

RESOURCES

The library's catalogue provides a great starting point for researching titles. Reviews, recommended titles, plot summaries, and excerpts may be available, depending on the title searched.



The screenshot shows the Winnipeg Public Library website. The header is green with the text 'Winnipeg Public Library'. Below the header is a navigation menu with options: 'My Account', 'Our Library', 'Our Services', 'Computers & Tech', and 'For Readers'. The 'For Readers' section is expanded, showing 'In this section...' with links to 'Novelist Plus', 'Readers' Salon Blog', 'Library Book Clubs', and 'Book Club Kits'. There is also a 'Log in' link.

RECOMMENDED READS

Readers' Salon blog:

winnipegpublibrary.wordpress.com

goodreads: goodreads.com

Reading Group Choices:

readinggroupchoices.com

DISCUSSION GUIDES

Amnesty Book Club: amnestybookclub.ca

Reading Group Guides:

readinggroupguides.com

REVIEWS

49th Shelf: 49thshelf.com

DATABASES

Databases provide access to a group of useful resources. Go to winnipeg.ca/library, select **Databases**, and choose **NoveList** or **EBSCOhost**. You will need to enter your library card number.

NOVELIST PLUS

NoveList Plus is a database of reading recommendations that is useful in choosing book club titles. It includes reviews and read-alike suggestions, and categorizes books into sub-genres more specific than just general mystery or historical fiction categories.

EBSCOHOST

EBSCOhost is a research database that includes magazines and journals. It is a great source for reviews or articles about an author and their works, trends in popular fiction, and more.

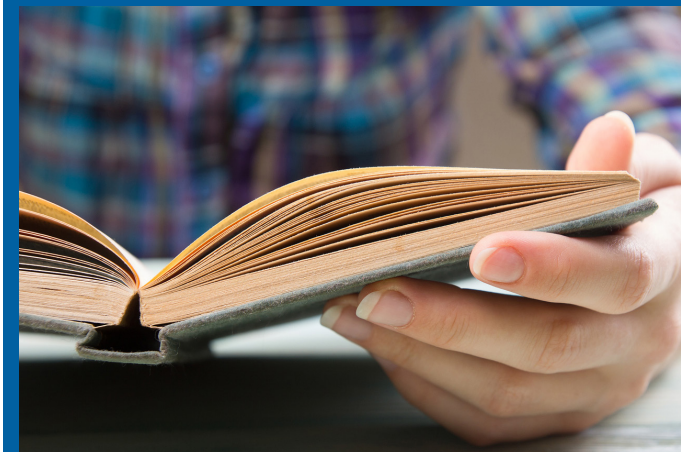


The screenshot shows the Winnipeg Public Library website with a search bar and navigation options. The search bar is labeled 'SEARCH CATALOGUE' and 'Find books, movies, music & more'. Below it is a 'ASK US!' button with a question mark icon and 'Search our list of FAQs!'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'LOCATIONS & HOURS', 'DATABASES', and 'EBOOKS'.



Running a Successful

BOOK CLUB



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JOINING A WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Many branches of Winnipeg Public Library host a book club with monthly meetings. Ask at any location for information on book clubs, or check winnipeg.ca/library for details.

Registration is required for book clubs. All library programs, including book clubs, are free.

Some branches host specialty book clubs. Knitting, cookbook, and craft book clubs offer the opportunity to learn and create with books as the inspiration. Participants share their experiences and projects at the meetings.

BOOK CLUB KITS

Winnipeg Public Library's Book Club Kits are an easy way for a group to access multiple copies of the same title. A kit can be checked out for 60 days and includes 10 or 15 copies of a title, accompanied by a discussion guide. There are many kits to choose from, including titles in French and those written in language suitable for groups of Adult Learners.

If you would like to browse the complete list of kits available, you can search the catalogue using the term "book club kit" for titles in English or "trousse cercles lecture" for titles in French. Each kit's catalogue record will indicate whether the kit is currently checked in, or whether there is a waiting list that you can join.

The library website also provides an annotated list of book club kit titles. Check out the **For Readers** resources listed under **Our Services**.

BOOK CLUB TIPS

Outlining expectations at the first meeting helps future discussions run smoothly. Ground rules prevent problems from developing. Guidelines can be developed collaboratively. Here are a few to consider:

- Arrive on time.
- Decide who will facilitate the discussion. Having members take turns ensures that everyone has the chance to participate.
- Determine the maximum length of time an individual can speak.
- Encourage participation from all.
- Have one person speak at a time. Avoid side-discussions - keep the focus on the group.
- Discuss the book! Discussions can easily go off-topic.
- Call/email if you can't attend a meeting. Library book clubs require regular attendance. Registrants who miss more than three meetings may lose their spot.

- Decide how to choose potential titles. Having a "pitch" session allows everyone to make suggestions. Keep in mind availability/current popularity when selecting a title.
- Name your club.
- Wear name tags, especially for the first few meetings.
- Be welcoming. Have members introduce themselves for the first few meetings and whenever a new member attends.

The facilitator guides the discussion by keeping the focus on the book, and should be prepared to step in and redirect the conversation. The facilitator also prepares discussion questions and an author biography to get the conversation started.

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