



# Book Club

## Purpose of the Club

The club has a two-fold purpose: to provide a great discussion time to share, ooh, ahhh, disagree, and laugh over a book that we've chosen to read, and to provide a post-meeting time to hang out, catch up, and generally socialize with friends.

## General Info & Responsibilities

1. Meeting begins at 7:30 on the Tuesday night (more or less the second Tuesday of the month). Book discussion is first, followed by light refreshments provided by the hostess at about 9:00.
2. Every effort should be made to read the chosen so each member can contribute to the discussion – even if you hate it!
3. Duties of the discussion leader:
  - a. Guide and encourage discussion
  - b. Come prepared with questions/ideas for discussion and some research of the author
  - c. Control meeting, keeping all members talking about the book (we can talk about everything else after)
  - d. Optional: If relevant, provide or organize any creative and alternative extras to the discussion (ie. movie clips, etc. E.g. bringing turkish delight to sample while discussing Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe)
4. Book choice: At the beginning of the year, members will volunteer to lead one meeting over the year (more or less). Each leader can then choose a few books (which she has read) to suggest to the group, giving a blurb/synopsis of each. The club will choose one based on interest and variety. We will make efforts to have a great variety of books throughout the year (in terms of setting, voice, style, etc.). Books should be chosen for quality, but also that they would provide discussion.



### How to Outline the Discussion (as the Leader)

1. Individual opinions of book, by each member - WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.
2. Author - background given by chairwoman and any other info gathered by members.
3. Ideas for discussion:
  - a. Setting - place, time, etc.
  - b. Characters - Can you identify with them? Do they have depth? Describe them. Did you sympathize? Did they learn from their experiences?
  - c. Did the author impart a message or moral? Discuss.
  - d. Author's technique and style - comparison of other books by the same author and other authors with similar style
  - e. Discuss profound vocabulary, thoughts, phrases, or ideas in the book.
  - f. Other interesting questions gathered from book club guides, online, etc.
4. Would you recommend this book to others?