

Reading doesn't need to be a solitary passion

- ◆ Enjoy stimulating discussion with other passionate readers
- ◆ Read books purchased and reserved especially for Book Clubs
- ◆ Discuss the best in contemporary literature in a friendly, relaxed and informal atmosphere
- ◆ Gain access to support materials and book reviews
- ◆ Meet new people

Join or start a Book Club

Ever wanted to start a book club? Or do you have an existing club, but don't want to buy 10 copies of a book?

The Mareeba Shire Libraries Book Club service is for library members who would like to lead, or join a book club,

MSC Libraries will support your community book club by providing you with our book sets. Each pack contains ten copies of the one title, plus other book club material.

Book club coordinators can register the group with any of the MSC Libraries to access these sets.

Membership

- ◆ The Book Club Program is available to members of Mareeba Shire Libraries.
- ◆ Library membership is FREE and joining is as easy as visiting the nearest branch of MSC Library with proof of current residential address.
- ◆ MSC Book Club sets comprise 10 copies of the same title together with background notes.
- ◆ A range of titles can be offered including fiction and non-fiction.
- ◆ Book club titles are issued individually to Book club members
- ◆ Each club is to be made up of maximum of ten (10) members. A minimum of six (6) members is recommended.
- ◆ The nominated leader is responsible for reserving titles.

- ◆ Clubs may nominate their own venue i.e. member's homes, café or library branch.
- ◆ Meetings held at a library branch must be held during opening hours and are subject to available space
- ◆ Book Club members are encouraged to provide feedback and suggest new titles.
- ◆ Title requests will be taken into consideration and honoured where possible.
- ◆ There is no charge to be a member of a MSC book club

Loan Period

- ◆ The Loan period for book club kits is six (6) weeks.
- ◆ Book club titles may be renewed provided they are not reserved.
- ◆ Book club titles must be returned by the due date or late fees will apply.
- ◆ If Book Club members have not finished reading their designated book by the end of the loan, they may be able to borrow the same title from the library's lending collection.

Late, Damaged or Lost Books

- ◆ Book Club members are responsible for the replacement cost of lost or damaged items. This cost includes a \$15.00 processing charge
- ◆ The next Book Club title cannot be issued until the full replacement cost has been paid.
- ◆ In the event of lost or damaged books, Book Club members should notify their club leader and library branch as soon as possible.

Book Club Leader Responsibilities

- ◆ Coordinating the Book Club – venue, meeting time and members
- ◆ Coordinators may ask for all copies of the title to be issued on their own membership card. However they will be responsible for payment of any lost or damaged book club items issued to them.

- ◆ Reserving book club titles
- ◆ Ensuring that all parts of the book club kits are returned on time and that the fees for lost or damaged books are paid.
- ◆ Advising library staff if a book set is no longer required by the club
- ◆ Notifying library staff if the Book Club ceases to meet

Tips for a successful book club

The process of organising and maintaining a book club is both rewarding and challenging.

Listed are some quick tips to help with the success of your book club.

- ◆ Think about why you want to start a book club. Is it for serious literary discussion and debate or light-hearted discussion and social interaction?
- ◆ Invite friends to be members and ask them to invite one or two of their friends.
- ◆ Be willing to read books that are not your usual choice.
- ◆ Write down your reactions and questions as you read, and bring your notes to meetings.
- ◆ Trust your opinions, and support them with passages from the book.
- ◆ Try to understand other opinions and viewpoints
- ◆ Agree that you can disagree about books
- ◆ Ensure that every member is allowed a say during the meeting.
- ◆ After the discussion, go around the circle and talk about what other titles have read over the last month.
- ◆ Enjoy yourself!

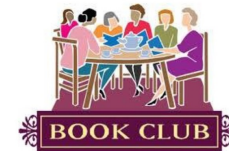
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Book Clubs

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WANT TO JOIN A BOOKCLUB?

**Mareeba, Kuranda and Dimbulah Libraries
have Book Club Groups meeting monthly**

**For more information please contact your
local library**

Happy reading!!

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