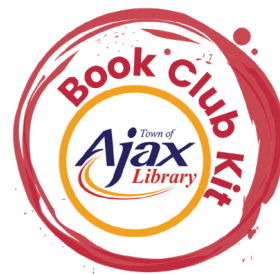


# Book Club Guide: Member Etiquette



## Participating in Discussion

- Observe regular courtesies such as being on time, setting your devices to silent, and introducing yourself to new members.
- Read the book! Even if it's not your preferred genre or style, give it a chance.
- Different opinions, positive and constructive alike, make for engaging discussion. Be sure to be respectful of other opinions in your conversation.
- Avoid side conversations and do not interrupt others who are speaking. Make sure your group has a mechanism for who speaks next if needed.
- Keep on topic, but introducing relevant contextual information can be helpful. This could include historical facts from that time period, biographical details about characters or authors, etc.
- Bring your notes if you have them, and share quotes or page references.
- Have fun!

## Tips for Moderating and Leading

- Prepare questions in advance. This can be done by writing them as you read, or searching for generic or title-specific book questions online. See our Book Club Discussion Guides or Book Club Guide: Being a Critical Reader!
- Promote discussion and equal speaking time. Outline the mechanism for waiting to speak in advance (ex.: raising a hand), and make sure that everyone who wants to speak has an opportunity to.
- Give people time to think about responses - a few moments of quiet to think is okay!
- Keep discussion on topic. New information and tangents can be welcome, but respect everyone's time and those who came to discuss the reading.
- Consider starting or ending with a round table, giving an opportunity to everyone to summarize their opinions or rate the book on a shared scale.

## For Next Time!

- Reminder of the next title, and distribute copies.
- Confirming meeting date, time, and location.
- Plan for questions or moderator to lead the discussion.

## Need More Copies?

- Speak with Library staff to find copies in the regular collection, or options like eBooks or downloadable audiobooks.
- Find our Book Club Companion Collection on Overdrive and Libby!
- Need an accessible copy? The Library offers Large Print and audio of many Book Club Kit titles!