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Questions about Page Turners Book Club

Who can participate?

- Participation is voluntary and open to any member of Central Connections.

How many people will be in the book club?

- 4 to 12 people. If the number consistently exceeds 12, we may want to form a second group. Participation will be fluid; participants may come and go as their schedule or desire permits.

When will the book club meet?

- 11 times annually, once a month except in December, on the 3rd Thursday in the Cohen Conference Room or other designated space, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm (sometimes shorter).

How much will this cost?

- There is no cost if a participant wants to borrow or download the book from the MidPointe Library System or another library. Participants may opt to purchase their own book.

How will a participant receive a book and learn about the monthly selection?

- Participants will receive at each book club gathering a library copy of the next book to be discussed. These copies will be delivered to Central Connections by a MidPointe Library System employee and stored in the office of the Director of Operations for pickup. Books also can be purchased online from Amazon.com or from a local bookstore.
- Information about books to be discussed will be included in Central Connections' monthly newsletter and sent via email to participants with email. People without email will be called and told about the coming book selection. When needed, a Reading Guide can be sent via US postal mail or made ready for pickup at Central Connections' Welcome Center. Info will be available on Central Connections' website, www.centralconnections.org

What if someone does not want to read a particular book?

- A participant may pick and choose which book club discussions to attend. There is no obligation to read every book selected for discussion or to attend every discussion.

What genre of books will the book club read?

- Mainly fiction (literary award winners, bestsellers, historical fiction) with some nonfiction titles selected.

Who will select books and lead book club discussions?

- Titles are selected by the Director of Operations who has extensive experience in book publishing. Book club members are welcome to nominate a title to read and to facilitate discussion of the month's selection.

How will discussion questions be used?

- A Reading Guide for each book to be discussed will be available when a new book selection is picked up. Participants should feel free to raise their own questions during a book club discussion.

Are there special benefits to participating in the book club?

- Yes! Participants will find camaraderie, be introduced to new perspectives, and experience mental stimulation and fun through sharing insights and ideas. Participation can spur curiosity and allow for making new friends with similar interests.

What are the expectations of a book club participant?

- To read the selected book, although it is not mandated.
- To arrive on time for the discussion.
- To take turns selecting books and serving as discussion facilitator.
- To respect other's opinions when they differ from one's own and to engage in discussion without fear of ridicule or harassment. Participants who violate common courtesy or who engage in rude or unwelcome behavior will be asked to cease participation.
- To return library books to the Director of Operations when done reading the selection.
- To pay for any lost or damaged library book—the fee to be determined by the library.

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