

Book Club Guidelines

How does MFF book club work?

Book Club is open to all MFF members. We meet once per month September through June. Occasionally, we will meet over the summer or we might read a longer book over the summer to be discussed in September.

The typical book club begins at 7:00 p.m. at the home of one of the members. We have a social time from 7:00-7:30 which always includes food and drinks. It is up to the hostess as to whether she wants to provide the snacks or would like others to bring snacks. There is no obligation to bring a snack or beverage. We discuss the book from approximately 7:30-8:30. Some discussions last longer than others. If discussion questions are available, the leader will use those questions to keep the discussion focused on the book.

During the discussion, future books are chosen. All participants are welcome to make book suggestions. We usually decide as a group which books will be read. However, if a decision cannot be reached than the book club leader will make the final decision.

Obtaining books:

1. Books can be purchased through your favorite bookseller.
2. The book club leader will request books be reserved through the Merrimack Library.

Obtaining Books from the Library

It is easier for the library if the book club leader requests multiple books rather than each person individually making a request.

When the books arrive, the leader will email book club. You may want to call the library to be sure that the copies have not all been checked out if you are making a special trip.

When you arrive at the library, to be sure that you receive the correct book, please know one of three pieces of information.

- a. The name of the book
- b. The group name – Merrimack Friends and Families
- c. The name of the book club leader

The due date for the books will be the date the day after the next book club meeting.

Returning Books to the Library

If you finish a book and return it to the library, please ask the person receiving the book to let Lee Gilmore know that you are returning a MFF book so she may ensure the book is put back on the reserve shelf instead of being returned to the library of origin. That way copies can be rotated through the group.

If you decide to lend the copy that you checked out instead of returning it to the library, please be sure you feel comfortable that the person borrowing the book will return it to the library on your behalf.