



Book Clubs Basics

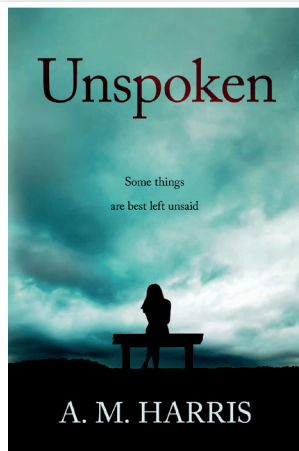
CREATING CONVERSATIONS IS OUR PASSION



Settling down with a great book allows you an escape. You make discoveries and contemplate ideas that might have never crossed your mind had you not chosen the book in the first place.

But while reading solo is often a great way to relax, sometimes you just want to discuss what you've read with another person, or two, to bring those ideas off the page and into the world. If you've ever had the urge and are curious about how to start a book club just like Oprah's and Rick O'Shea's, it's easier than you might think. Just grab a few like-minded acquaintances, set a venue and date for your first meeting, and check in with your well-read library staff for some great recommendations!

A.M. Harris Anne was born in Dublin in 1950 and after a career in the EU and various other ventures, she recently moved back to Ireland from France. She is a member of the Thomastown book club. *Unspoken* is her debut novel, based on her own experience of having a child in a Mother and Baby Home, her search for her son and their successful reunion.



promote social engagement, trigger more diverse reading habits, encourage more thoughtful reading, force you to have an opinion and encourage regular reading.

Some book club members have kindly shared their thoughts.....

"I'm loving *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Not a book I would ever have chosen to read. The book club is pushing me to widen my choices of books" Alison, Kilmoganny

"The book club is a great way to get to know people, make friends and broaden your horizons. It makes you put time aside to read. Having a discussion on the author, storyline and characters can give a very different perspective" Clare, Kilmoganny

"Ten members equals ten different perspectives of the same book" Bob, City Library

"Our book club happens in our Carnegie library, such a lovely cosy setting. It is led by our fearless librarian. You will benefit so much intellectually, personally and socially by being a member of a book club" Liz, City Library

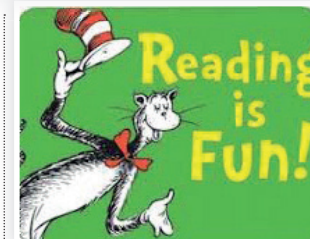
"Being in a book club takes one out of their comfort zone as most people tend to stick with one genre, it's been an eye-opener for me" Eleanor, Freshford

"A book club is where we can go to switch off from the outside world, and chat about all the amazing ways we each see and read a story; how lucky we are to have one" Marie, City Library.



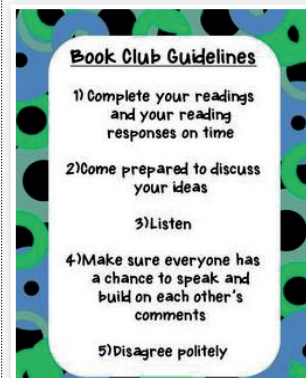
Deciding What to Read

There are many different ways of deciding on a book. Members can vote between a few different suggestions, you can take turns on choosing, you can check the library to see what's available, you can research what other book clubs have read, you can go for a prize-winner, pick a new publication, and best tip of all, you can ask your library staff for their recommendations!



Have Fun However, the most important rule is to enjoy yourself. A book club should be fun. There will be times when there won't be much discussion about the book itself, as people go off subject, and that's okay. As long as everyone has a good time at the meeting, consider your book club a success.

Welcome to Kilkenny Library's virtual bookclub on Face



Library Book Clubs

Alternatively, check out our library book clubs; most branches host one on a monthly basis. If places are full, you will be placed on a waiting list.

Why Join a Book Club?

There is a myriad of benefits from being in a book club; they

Library	Date	Time	
Castlecomer	Jan 30th (Last Tues)	2:30pm	Exit by Belinda Bauer
Ferrybank	Jan 31st (Last Wed)	5:30pm	Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart
Graigenamanagh	Feb 6th (First Tues)	7:00pm	An Eye for an Eye by MJ Arlidge
Johns Quay	Jan 30th (Last Tues)	6:30pm	72 Derry Lane by Carmel Harrington
Johns Quay	Jan 31st (Last Wed)	11:30am	The Woodlanders by Thomas Hardy
Johns Quay	Jan 17th (Third Wed)	1:10pm	Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage by Alice Munroe
Loughboy	Feb 1st (First Thurs)	10:30am	The Trauma Cleaner by Sarah Krasnostein
Thomastown	Feb 7th (First Wed)	6:30pm	Unspoken by Anne Harris



GOOD BOOK CLUB CHOICES

Tried, Tested and Given a Thumbs UP



book. This group was set up so our library members can enjoy discussing books anytime and anywhere. Similar to all book clubs, we choose a monthly read. Our December book was *The Christmas Murder Game* by Alexander Benedict. Join up today!



Junior Book Club

The Junior book club at John's Quay library is recruiting new members aged 8-12 years. It meets monthly on the last Tuesday at 3:30pm. Pick up a copy on your next visit, and come along on Jan 30th to discuss and review *The Last Chance Hotel* by Nicki Thornton. The Last Chance Hotel is described as Harry Potter meets Robin Stevens, and is the first book in a thrilling magical murder mystery series!



Happiness

is spending time with my friends at

BOOK CLUB

