

# Book Club Resources

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## Web Sites

### *BookBuffet*

[www.bookbuffet.com](http://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, and share book reviews and ratings.

### *BookClubGirl*

[www.bookclubgirl.com/](http://www.bookclubgirl.com/)

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

### *Book-Clubs-Resource*

[www.book-clubs-resource.com](http://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.

### *BookMovement*

[www.bookmovement.com](http://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](http://www.bookspot.com)

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

### *DailyLit.com*

[www.dailylit.com](http://www.dailylit.com)

This company sends entire books via email or RSS—including many classics that have been featured on MASTERPIECE—in short, customized installments. The site also provides discussion forums.

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

[www.GFWC.org/ESO](http://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.

*The Great Books Foundation*

[www.greatbooks.org](http://www.greatbooks.org)

This site offers programs for all ages and provides probing questions about literature.

*Readerville*

[www.readerville.com](http://www.readerville.com)

This site contains all kinds of literary news, tips on books of interest, as well as lively, in-depth discussions of numerous titles.

*Reader's Circle*

[www.readerscircle.org](http://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](http://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](http://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*

[www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=collection\\_readinglists\\_bookclub\\_howtos](http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=collection_readinglists_bookclub_howtos)

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

*SparkNotes*

[www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)

These literary guides provide background information, character analysis, recurring themes, and discussion questions about many classic texts.

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