



# Book groups and kits

Book groups are a great way to meet people, engage in lively discussion, discover new authors and exchange ideas.

Set up a new group for your local community or with friends, neighbours or colleagues. Stanton Library hosts many book groups and can also help you set up a new group. [Register your interest](#) in joining or starting a book group and our staff will help you connect with others.

## Getting started

- Try to start with around 10 members, as not everyone will be able to come to every meeting. A small number (6-10) will allow everyone to participate, while larger groups (10+) may allow for greater variety.
- Encourage everyone in the group to suggest titles to read - this way, members will be reading books they would not normally choose for themselves. Some groups are genre-based - for example, crime, romance, biography or science fiction clubs.
- Find a venue that is easy to access and comfortable to meet and chat. Some groups take turns meeting in each other's homes, and some prefer to meet in a café, pub, community centre, or other public space. Stanton Library has [bookable meeting rooms](#) available at a cost.
- Most groups meet once a month on a particular day and time, e.g. first Monday of the month at 7pm. Many groups aim for about an hour of discussion. Once everyone knows each other well, meetings may last for longer and include refreshments.
- Every book group should have a coordinator to keep everyone organised and informed. Communicating by email or Whats App is an effective way to share details of the next meeting, what is being read and any last-minute changes or arrangements. This role can be shared within the group.
- Meetings can be as formal or casual as you like. Each discussion needs a leader, and this role can be rotated within the group - it is usually the person who chose the book. This role is to keep the discussion moving while ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to share their point of view.





## Book club kits

Our book club kits are available to borrow - and we've chosen some exciting titles that will get your book group talking.

- Book club kits are available for loan to Shorelink Library members.
- Kits must be borrowed and returned as a complete set from the Customer Service Desk at Stanton Library. They can be borrowed for a six week period, with no renewals.
- Reservations cannot be placed on book club kits. However, you are welcome to phone ahead to get the kit put aside for a day or two. In the unlikely event that items are returned late, or a book is lost, the usual fees apply.
- The kits include 8-10 copies of a single book, along with some background information and discussion questions. Some kits may also include an audiobook, a large print copy, or a film version of the book on DVD where possible. We will also purchase eBook and eAudiobook versions of titles when available.
- You can search the library catalogue and see [available book club kits](#).

If you have any suggestions for book club kit titles or any other questions, please contact us:

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