

Juvenile 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 12/21.

TITLE	AUTHOR	SUBJECTS	LEXILE
Nonfiction			
Who was Rosa Parks?	Yona Zeldis McDonough	Who Was series/biography/Rosa Parks/African American/civil rights/segregation/Montgomery, Alabama	700
Who Was Sacagawea?	Judith Bloom Fradin	Who Was series/biography/Sacagawea/Shoshoni Indians/Louis & Clark expedition	650
Fiction			
Abe Lincoln's Hat	Martha Brenner	history/biography/presidents	330
The Absent Author	Ron Roy	A to Z mysteries series/mystery/kidnapping	510
Amari and the Night Brothers	B.B. Alston	magical realism/illustrated books/African American/low income housing/magic	
Because of Mr. Terupt	Rob Buyea	bullies/teachers/realistic fiction	560
BFG	Roald Dahl	giants/orphans/humor	720
Book Scavenger	Jennifer Chambliss Bertman	Book Scavenger series/ mystery/ adventure/ treasure hunts/ publishers and publishing/ San Francisco	810
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis	African American/foster children/Depression	950
Buddy Files: the Case of the Lost Boy	Dori Hillestad Butler	Buddy Files series/dog detectives/animal point of view	450
Bunnicula	Deborah Howe	mystery/rabbits/animal fantasy/humor/scary stories	700
Candymakers	Wendy Mass	mystery/friendship/contests	740
Cardboard	Doug TenNapel	graphic novel/fantasy/heroes/fathers and sons	300
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	fantasy/contests/movie/classic	810
Charlotte's Web	E. B. White	animal fantasy/classic/farm animals/friendship/death	680
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal	Jeff Kinney	Diary of a Wimpy Kid series/friendship/diaries/humor/realistic fiction	950
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein	suspense/games/puzzles/libraries	720
Everything Sad is Untrue	Daniel Nayeri	realistic ficiton/biographical fiction/refugees/immigrant boys/Iranian Americans/middle school	800
Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure	Jeff Brown	Flat Stanley series/humor/shapes & sizes	550
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg	runaways/humor/realistic fiction	700
Gooney Bird Greene	Lois Lowry	storytelling/humor/realistic fiction	590
Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	fantasy/ghosts/horror/orphans	820
High Tide in Hawaii	Mary Pope Osborne	Magic Tree House series/fantasy/time travel/magic/Hawaii	370
Holes	Louis Sachar	friendship/homelessness	660
Hour of the Olympics	Mary Pope Osborne	Magic Tree House series/fantasy/Olympics/Greece/magic	380
Hurricane Katrina, 2005 (I Survived)	Lauren Tarshis	I Survived series/survival/natural disasters/families/Hurricane Katrina/realistic fiction	590

Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus	Barbara Park	Junie B. Jones series/humor/school/friendship/Kindergarten	380
Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	Lemonade War series/math/fundraising/humor	630
Look to the Hills, the Diary of Lozette Moreau	Pat McKissack	African American/Dear America series/slavery	670
Love and Loyalty	Valerie Tripp	American Girl/Felicity classic/historical/horses/friendship/families/Colonial America	580
Matilda	Roald Dahl	fantasy/humor/classic/movie/gifted persons	840
Meena Meets Her Match	Karla Manternach	realistic fiction/illustrated books/children with epilepsy/nine-year-old girls/friendship	660
Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart	Mysterious Benedict Society series/friendship/orphans/secret societies	840
New Kid	Jerry Craft	comics and graphic novels/African American/boy artists/middle schools/racism/new students	320
Ninth Ward	Jewell Parker Rhodes	African American/Hurricane Katrina/survival/coming of age	470
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia	Gaither Sisters series/African American/civil rights/Black Panther society	750
Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper	cerebral palsy/children with disabilities/genius/bullying	700
The Penderwicks : a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy	Jeanne Birdsall	Penderwicks series/ realistic/ humorous/ sisters/ single-parent families/ vacations	800
The Puzzle of the Paper Daughter	Kathryn Reiss	American Girl series/ Julie mystery/ historical/ Chinese Americans/ immigration/ friendship/ San Francisco	760
Ramona the Pest	Beverly Cleary	school/classic/humor/siblings/movie/realistic fiction	850
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor	African American/Logan Family Saga series/prejudice/Depression/movie	920
Rules	Cynthia Lord	autism/disabilities/siblings/realistic fiction	780
Rump	Liesl Shurtliff	fantasy/fairy tales/folklore/magic/Rumpelstiltskin	660
School is Alive!	Jack Chabert	Eerie Elementary series/horror/ghosts/school/friendship	460
Sea in Winter	Christine Day	realistic fiction/Native American girls/ballet dancers/sports injuries/family	
Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	orphans/gardens/disabilities/classic/movie	970
Shouting at the Rain	Lynda Mullaly Hunt	realistic fiction/coming-of-age stories/friendship/loneliness/grandmother and granddaughter	560
Silver Arrow	Lev Grossman	fantasy/environmental protection/trains/animals/pre-teen girls/uncles	740
Space Case	Stuart Gibbs	Moon Base Alpha series/ science fiction/ mystery/ space colonies	750
Stink, the Incredible Shrinking Kid	Megan McDonald	Stink series/brothers & sisters/humor/realistic fiction	530
Tenney in the Key of Friendship	Kellen Hertz	American Girl/Tenney/music/friendship/fundraisers	
Towers Falling	Jewell Parker Rhodes	African American/realistic fiction/September 11 2001 terrorist attacks/homelessness/friendship/dysfunctional families	410
The War that Saved My Life	Kimberly Bradley	historical/ WWII/ people with disabilities/ brothers and sisters/ Great Britain	580
Wonder	R.J. Palacio	self esteem/outcasts/handicaps/realistic fiction	790