

HCLS Book Discussion Groups

HCLS staff facilitate a wide variety of book clubs that read and discuss all sorts of books - from nonfiction to romance to graphic novels.

For titles and more information:

- Visit hclibrary.org,
- Click on the "classes and events" tab,
- In the green **Filters** box on the left, choose **Adult** under "age group" and **Book Clubs** under "program type."
- OR type the name of the group into the Keyword Search field.



CENTRAL BRANCH

Eclectic Evenings (online)

Second Tuesdays at 6:45 pm

Read an eclectic array of various genres, both contemporary and classic.

Noontime Books

Third Thursdays at 12 pm

Consider a variety of fiction and nonfiction books, diverse in themes, characters, settings, time periods, and authorship.

Reads of Acceptance (online)

Fourth Thursdays at 6:45 pm

Discuss books pertaining to LGBTQ+ experiences! All identities are welcome.

EAST COLUMBIA BRANCH

Good Reads

Fourth Fridays at 1 pm

Looking for thought-provoking reads and engaging discussions? Join lively conversations in a welcoming atmosphere.

In Other Worlds (hybrid, with online option)

Fourth Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Welcome sci-fi enthusiasts and other intrepid readers!

Nonfiction Addiction (hybrid, with online option)

Third Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Expand your mind reading and discussing a variety of nonfiction books, from memoirs to history, and from philosophy to popular science.

Romantic Reads (online)

Fourth Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

Discuss your favorite romance author and book or series with other fellow romance readers.

ELKRIDGE BRANCH

ELKS Excellent Reads

Second Tuesdays at 12:30 pm

Read mostly fiction, both contemporary and historical, as well as narrative nonfiction.

Read. Think. Talk.

Mondays at 6:30 pm

Discuss great novels about the American experience before they're critically acclaimed television shows and films.

The Thursday Next Book Club

Third Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Read mostly fiction, both contemporary and historical, as well as narrative nonfiction.



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GLENWOOD BRANCH

The Reading Cafe

Last Tuesdays at 1 pm

Dip into a different genre each month, followed by a lively discussion.

Warning: Graphic Content (online)

Second Thursdays at 7 pm

Discover the full spectrum of what is available as a graphic novel - from Archie to horror and Caped Crusaders to crime drama.

MILLER BRANCH

Bas Bleu

Third Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

Bas Bleu, French for “bluestocking,” refers to an intellectual or literary woman. We read a variety of literary fiction, and all are welcome - not just bluestockings!

Global Reads

First Mondays at 6 pm

Read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books on different cultures around the world as well as immigrant fiction.

Hush-Hush

First Wednesdays at 6 pm

Bring a book and enjoy an hour of peace, quiet, and reading, with an optional 15 minutes of mingling at the end. There is no assigned reading and no pressure to socialize.

Light But Not Fluffy

Third Thursdays at 2 pm

Read and discuss light-hearted books that will make us smile. The books talk about love, hope, and grace. They include humor, and perhaps some snark to spice things up. It will be fun!

Mostly Historical Fiction

Third Mondays at 2 pm

Step into the past and connect with characters living in times different than our own.

Musical Mondays

Second Mondays at 6 pm

Explore how music powerfully intersects art, culture, science, and creativity through fiction and nonfiction reads. Bring song recommendations to share and discuss.

Spies, Lies & Alibis

First Tuesdays at 6:45 pm

Focus on spies, espionage, and world intrigue, alternating both classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction, from the twentieth century and beyond.

SAVAGE BRANCH

Mystery (hybrid, with online option)

Second Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Discuss a wide range of mysteries, including procedurals, detective novels, and capers.

Nonfiction (hybrid, with online option)

Third Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Share your thoughts on a varied array of nonfiction selections.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Asian American Literature (online)

Third Mondays at 7 pm

Enjoy a wide range of fiction, nonfiction, biography/autobiography that explores the Asian American identity and experiences.

Between the Lines

Second Fridays at 5 pm

Meets at Brewing Good in Savage Mill

Read diverse genres and discuss the similarities and differences, the intersections and identities.

Books on Tap

First Wednesdays at 6 pm

Meets at The Ale House Columbia

Read a wide variety of titles and genres with an equally wide set of perspectives and experiences. Please arrange to borrow books from HCLS yourself.

The Unbook Reading Group

Second Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Meets at Backwater Book, Old Ellicott City

Bring a book of your choice, read silently, then wrap up by sharing something about what you read. No purchase necessary.

Required Reading: Texts for Change (online)

Meets quarterly at 7 pm: Nov 10, Feb 10, May 12

For readers who care about community and meaningful conversation, especially folks who are curious, committed to learning, and ready to grow. Registration required at hclibrary.org.