readers. It offers literary news, book reviews, author interview podcasts, and a free set of tools for registered book groups to help them organize, connect, keep an archive of books they read, share book reviews and ratings, and purchase books online.

BookClubGirl

www.bookclubgirl.com

This blog and online radio channel shares news on books, interviews with authors, and tips for book clubs.

Book Club Queen

www.book-club-queen.com

This site helps readers learn about book clubs and locate local clubs, find recommendations of great book club books, and connect with popular authors in exclusive interviews. In the "Life Between My Pages" newsletter, authors share their own personal stories.

Book-Clubs-Resource

www.book-clubs-resource.com

This site contains information on starting and running an in-person or online book club, links to reading groups, and reading group guides.

Book Group Buzz

<http://bookgroupbuzz.booklistonline.com/>

This blog, created by the well-respected professional journal *Booklist*, features a blog about books, plus thousands of book reviews for librarians, book groups, and book lovers.

Book Movement

www.bookmovement.com

This site tracks the most popular book selections of 16,000 book clubs nationwide and provides a reading guide for each book with discussion questions, reviews from book clubs, author notes, and more. The site also offers monthly book giveaways, tips for running a book club, and free private web pages for book clubs.

Book Spot

www.bookspot.com

This site offers useful links for book reviews, author interviews, reading lists, and publishing lists.

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress

<http://read.gov/cfb/>

Each of the 50 states has a State Center for the Book dedicated to promoting books, literature, and literacy. Check out the resources on the site, as well as the "[One Book Projects Grow in Popularity](#)" article.

ESO Book Club at the General Federation of Women's Clubs

www.GFWC.org/ESO

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is a national honorary literary society made up of community volunteers in all 50 states who participate in reading clubs and activities for literary interest and self-enrichment.

Goodreads

<http://www.goodreads.com/>

This popular social media site provides a way to record what you are reading, recommend titles, and post reviews, as well as to join a variety of book club groups.

The Great Books Foundation

www.greatbooks.org

Founded in 1947, the Great Books Foundation uses a Shared Inquiry™ discussion approach, anthologies, guides, and workshops for book group leaders. Their audiences range from K–12 students, to groups at colleges and universities, to more informal book groups.

Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org/div/pf/entry/48523>

The updated site provides helpful links to book club and discussion sites, online books, book reviews, and more.

Oprah's Book Club

http://www.oprah.com/book_club.html

Even though the Oprah Book Club is no longer on the air, you can find book suggestions and videos of previous author visits and book discussions, as well as book club guides.

Reader's Circle

www.readerscircle.org

This site provides local listings for book clubs and author events in the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Reading Group Choices

www.readinggroupchoices.com

This site suggests books and discussion topics for reading groups. Its annual guide is distributed to libraries, reading groups, bookstores, community book festivals, and individuals.

Reading Group Guides

www.readinggroupguides.com

This site offers advice and tips for running a book club, plus discussion questions and recipes for hundreds of books.

Seattle Public Library

<http://www.spl.org/library-collection/books-movies-and-music/book-groups/book-group-how-tos>


This portion of the library site is dedicated to "Book Group How-tos" and offers tips on getting started, choosing books, coming up with good discussion questions, and more.

National Women's Book Association

<http://www.wnba-books.org/>

In October, the WNBA holds a series of events to celebrate National Reading Group Month. Contact the national organization or local chapter to find out how to coordinate with them.

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