

# Book Clubs for Kids and Teens

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# Semiahmoo – The Fire Engine Library





# Semiahmoo Kids Book Club



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# Goofing around....



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# Semiahmoo Teen Book Club



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# Just Like an Adult Book Club, Only Different!



- Similar –
  - 8-12 members all read the same book and get together to discuss (and to eat snacks)
- Different –
  - Greater emphasis on the facilitator to initiate and keep discussion going
  - More activities



## Why Host a Junior Book Club?

- Good opportunity to provide literature based programming for school age children
- Keeps kids involved in library on a continuing basis
- Good chance to connect with youth
- Encourages a love of reading and literature
- Teaches kids to think critically about literature
- Helps kids connect with their peers and make new friends in a safe environment
- They're fun!



## Running a Book Club: 8 Steps

1. Who, What, When, Where?
2. Budgeting / Funding
3. Choosing the Books
4. Publicity
5. Registration
6. Preparing for the Meeting
7. The Meeting – Discussion and Activities
8. Maintenance





# 1. Who, What, When, Where? Initial Questions to Consider

- Age?
- How many participants?
- What kind of club?
- How often?
- What time?
- Meeting length?
- Meeting space?



# Many Different Kinds of Book Clubs:

- Picture Book K-3
- Young Readers 6-8
- Kids 9-12
- Teens 13+
- Mixed Boys and Girls
- All Boys / All Girls
- Parent Child – Mother Daughter / Father Son
- Mixed Genre vs Genre
- Read one book over many meetings
- Read one book per meeting
- Online



## 2. How much will it cost? Sample Budget for 5 Sessions:

**Books:** \$10 each x 12 participants x 5 sessions = \$600

**Snacks:** \$15 x 5 sessions = \$75

**Craft Supplies:** \$100

\$20 scrapbooks

\$10 construction paper

\$20 fancy scissors

\$10 glue sticks

\$20 coloured markers

\$20 letter & shape templates

**Staffing:** 4 hours staff replacement (program and prep) @  
25.00/hr x 5 sessions = \$500

**Estimated Total = \$1275**



### **3. Choosing the Books**

#### **Things to Consider:**

- READ, READ, READ!
- Reading Level
- Interest Level
- Length
- Controversy
- Themes
- What have other libraries done?
- Are there discussion guides already available?





## Online Resources - Getting Ideas

- Multnomah County Library – Talk it Up!
  - [www.multcolib.org/talk/index.html](http://www.multcolib.org/talk/index.html)
- Hennepin County Library
  - [www.hclib.org/pub/bookspace/BookClubsKid\\_Leading.cfm](http://www.hclib.org/pub/bookspace/BookClubsKid_Leading.cfm)
- KidsReads.com
  - [www.kidsreads.com/clubs/index.asp](http://www.kidsreads.com/clubs/index.asp)
- TeenReads.com
  - [www.teenreads.com/clubs/index.asp](http://www.teenreads.com/clubs/index.asp)



## A Shameless Plug:

- Surrey Public Library's Kids Book Club Resources site currently in progress:  
[www.spl.surrey.bc.ca](http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca) - under Kids' Space



## Print Resources

- *Reading Raps: A Book Club Guide for Librarians, Kids, and Families* by Rita Soltan
- *Booktalks and More: Motivating Teens to Read* by Lucy Schall
- *Deconstructing Penguins* by Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone
- *101+ Teen Programs that Work* by RoseMary Honnold



## 4. Publicity

- In house posters / flyers
- Website
- Local community newspaper
- Parks and Recreation Leisure Guides
- Talk it up during school tours
- Elementary and Secondary Schools
- Contacts with Teachers / Teacher Librarians
- Contacts with Homeschool Organizations
- Word of mouth



# Poster

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# KIDS'

## Book Club

ages 9-12

Come and talk about books, make new friends and have a good time!

