

Adult Nonfiction Book Discussion Kits

Book Discussion Kits are designed for book clubs and other groups to read and discuss the same book. The kits include multiple copies of the book and a discussion guide. Some kits include Large Print copies (noted below in the subject area). Additional Large Print, CDbooks or DVDs may be added upon request, if available. The kit is checked out to one group member who is responsible for all the materials. Book Discussion Kits can be reserved in advance by calling the Adult Services Department, 314-994-3300 ext 2030. Kits may be picked up at any SLCL location, and should be returned inside the branch during normal business hours. To check out a kit, you'll need a valid SLCL card. Kits are checked out for up to 8 weeks, and may not be renewed. Up to two kits may be checked out at one time to an individual. Customers will not receive a phone call or email when the kit is ready for pick up, so please note the pickup date requested. To search within this list when viewing it on a computer, press the Ctrl and F keys simultaneously, then type your search term (author, title, or subject) into the search box and press Enter. Use the arrow keys next to the search box to navigate to the matches. For a full plot summary, please click on the title, which links to the library catalog. New Book Discussion Kits are in **bold red font**, updated 7/21.

TITLE	AUTHOR	SUBJECTS
13th Gift	Joanne Huist Smith	Christmas/miracles/kindness/families
84 Charing Cross Road	Helene Hanff	booksellers/correspondence
1491	Charles Mann	Native American/history/archaeology
Accidental President	A.J. Baime	biography/history/President Harry S. Truman/WWII
American Heiress	Jeffrey Toobin	biography/Patty Hearst/heiresses/kidnapping/bank robbery/Large Print
Becoming	Michelle Obama	autobiography and memoir/ African American/ first ladies/ women lawyers/ Large Print
Bettyville	George Hodgman	memoir/gay men/aging parents/Paris, Missouri/Large Print
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	memoir/African American/race relations
Bitter Brew	William Knoedelseder	biography/Busch family/history/Anheuser Busch/St. Louis
Black Man in a White Coat	Damon Tweedy	memoir/African American/physicians/discrimination
Bookseller of Kabul	Asne Seierstad	biography/Sultan Khan/Afghanistan/bookselling
Born a Crime	Trevor Noah	autobiography and memoir/ family/ comedians/ apartheid/ South Africa
Boys in the Boat	Daniel James Brown	biography/rowing/Olympic Games/1936 Berlin/Large Print
The Broken Heart of America	Walter Johnson	history/society and culture/African Americans/structural racism/St. Louis, Missouri
Caste	Isabel Wilkerson	society and culture/hierarchy/race relations/ethnicity/power/social classes/United States
Color of Water	James McBride	biography/Ruth McBride Jordan/African American/interracial families
Dead Wake	Erik Larson	history/WWI/Lusitania/shipwrecks/Large Print
Death of a King	Tavis Smiley	biography/MLK Jr./civil rights/African American/history/Large Print
Destiny of the Republic	Candice Millard	biography/James Garfield/medicine/history/Large Print
Driving Miss Norma	Ramie Liddle and Tim Bauerschmidt	memoirs/parent and adult child/cross-country automobile trips/terminal illness/Large Print
Educated	Tara Westover	memoir/homeschooling/Mormons/survivalism/women college students/rural Idaho/Large Print
Eighty-Dollar Champion	Elizabeth Letts	biography/animals/horses/horse trainers/sports
Eleanor and Hick	Susan Quinn	biography/history/Eleanor Roosevelt/Lorena Hickok/First Ladies/ women journalists/romantic relationship/friendship/Large Print
Empire of the Summer Moon	S.C. Gwynne	history/Comanche Indians

Empty Mansions	Bill Dedman/Paul Clark Newell Jr.	biography/Huguette Clark/recluses/homes
Evidence of Murder	Bill McClellan	St. Louis/history/true crime
Extraordinary Ordinary People	Condoleezza Rice	autobiography/African American/Alabama
Five Days at Memorial	Sheri Fink	Hurricane Katrina/disasters/Memorial Medical Center/history/Large Print
Founding Mothers	Cokie Roberts	history/women
Furious Hours	Casey Cep	true crime/biographies/Harper Lee/murder trials/rural life/creativity in women/Large Print
George Washington's Secret Six	Brian Kilmeade & Don Yaeger	history/spies/military intelligence
Ghost Boy	Martin Pistorius	memoir/science/locked-in syndrome
Girl in the Dark	Anna Lyndsey	memoir/science/photosensitivity disorder/Large Print
Glass Castle	Jeannette Walls	memoir/alcoholism/West Virginia/Large Print
Grandma Gatewood's Walk	Ben Montgomery	biography/Emma Rowena Caldwell Gatewood/Appalachian Trail/hikers/women conservationists/history
Hero of the Empire	Candice Millard	biography/Winston Churchill/South African War/prisoners of war/Large Print
Hidden Figures	Margot Lee Shetterly	biography/African American mathematicians/women mathematicians/NASA/Large Print
Hillbilly Elegy	J.D. Vance	memoir/sociological/Appalachia/poverty/working class whites/Large Print
How to be an Antiracist	Ibram X. Kendi	memoir/society and culture/antiracism/ethnic identity/African American/Large Print
I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai	autobiography/young women/education/children's rights/Pakistan/Large Print
I'll Be Gone in the Dark	Michelle McNamara	true crime/Golden State Killer/serial murder investigations/cold cases/Large Print
Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot	biography/Henrietta Lacks/cancer/African American/science/Large Print
In Cold Blood	Truman Capote	murder/true crime/movie
In Order to Live	Yeonmi Park	memoir/North Korea/refugees/Large Print
In Such Good Company	Carol Burnett	memoir/humor/comediennes/arts and entertainment/variety shows/Large Print
In the Garden of Beasts	Erik Larson	biography/William Edward Dodd/history/Germany/Large Print
In the Kingdom of Ice	Hampton Sides	history/shipwrecks/Arctic Ocean/survival/Large Print
Inheritance	Dani Shapiro	memoir/family/fathers and daughters/paternity/family secrets/genealogy/Jewish women/Large Print
Into Thin Air	Jon Krakauer	autobiography/Mt. Everest/movie
Invisible Thread	Laura Schroff	biography/Maurice Mazyck/friendship/African American/Large Print
It Takes a Village Idiot	Jim Mullen	memoir/country life/New York/humor
Killers of the Flower Moon	David Grann	history/true crime/Native Americans/Osage Indians/FBI/serial murders/Large Print
Let Love Rule	Lenny Kravitz	autobiography and memoir/arts and entertainment/rock musicians/fame/multiracial people
The Library Book	Susan Orlean	history/ Los Angeles Public Library fire/ arson/ libraries and society/ Large Print

