

Book Club Interest Groups 2024

Canadian Authors Plus Book Club

The focus of this club is on Canadian fiction and non-fiction. Non-Canadian authors are also considered. Books are selected in collaboration with the group. Members commit to regular meetings and volunteer to facilitate book discussions alone or with a partner. Meet monthly September - June (in-person)

How Can You Think That? A Political Book Club

Are you frustrated by the current level of political discussion and the polarization of opinions? There must be a better way to discuss politics than what we see on the Internet and television or hear in shouting matches between people who disagree with each other. Our political book club members are interested in bridging political divides and having intelligent, civilized conversations about why conservatives and liberals often find it hard to meet on common ground. We are a diverse group of people from a variety of backgrounds and ways of thinking.

Meet monthly September - June (online)

Mystery Book Club

If you enjoy reading mysteries, whodunnits, espionage stories, detective fiction and other kinds of mysteries, this might be the group for you! Members of the group suggest and decide on what books will be read.

Meet monthly September - June (in-person)

* Full with waitlist

Read it Again

A novel book club -- a CALL interest group that re-reads one of the classics to engage in an in-depth discussion. Most of us study the classics when we're students and don't revisit them. Join Read it Again for an opportunity to re-read one of those books and to discuss it from a different or even - dare we say? - more mature perspective.

Five sessions in the Fall and five sessions in the Winter (in-person)

Reading Non-Fiction

This book club considers recent works of non-fiction, allowing two sessions for each book. The focus is on evidence, arguments and conclusions as well as on the rhetorical strategies employed by the authors. Members divide up responsibility for leading discussions. Meet twice monthly September - May (in-person)

*Full with waitlist



Short Reads: Great Women Writers

This CALL group is based on the idea that it is essential to hear both women's and men's voices. Historically, women's voices were not valued. As Elizabeth Lesser puts it in her book *Cassandra Speaks*, when women's voices are heard, the full scope of human experience is shown. The group focuses on the short fiction (and occasional non-fiction) of master women writers mainly from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries Meet monthly September - May (online)

The Prairies and Quebec Through Their Literature

This book club is a collaborative effort between Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners (CALL) and the McGill Community of Lifelong Learning (MCLL). Members read and discuss two novels by writers from each of these distinctive regions, that offer nuanced insight into the histories and cultures of each place. After discussing four novels, the fifth session will be spent comparing and contrasting the four novels and discussing the light each may shed on the cultures and societies they depict.

Meets for five seasons in the fall and five in the winter. (online)

Variety Book Club

As per our name, a variety of genres such as biographies, historical fiction, mysteries etc., voted on by members, will be read. Process of choosing titles will be discussed at the first meeting. Each book club meeting will be led by a discussion leader who will provide some background to the selected book and some guidance to the discussion. Members are asked to have read the book and be prepared to share their impressions of the book. Meet monthly September - June (in-person)

We Love a Good Mystery

Avid mystery readers, we meet monthly to discuss, share opinions and thoughts about a book selected by our members. Our discussions are engaging, inclusive, informative and fun. We select books three months in advance to ensure members have an opportunity to access the book through the library or other sources. The member who suggests the book leads the discussion.

Meet monthly September - June (online)

*Full with waitlist

World Indigenous Literature: An Indigenous Literature Discussion Group

Are you interested in learning more about Indigenous Peoples in other countries as well as Canada? Our group is a great way to discover their histories and cultures, and their similarities and differences. We'll broaden our knowledge and understanding through fiction and nonfiction by Indigenous writers from Africa, Australia, Scandinavia, Latin America, the Continental United States and Hawaii, as well as Canada. We read one book a month and welcome you to join us.

Meet monthly September - June (online)