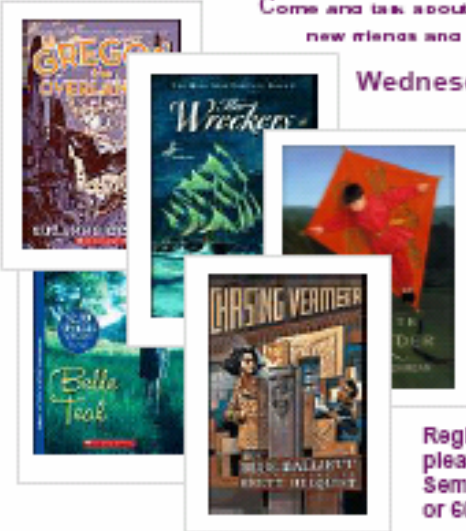
Wednesdays, 3:15 - 4:15 pm

January 4 - *The Wreckers*  
January 25 - *Gregor the Overlander*  
February 15 - *Chasing Vermeer*  
March 8 - *The kite rider*  
March 29 - *Bella Test*

Registration is free but limited, so please register early by calling the Semlahmoo Library at 604-592-6907 or 604-592-6908.

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## 5. Registration

- Sign up
- Communication
  - With staff
  - With interested participants
- Pick up



## 6. Preparing for the Meeting

- Prepare discussion questions and activities
- Prepare print materials and handouts
- Gather books for display
- Buy snacks
- Reminder phone calls
- Set up room



## 7. The Meeting

- Snacks!!!
- Attendance, Welcome, Ice Breakers
- Book Discussion
- Activities
- Booktalk and Distribute Next Book
- Clean Up





# Ice Breakers and Discussion

- Ice Breakers
  - Would you rather.....?
  - M&M's or Skittles game
  - Two Truths and a Lie
- Book Discussion
  - Quick show of hands
  - Facilitator's thoughts – sets an example
  - Round Table
  - Prepared Questions



## General Questions for any Book:

- Did you like this book?
- What especially did you like / dislike about the book? Was it the characters? Was it the storyline? The end?
- Who was your favourite character? What did you appreciate about him/her?
- What was your favourite part?
- Did you find this book easy or hard to read? Why?
- Discuss your thoughts about the ending. Was it the ending you expected?
- Would you read other books by the author?



## Activities for Kids 9-12

- Book displays, booktalking and browsing
  - Thematic, new books, Red Cedar
- Word Searches ([www.puzzlemaker.com](http://www.puzzlemaker.com))
- Writing Book Reviews
- Scrapbooking
- Crafts (bookmarks, book covers)
- Book related activities



## Book Related Activities - Examples

- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
  - Real vs. nonsense words quiz, reading Jabberwocky, writing nonsensical stories
- *Trial by Journal* by Kate Klise
  - Mock trial of Humpty Dumpty
- *Rowan of Rin* by Emily Rodda
  - Solving riddles
- *Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech
  - Scavenger Hunt



## Book Related Activities – Examples

- *Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath
  - Creating recipes
- *I Was a Rat* by Philip Pullman
  - Writing article “Rat Boy found in Library”
  - Would you believe these headlines?
- *The Music of Dolphins* by Karen Hesse
  - Writing article “Wild Child Found!”
  - Listening to Mozart

# Writing Reviews



## Semiahmoo Kids Book Club Review

*Title*  
by *Author*

This book is about;

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What I liked or did not like about this book:

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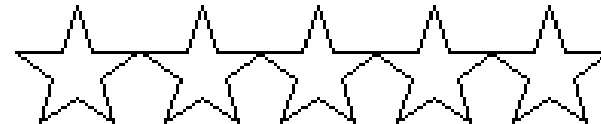
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Rating:



My Name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

# Writing Activity

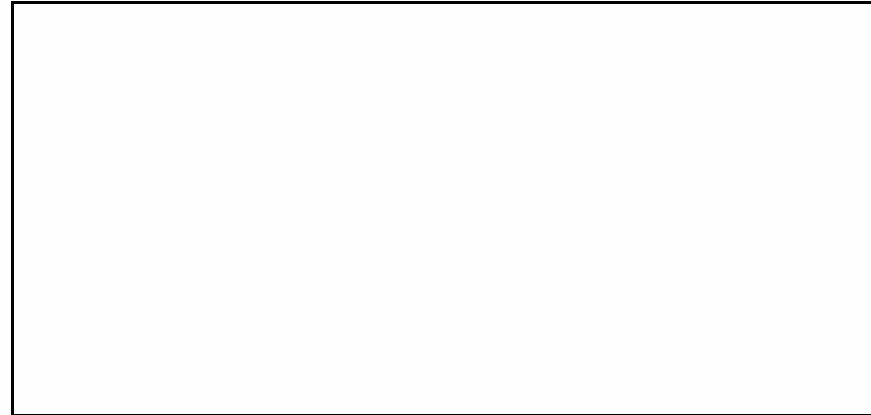
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**DAILY**

