

How to run the group

Books Connect

- Do you all want to read the same book, and then discuss it; or read different books? Or a mixture? Or would you like to concentrate on a particular type of book – like crime or non-fiction or poetry?
- Most reading groups read the same book, with occasional meetings where you do something different. But you don't have to stick to this model.
- How are you going to choose which books to read? Do you want to use any lists/titles provided by your local library, or recommended books from a librarian, website, newspapers or friends? Or do you want to choose your own?
- Some libraries provide sets of books for readers to borrow from a special reading group collection – just ask local library staff.
- What are you going to read for the next few months?

THE FUTURE

- The group will need someone to organise it – you may get help from library staff initially, but s/he may not be able to continue/attend every meeting. Some groups have volunteers who support them.
- You need to make sure you know how to order books from the library, how long you can keep them, and how to collect/return them
- You could also discuss where to meet – it does not have to be in the library; in fact, it might suit you to meet elsewhere like a café or what about the pub?
- Check if there are any special events or promotions for readers going on in your local library. Libraries welcome suggestions from reading groups and are very pleased to have your input and support for author events or readers' days.