

BETTER BOOK CLUBS

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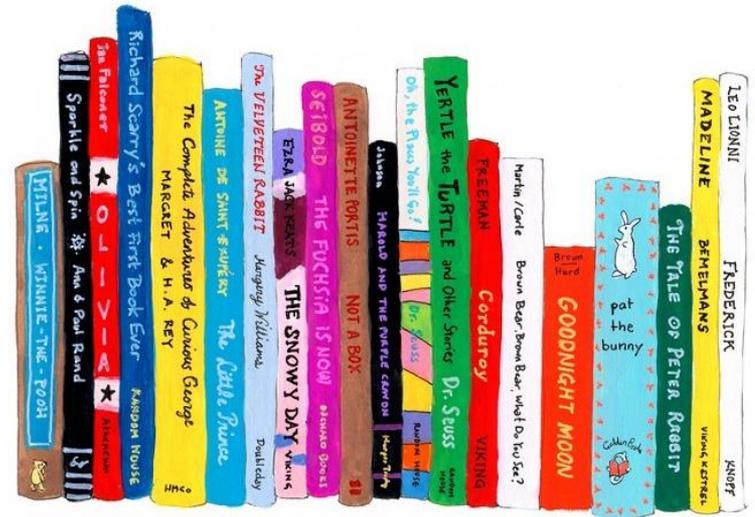


Why Have a Book Club?

- Encourages folks to read outside their comfort zone
 - Genres/subjects/authors they may not typically pick, etc.
- Gets them talking about books!
 - Has helped a lot of shy/quiet patrons
- Gives us another programming opportunity and allows staff more time to interact with patrons
- Is a social outlet for many and has forged friendships

Getting Started

- What age group(s)?
- What policies need to be in place?
- What kind of books?
- Where will we get the books?
- When will we meet?



Gather Data

- Identify Vital Staff
 - Personality is key
 - Attention to detail
 - Backing of administration
- Survey your patrons
 - On paper
 - Through social media/library website
 - Keep it simple— just ask the basics



Explore Resources– Evergreen

BOOK CLUBS PROCEDURE

If your library offers services to book club groups by requesting materials from other EI libraries, the following guidelines represent best practices:

Whenever possible, book club holds should be placed directly on your patrons' cards.

**--EI Circulation Procedures
Revised 12/16/14**



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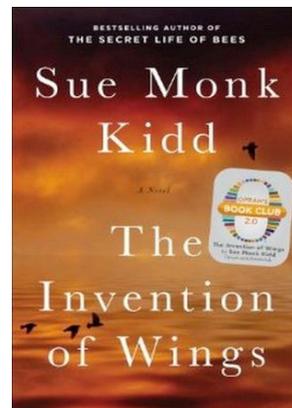
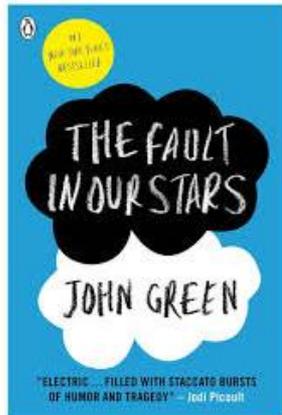
If you provide this service to users ineligible for consortium access, you may create an internal user with an “Outreach” profile to bring materials to your library. On receipt, these materials must be checked out, either to the library’s book club outreach card, or with an override (for reciprocal borrowers.) If you practice paper circulation with books clubs, be sure to enter the renewals on your book club outreach card as appropriate. **If no outstanding holds exist, or you have requested and received the permission of the owning library, you may input a manual due date during the initial circulation of 6 weeks.**

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BOOK CLUBS PROCEDURE (CONTINUED)

While selecting the titles for your book club, be considerate of the impact your choice may have consortium-wide. Consider purchasing extra copies locally to supplement available materials if your club has selected a high-demand title. Do not retain materials past the circulation period set by the owning library if there are outstanding community holds.

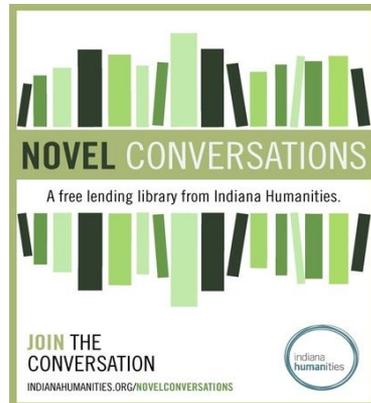
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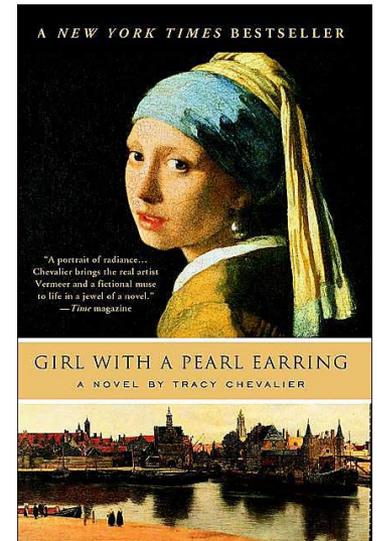
Explore Resources (continued)

- Indiana Humanities Council's *Novel Conversations*
 - Over 450 titles– available to any book club in Indiana (not just libraries)
 - Shipped via INfoExpress
- Indiana State Library's Book Club Kits
 - Lists of book discussion/club resources owned by and located at public libraries throughout Indiana.
 - For all ages!