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## **RAT BOY FOUND IN THE LIBRARY!**



### **The Shocking Story:**

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# Word Searches

## *I Was a Rat!* Word Search

W E R C S P A T W C H O U Q J  
T E E Q B R B J R I L J D Y C  
B M N A V I O I L Y P A L D E  
P U V A D Q B F T X I W C Q V  
N O S V J B M J G L M W P V E  
V A Y M I Y P V E Y L L I B H  
M M O N P X R R P R O S S E R  
Y A S J B M U A U Z O B K L W  
C I R S K A Y V M G L T D A N  
W A D T N U S W E N I S R P D  
R L D O H R H D T D V S A Y S  
P J C K O A N X T V E K H D Q  
P X K G S T M Q K T R K C H I  
R Z E X Y V W Q U K Y F I U P  
F R B Q W W S Z K A J D R X C

AURELIA  
BILLY  
BOB  
CRIBBINS  
JOAN  
MARTHA

MARY JANE  
OLIVER  
PROSSER  
RICHARD  
ROGER  
TAPSCREW





## Activities for Teens

- Book displays, booktalking and browsing
  - New books, Books made into movies, Banned books, Stellar Book Award
- *101+ Teen Programs That Work* by RoseMary Honnold
- Scrapbooking
- Reviews
- Creating displays in library
- Working on a newsletter
- Contributing to a blog-  
[semiahmooteenbookclub.blogspot.com](http://semiahmooteenbookclub.blogspot.com)



## Great Books for Teens

- *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl* by Joyce Carol Oates
- *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements
- *The Gospel According to Larry* by Janet Tashjian
- *City of the Beasts* by Isabel Allende
- *The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline Cooney
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

# Teen Newsletter



## Semiahmoo Teen Book Club

### For Great Reading We Recommend!



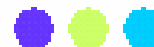
#### Who We Are!

A group of teens who enjoy reading and meet every three weeks to discuss books, chat with friends and eat junk food!

KATHERLEIGH  
JIM C.  
JASON C.  
MYLAN H.  
CHRIS J.  
SARAH J.  
JEN A.  
DAVID A.  
TY L.  
JESSICA  
EMILIA

"The more that you read,  
The more things you will know,  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss



**Book!**  
Troy by Karen Gerns  
an American Girl by Meg Carter  
an American Girl by Jane Yolen  
organized by Katherine Bratton

**Wear**  
Kestrel by Lauren Johnson  
Kestrel by Rose Macaulay  
Kestrel by Doris Gaboriau

**Age**  
The Giver by L. M. Scieszka  
The Giver by Lois Lowry  
Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling

#### Our Favourites:

##### MOVIES:

Catch Me If You Can  
Holes  
Dodge Ball  
Gladiator  
Braveheart  
Lara Croft Tomb Raider  
Harry Potter  
Interview with a Vampire  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

**Teens**  
Chronicle of Anne by C.S. Lewis  
Narnia by C.S. Lewis  
The Lion and the Diamond by Katherine Bratton

**21**  
Darius & Gert by Carol Hays  
Tommy's Hood by Margaret  
Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling

**2011**  
Darius of a Moment by Jackie French  
Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling  
Secret of the Phoenix II by P.G. Berneise



##### TV SHOWS:

Without a Trace  
Cory in the House  
House  
Gilmore Girls  
Scrubs  
The Mentalist  
The Simpsons  
Family Guy



## 8. Maintenance

- Recruiting new members and maintaining membership list
- Create Book Club display with writing activities and reviews
- Post reviews on website



## The Truth

- A huge time commitment, but worth it!