

Book Club Checklist

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- Before You Open a Book Club
 - Think why you are starting a book club.
 - Decide what type of people will make up the club.
 - Decide what types of books will your club read.
 - Think who will be the leader of the book club.
 - Decide where your book club will hold the meetings.
 - Consider opening a virtual book club.
 - Determine what is the minimum and the maximum number of members that your club can accommodate.
 - Decide when will be the first meeting.
 - Find prospective members of the club and contact them.
 - Before the first meeting, recommend that everyone has read at least one chapter of the chosen book and has at least one question to discuss.
- First Book Club Meeting
 - Decide who will lead the book club meetings.
 - Set a price limit to books you will be reading.
 - Decide who will keep the record of all the books read.
 - Decide on the place for next meetings.
 - Decide if anyone should organize drinks and/or snacks.
- Choosing a Book
 - Allow each member to make a suggestion and take a vote.
 - Take turn - choose a person to decide what book should be selected next.
 - Take a blind vote.
 - Have several book titles ready and blindly select the one.
 - Check magazines or newspapers for book reviews and select the book with the best opinions.
- Discussion
 - Write down page numbers and passages that you would like to share with the group.
 - See if any one in the group has a question they'd like to discuss.

- Find discussion questions on publishers' websites.
- Talk about the character development.
- Discuss similarity to any other books.
- Discuss Why you think the author chose the title.
- Discuss the parts of the book that you didn't understand.