Book Clubs for Kids and Teens

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Semiahmoo – The Fire Engine Library
Semiahmoo Kids Book Club
Goofing around....
Semiahmoo Teen Book Club
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
- $20 fancy scissors
- $20 coloured markers
- $10 construction paper
- $10 glue sticks
- $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_Led.cfm](http://www.hclib.org/pub/bookspace/BookClubsKid_Led.cfm)
- KidsReads.com
- TeenReads.com
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
Semiahmoo Library

KIDS’ Book Club

Join us to love books, make new friends and have a good time!

Wednesdays, 3:15 - 4:15 pm

January 4 - The Whispers
January 25 - Gregor the Overlander
February 15 - Chasing Vermeer
March 8 - The Kite Rider
March 29 - Battle Tower

Registration is free but limited, so please register early by calling the Semiahmoo Library at 604-592-6307 or 604-592-6308.
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)
- 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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Rating:

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My Name is: ________________________________

I am ______ years old.
RAT BOY FOUND IN THE LIBRARY!

The Shocking Story:

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I Was a Rat!
Word Search

WER 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 U 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
MARSHA

MARY JANE
OLIVER
PROSSER
RICHARD
ROGER
TAPSCREW

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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
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:

**Red**
- **Toothache**
  - by Akiko Gomi
- *The Amulet of Samarkand* by Lloyd Alexander

**Gold**
- *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling

**Blue**
- *The Guardians* by S.F. Jarvis
  - Ten books in this series by Anthony Chambers
- *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling

Our Favourites:

**Red**
- *Three Men on a Horse* by Richard Adams
- *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling
- *Interview with a Vampire* by Anne Rice
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

**Gold**
- *Gooney Bird* series by Mary O'Keefe
- *The cheers* series by Mark Haddon
- *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling

**Blue**
- *The Three Little Pigs* by Diane Unsworth
- *Sharkboy and Lavagirl* by Robert Rodriguez
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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!