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griffith city library BOOKENDS Book club service

2017 Program Details

Griffith City Library's book club program, *Bookends*, supports existing book clubs by providing a selection of titles and discussion questions on a monthly basis.

Program details

- Program runs for 10 months, from February to November.
- Book clubs are entitled to one set of books per month (10 per year).
- Each set contains 12 books and a folder of discussion questions.
- Books are available for collection from the 1st of each month (eg: 1st of February)
- Books are on loan for 6 weeks.
- Books cannot be renewed. If you haven't finished reading please check the catalogue and request a copy from the general collection.
- A maximum of two titles will be issued to a book club at any given time.
- These restrictions ensure that as many book clubs as possible can make use of this service. Please help us to keep this service operating successfully by collecting and returning the books in a timely manner.
- Book clubs are welcome to indicate titles that they would prefer and library staff will consult these preferences when issuing books. However, it is not guaranteed that clubs will receive their preferred titles each month.
- Book clubs must return the complete set of 12 books and folder. Incomplete sets or individual titles will not be accepted by the library.
- When collecting your books you will need to know the name of your book club. Library staff cannot help you without this information.

Membership requirements

- $420 membership fee to be paid in full prior to collection of the first set of books
- One primary contact for the book club
- Name and email address for each book club member

Lost or damaged books

- Lost or damaged books will incur a replacement fee. This fee must be paid before the next set of books can be borrowed.

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Book Club FAQs

Who can borrow from the book club collection?
Book clubs must be registered with us to borrow book club sets.

How much does it cost?
The registration fee is $420 per club. Book Clubs receive one set of books per month from February to November (10 book sets in total). There are 12 books and discussion questions in each set. Book Clubs are required to pay the replacement costs of any lost or damaged books.

Can we go on a waiting list to borrow a book club set?
Sorry, book club sets cannot be reserved.

How long can my group borrow a book club set?
Book sets are issued to your club on the first day of each month. The loan period is 6 weeks. Prompt collection and returning of books ensures that service runs successfully for all.

Can we borrow more than one set at a time?
Book clubs may have a maximum of two sets on loan at any given time. If your club already has two sets on loan you will not be issued with another on the first of that month.

How do we return a book club set?
The tub and all of its contents must be returned as a complete set to Griffith City Library during opening hours. Each book has its own barcode. In the back of the discussion folders there is a list for you to record which member has each book. This helps to identify which books haven't been returned and who they were on loan to.

How does the library select titles for the Book Club Collection?
The titles are selected in collaboration with our book clubs and include both fiction and non-fiction titles. Each year the library produces a reading list of the books in our Book Club Collection. We encourage book clubs to nominate their preferences to aid in the issuing of titles each month, however, titles are subject to availability and we cannot guarantee that you will always receive your preferences.

I'm not in a Book Club. Can you help me to join one?
Please see the Book Club Noticeboard on our website for current book club vacancies or individuals looking for a club. If there is nothing suitable, you may wish to start your own book club. Contact Griffith City Library for an application form to add your details to this list.

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