

Teen 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			
The 57 Bus	Dashka Slater	narrative nonfiction/true crime/assault/gender identity/criminal justice system	930
And Not Afraid to Dare	Tonya Bolden (ed)	stories/inspirational/African American	1170
Courage Has No Color	Tanya Lee Stone	biography/African American/WWII	1090
Free Lunch	Rex Ogle	autobiographies and memoirs/school lunch programs/poor families/hunger/multiracial boys/middle schools	540
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You	Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi	history/antiracism/social issues/stereotypes	1000
Fiction			
Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Sherman Alexie	coming of age/humor/Native Americans/cultural identity/reservation life	600
After Tupac & D Foster	Jacqueline Woodson	African American/Tupac/coming of age/realistic fiction	750
Book Thief	Marcus Zusak	WWII/orphans/movie	730
Boy 21	Matthew Quick	basketball/friendship/realistic fiction	830
Boy in the Striped Pajamas	John Boyne	WWII/movie/racism	1080
Counting by 7s	Holly Goldberg Sloan	school/orphans/geniuses/eccentrics/realistic fiction	770
Dear Martin	Nic Stone	African American/teenage boys/racism/letters/Black Lives Matter/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	720
Every Day	David Levithan	fantasy/soul stealing/morality	650
Flush	Carl Hiaasen	suspense/environmental issues/families/boats/florida	830

Game of Love and Death	Martha Brockenbrough	love stories/magical realism/historical/multiple perspectives/interracial relationships/1930s/Great Depression	710
Ghost	Jason Reynolds	Track series/ African American/ realistic/ runners/ middle school/ fathers and sons	730
Giver	Lois Lowry	Giver series/fantasy/recluses/utopias/classic/movie	760
The Golden Compass	Philip Pullman	His Dark Materials series/ fantasy/ classic/ movie/ kidnapping/ experiments/ Oxford/ arctic	930
Grown	Tiffany D. Jackson	thriller and suspense/African American/teenage girls/sex crimes/musicians/murder/ amnesia/ celebrities	
Half Brother	Kenneth Oppel	chimps/Canada/human-animal communication	680
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	Brian Robeson series/survival/divorce/classic/movie	1020
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	African American/police shootings/Black Lives Matter/teenage girls/interracial dating/friendship	590
Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins	survival/dystopia/Hunger Games series/movie	810
It's Kind of a Funny Story	Ned Vizzini	depression/realistic fiction/humor/movie	700
Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	Greek mythology/Percy Jackson series/fantasy/movie	740
Monster	Walter Dean Myers	African American/prison/realistic fiction	670
On the Come Up	Angie Thomas	African American/teenage girls/racism/poverty/music/hip-hop/families/children of celebrities	550
One for the Murphys	Linda Mullaly Hunt	orphans/abused women	520
Orleans	Sherri L. Smith	science fiction/New Orleans/viruses/dystopias	750
Scythe	Neal Shusterman	Arc of a Scythe series/ science fiction/ multiple perspectives/ dystopias/ death/ murder/	830
Serpent King	Jeff Zentner	realistic fiction/multiple perspectives/Petecostals/children of preachers/small towns/friendship	630
Skin I'm In	Sharon Flake	African American/identity/self esteem/bullying/realistic fiction	670
Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson	secrets/outcasts/rape/movie/realistic fiction	690
Steelheart	Brandon Sanderson	Reckoners series/science fiction/dystopias	680
Testing	Joelle Charbonneau	Testing series/science fiction/schools/college/examinations/dystopias	830
What We Found in the Sofa & How it Saved the World	Henry Clark	science fiction/humor/eccentrics/adventure/aliens	730