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ALA American Library Association Resource Guide "Book Discussion Groups: History and General Resources" libguides.ala.org/bookdiscussiongroups

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Author Kathy Czepiel offers short videos (less than 10 minutes each) on a variety of book discussion topics including "How to Run a Virtual Book Club."

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BookReporter www.bookreporter.com

Book reviews, author profiles and interviews, reviewers' picks of the month.

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National Library of Medicine's Reading Club nnlm.gov/nnlm-reading-club Choose reading suggestions from a list of topics.

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This guide is designed for book lovers and those involved in, or interested in starting, a book club.

These suggested print and online resources provide information on discussions, recommendations, reviews, author bios, and much more.

The books listed are in the collection at BML and other libraries in the Monroe County Library System. The location at BML, or call number, is included.



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The Book Club Cookbook: Recipes and Food for Thought from our Book Club's Favorite Books and Authors by Judy Gelman & Vicki Levy Krupp 641.5 GEL
Part cookbook, part literary celebration, this book features recipes and discussion ideas from dozens of established book clubs across the country.

The Book Club Companion: A Comprehensive Guide to the Reading Group Experience by Diana Loevy 374.22 LOE

An eclectic book covering topics such as book club etiquette, recipes, and entertainment tips for hosts. Also includes guidelines for leading lively book discussions, reading suggestions, and more.

Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason and other books by Nancy Pearl O11.73 PEA
Nancy Pearl is one of our nation's most popular librarians, and reading her books is much like getting recommendations from a friend. Reviews - organized in categories of people, places, and themes - cover all types of books, old and new.

Good Books Lately: The One-Stop Resource for Book Groups and Other Greedy Readers by Ellen Moore & Kira Stevens 374.22 MOO
Written by two book group consultants, this book covers it all: how to start a group, leading a book discussion, best and worst book club books, book lists, and personal anecdotes and advice.

How to Read a Book: The Classic Guide to Intelligent Reading by Mortimer J. Adler and Charles Van Doren YA RRC 374.1 ADL
This guide is designed to help readers develop new approaches to reading and to hone analytical reading skills. Learn how to criticize a book fairly, how to read imaginative literature, and more.

The Mother-Daughter Book Club by Shireen Dodson 372.4162 DOD
Written by a mother who started a mother-daughter book club. Includes guidelines for starting a group, useful book lists, and lots of great reasons why mothers and daughters will benefit from sharing this experience.

The Reading Group Handbook: Everything You Wanted to Know, from Choosing Members to Leading Discussions by Rachel Jacobsohn 374.22 JAC

The bible of book club books, this easy-to-read and entertaining book covers everything you could possibly want to know about starting and running a successful book club.

Reading with Oprah: The Book Club That Changed America by Kathleen Rooney 374.22 ROO
A fascinating examination of the history of Oprah's controversial book club, the club's featured novels, and interviews with many of their authors.

Well Read, Well Fed: A Year of Great Reads and Simple Dishes for Book Groups by Marcia F. Brown 374.22 BRO
An enjoyable starting place for book club reading suggestions and tasty accompaniments.