Life & Times of the Thunderbolt Kid	Bill Bryson	memoir/Bill Bryson/humor
A Long Way Home	Saroo Brierley	memoir/East Indians/Australia/international adoption/birth parents/family/movie (Lion)
Lost City of Z	David Grann	travel/Amazon/exploration
Monuments Men	Robert M. Edsel	history/WWII/Germany/art/movie
My Life in France	Julia Child	memoir/cooking/France
Night	Eli Wiesel	memoir/history/WWII/Holocaust/concentration camp survivors/Jewish teenage boys/classic
Nothing to Envy	Barbara Demick	Korea/socio-economic factors
Olivia's Story	Jeffrey S. Copeland	Shelley vs. Kraemer/Missouri/civil rights/African Americans
Oregon Trail	Rinker Buck	Oregon National Historic Trail/pioneer life/travel writing/West/Large Print
Pearl Buck in China	Hilary Spurling	biography/Pearl S. Buck/China/women's rights
Radium Girls	Kate Moore	history/employee rights/occupational safety/radiation/radium paint/Large Print
Rainbow Comes and Goes	Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt	biography/Anderson Cooper/Gloria Vanderbilt/correspondence/mothers and sons/Large Print
River of Doubt	Candice Millard	biography/Teddy Roosevelt/Amazon/exploration/Large Print
Rosemary: the Hidden Kennedy Daughter	Kate Clifford Larson	biography/Rosemary Kennedy/disabilities/lobotomies
Secret History of Wonder Woman	Jill Lepore	comic book characters/superheroines/feminism/American history
Shakespeare Save My Life	Laura Bates	memoirs/arts and entertainment/prisoners/books and reading/personal transformation
Short & Tragic Life of Robert Peace	Jeff Hobbs	biography/Robert Peace/violence/drugs/African American
Slaying in South St. Louis	Vicki Erwin	true crime/murder investigations/Nancy Zanone
The Splendid and the Vile	Erik Larson	history/life stories/Winston Churchill/WWII/The Blitz/Large Print
Stan Musial: an American Life	George Vecsey	biography/Stan Musial/baseball/St. Louis Cardinals
Stitches	David Small	memoir/graphic novel/cancer survivors/family relationships
Stranger in the Woods	Michael Finkel	biography/adventure/hermits/eccentrics/wilderness survival/Large Print
Thousand Days in Venice	Marlena De Blasi	biography/Italy/travel
Thunderstruck	Erik Larson	true crime/history/murder/telegraph/Large Print
Travels with Charley	John Steinbeck	autobiography/travel/race relations/dogs
Truevine	Beth Macy	true crime/history/kidnapping/circus performers/albinos
Two Old Women	Velma Wallis	folklore/Alaska/Native Americans
Unbroken	Laura Hillenbrand	biography/Louis Zamperini/WWII/prisoners of war/Olympic running/movie/Large Print
Underground Girls of Kabul	Jenny Nordberg	Afghanistan/gender roles/women
Victoria & Abdul	Shrabani Basu	biography/history/Queen Victoria/Abdul Karim/royal favorites/friendship/East Indians/movie
Waiting for Snow in Havana	Carlos Eire	memoir/Cuba/Cuban revolution/refugees
Walk in the Woods	Bill Bryson	memoir/travel writing/humor/Appalachian Trail/narrative/movie
When Books Went to War	Molly Guptill Manning	history/WWII/books/literature in war/Large Print
When Breath Becomes Air	Paul Kalanithi	biography/lung cancer/neurosurgeons/terminal illness/Large Print

Wild	Cheryl Strayed	memoir/travel/Pacific Crest Trail/grief/movie
Witches: Salem, 1692	Stacy Schiff	history/witchcraft/Salem, Massachusetts
Worst Hard Time	Timothy Egan	depression/farmers/history/Great Plains
Wright Brothers	David McCullough	biography/Orville Wright/Wilbur Wright/history/aeronautics/Large Print
Zookeeper's Wife	Diane Ackerman	history/WWII/Poland/Holocaust/movie