



Parry Sound Public Library

Policy Type: **Operational**
Policy Title: **Book Club**

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Purpose

The purpose of the Book Club Policy is to establish guidelines for Staff to administer the Book Club program.

Policy

The Book Club is a discussion group which meets on a regularly scheduled basis as determined by its members and the Staff Liaison. The Club functions as part of the lifelong learning process and exposes its members to a wide variety of books. Book Clubs also stimulate the use of library collections and services and promote a positive image of the library.

Application

Any Parry Sound Public Library customer who belongs to or wishes to belong to a Library Book Club and the Staff involved in administering the Book Club(s).

Guidelines for Reading Materials

The Library will make a reasonable effort to provide members with books. If the Library is unable to provide books, members will be informed with enough time to allow for the acquisition of materials through other sources such as Interlibrary Loan. Members are responsible for returning books in a timely fashion and in good condition. In the event of a late, damaged or lost book a fee may be applied to the member's account in accordance with Library Policy. Under certain circumstances the Library may incur a cost in acquiring materials for Book Club members. In these cases, members may be asked to pay a fee in order to offset that cost.

Membership

The discussion format requires a limit on the number of participants. The recommended maximum number of registrants is twenty but additional members may be accepted at the leader's discretion and depending on the availability of reading materials. As a program in support of the Library's mandate to foster literacy, there is no membership fee for this program. However, members must possess a valid library card and registration is required. Age restrictions may be applied based on an individual club's purpose. Adult clubs may be restricted to people aged 18 and over, and youth clubs may be restricted to a specific age range determined by library staff.