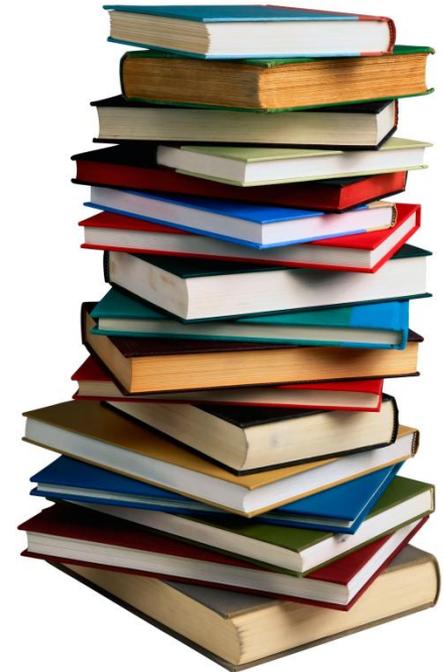
Take the Plunge

- Pick a date & get it on the event calendar
- Send invites to those who completed survey
- Pick a book to hand out at the first meeting
 - Pick something relatively “mild” to start out with
- Provide nametags & refreshments!



MCPL's Adult Book Club

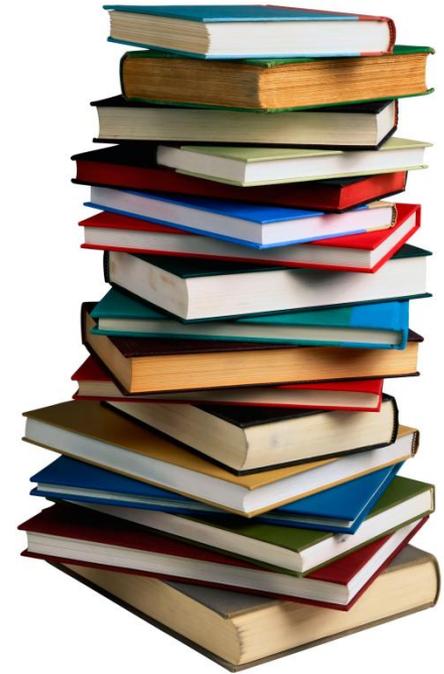
- Started in 2010— now has over 20 members
- Informal “Book Chat” format
- Low pressure, “come when you can”
- Annual “Bookaversary” dinner
- Other Gatherings/Programs
- T-shirts!





SHCPL's Teen Book Club

- Started in June 2010
- Informal “Book Chat” format
- Low pressure, “come when you can”
- 8-10 regular attendees
- Meet the first Friday of every month at the local bookstore’s coffee shop, which is called The Bookmark.



Grounds for Discussion



SHCPL's Mighty Girl's Book Club

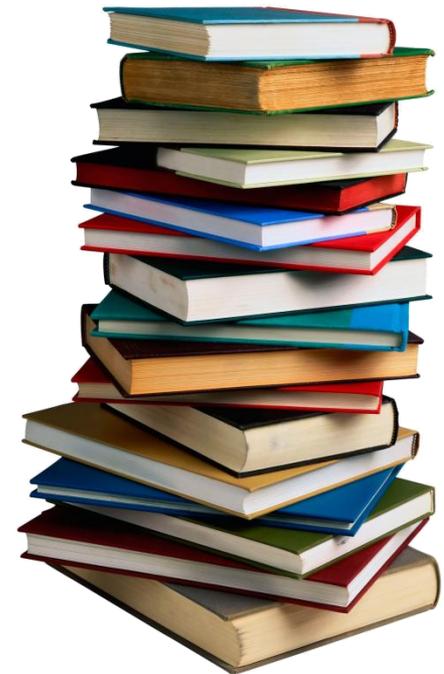
- Starting April 7, 2015
- Informal “Book Chat” format
- Low pressure, “come when you can”
- For middle school girls
- Read books featuring strong female characters.
- Inspired by the amightygirl.com/book-club website
- Will meet at the library once a month.
- Meetings will include a craft or activity based on the book as well.



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GIRL

SHCPL's Upper Elementary Book Club

- Starting April 2015
- Geared toward 4th, 5th, & 6th graders
- The first meeting will be an informal meet & greet, featuring a craft/activity of some sort and hopefully refreshments.
- They'll be able to pick up the first book and know when to come back for the next meeting.
- The meetings will have some informal book chat as well as some sort of craft or activity to go along with it.



Resources

- EI Circulation Procedures:
http://www.in.gov/library/files/Evergreen_Indiana_Circulation_Procedures.pdf Page 15 (deals specifically with Book Clubs)
- Novel Conversations:
<http://www.indianahumanities.org/programs/novel-conversations/>
- Indiana State Library Book Kits: <http://www.in.gov/library/kits.htm>
- Moore, Ellen & Stevens, Kira. Good Books Lately: The One-Stop Resource for Book Groups and Other Greedy Readers. New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 2004.