

Starting a Summer Book Club

Recruiting Book Club Members

Book clubs can be any size, though a group of 4+ will help engage more opinions.

While it's tempting to stick with your clique, a book club is a great way to extend your circle and get to know new people. Ask people you might not typically see over the summer or put it out to the entire class!

Schedule & Organize Book Club Meetings

As a first step, determine how often you'll be meeting and what day/time works best for everybody.

You can start a book club blog or a group google calendar to keep track of the books your reading, the location, activities, etc.

Extra fun option: Find cool, different places to hold your meetings! Library meeting rooms and parks are good, free alternatives to book clubbers' homes, but you can also try local coffee houses or locations that fit the theme of your book (i.e. visiting a zoo or arboretum when reading *Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian.*)

Get Creative with Book Club Activities

This isn't your grandma's book club!

In a book club, you don't have to just sit around and talk about the book. You can play games (charades or Win, Lose or Draw with book-specific themes), do themed activities or even dress up as your favorite character for the meeting.

For instance, *Hunger Games* features archery. Why not get a nerf bow and arrow set and compete among members to see who is the best shot?!?

Trade off on bringing snacks and refreshments for club meetings too!

Pick Your Books!

Do you want to have a theme for your book club based on the group's interests? You can also trade off on book picks so everyone gets a chance to choose.

Need ideas? Check out these book lists (divided by age)

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

A Mighty Girl: <http://www.amightygirl.com/books/book-club>

Books for Boys: <http://www.boysread.org/books.html>

TeachHUB book lists: Search "books" on <http://www.teachhub.com/>



Book Club Sign Up

Sign Up Sheet

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