

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 7/21.

TITLE	AUTHOR	SUBJECTS	LEXILE
Nonfiction			
Smart Girl's Guide: Digital World	Carrie Anton	American Girl Smart Girl's Guide series/internet safety/privacy	
Smart Girl's Guide: Drama, Rumors & Secrets	Nancy Holyoke	American Girl Smart Girl's Guide series/jealousy/gossip/cyberbullying	590
Smart Girl's Guide: Getting it Together	Brenna Vaughan	American Girl Smart Girl's Guide series/time management/organization	780
Smart Girl's Guide: Money	Nancy Holyoke	American Girl Smart Girl's Guide series/money/personal finance/teenage girls/	720
Smart Girl's Guide to Liking Herself--Even on the Bad Days	Laurie E. Zelinger	American Girl Smart Girl's Guide series/self-esteem/attitudes	880
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
Among the Hidden	Margaret Peterson Haddix	dystopia/science fiction	800
Because of Mr. Terupt	Rob Buyea	bullies/teachers/realistic fiction	560
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	friendship/human-animal relationships/dogs	610
BFG	Roald Dahl	giants/orphans/humor	720
Big Break	Megan McDonald	American Girl Beforever series/Julie/1974/basketball	700
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
Candy-makers	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
Chrissa	Mary Casanova	American Girl series/Chrissa/bullies	710
Designs by Isabelle	Laurence Yep	American Girl series/Isabelle/ballet/family	800
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
Finders-Keepers Rule	Jacqueline Dembar Greene	American Girl Beforever series/Maryellen/1950s/mystery	810
Finding Freedom	Connie Rose Porter	American Girl Beforever series/Addy/African American/slavery/1864	650
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
Gabriela	Teresa E. Harris	American Girl series/Girl of the Year 2017/realistic fiction/African American/speech impediment	730
Gooney Bird Greene	Lois Lowry	storytelling/humor/realistic fiction	590
Grace	Mary Casanova	American Girl series/Grace/Girl of the Year 2015/Americans in France/cousins	710
Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	fantasy/ghosts/horror/orphans	820
Growing Up With Aloha	Kirby Larson	American Girl Beforever/Nanea/historical/WWII/Native Hawaiians/Pearl Harbor/missing persons	620
Heart Full of Hope	Connie Rose Porter	American Girl Beforever series/Addy/African American/slavery/1864	650
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
Hula for the Home Front	Kirby Larson	American Girl Beforever series/Nanea/historical/Native Hawaiians/WWII/Hula/families	650
Hurricane Katrina, 2005 (I Survived)	Lauren Tarshis	I Survived series/survival/natural disasters/families/Hurricane Katrina/realistic fiction	590
Isabelle	Laurence Yep	American Girl series/Isabelle/ballet/realistic fiction	810
Jazzman's Trumpet	Elizabeth Cody Kimmel	American Girl/Kit/mystery/The Depression/girl journalists/jazz music/practical jokes/stealing	730
Joplin Tornado, 2011 (I Survived)	Lauren Tarshis	I Survived series/survival/natural disasters/tornadoes/Missouri/realistic fiction/adventure	710
Journey Begins	Janet Beeler Shaw	American Girl Beforever series/Kaya/Nez Perce Indians/1764	730
Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus	Barbara Park	Junie B. Jones series/humor/school/friendship/Kindergarten	380
Lea Dives In	Lisa Yee	American Girl series/Lea/Girl of the Year 2016/Brazil/traveling	750
Lea Leads the Way	Lisa Yee	American Girl series/Lea/Brazil/rainforests/brothers and sisters/animal rescue	740
Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	Lemonade War series/math/fundraising/humor	630
Lights, Camera, Rebecca!	Jacqueline Dembar Greene	American Girl Beforever series/Rebecca/1914/Jews/sweatshops/motion pictures	740
Lilac Tunnel	Erin Falligant	American Girl Beforever series/Samantha/1904/plot your own stories/stepfamilies/New York history	760
Look to the Hills, the Diary of Lozette Moreau	Pat McKissack	African American/Dear America series/slavery	670
Lost and Found	Valerie Tripp	American Girl Beforever series/Samantha/1904/orphans/friendship	610
Love and Loyalty	Valerie Tripp	American Girl/Felicity classic/historical/horses/friendship/families/Colonial America	580
Luciana	Erin Teagan	American Girl/Girl of the Year/space flight training/science camps/friendship	
The Map Trap	Andrew Clements	mystery/maps/friendship	900
Matilda	Roald Dahl	fantasy/humor/classic/movie/gifted persons	840
Music in My Heart: My Journey with Melody	Erin Falligant	American Girl Beforever series/1964/Melody/African American/civil rights/singers	
Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart	Mysterious Benedict Society series/friendship/orphans/secret societies	840
Never Stop Singing	Denise Lewis Patrick	American Girl/African American Beforever series/Melody/music/singers/leadership	680
Ninth Ward	Jewell Parker Rhodes	African American/Hurricane Katrina/survival/coming of age	470
No Ordinary Sound	Denise Lewis Patrick	American Girl Beforever series/Melody/African American/1964	640
One and Only	Valerie Tripp	American Girl Beforever series/Maryellen/Florida/1954	790
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
Roar of the Falls	Emma Carlson Berne	American Girl Beforever series/Kaya/1764/historical/Native Americans/Nez Perce Indians	680
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
Saige	Jessie Haas	American Girl series/Saige/fundraising/horseback riding/art/New Mexico	690
School is Alive!	Jack Chabert	Eerie Elementary series/horror/ghosts/school/friendship	460
Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	orphans/gardens/disabilities/classic/movie	970
Silver Guitar	Kathryn Reiss	American Girl/mystery/fundraising/San Francisco	810
Smoke on the Wind	Janet Shaw	American Girl Beforever series/Kaya/Nez Perce Indians/1764/	800
Soaring High	Megan McDonald	American Girl Beforever series/Julie/1974/wildlife rescue/San Francisco	720
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
Taking Off	Valerie Tripp	American Girl Beforever series/Maryellen/friendship/Florida/1954	840
Tenney	Kellen Hertz	American Girl series/Tenney/music/singers	670
Tenney in the Key of Friendship	Kellen Hertz	American Girl/Tenney/music/friendship/fundraisers	
Time for Change	Varian Johnson	American Girl series/Girl of the Year 2017/Gabriela/African American/friendships/creative writing	690
To the Stars, Isabelle	Laurence Yep	American Girl series/Isabelle/ballet/family	800
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
Z on Location	J.J. Howard	American Girl series/Z/documentary films/vlogs	