

Resources for Book Groups



Need multiple copies of a title for your book group?

The Hampstead Public Library supports local book groups by obtaining multiple copies of the same title for you to borrow.

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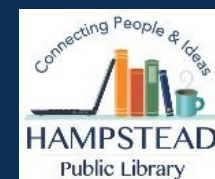
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HPL Book Groups

Hampstead Public Library has 2 of our own book groups you're welcome to attend.

1. Third Thursday Book Club
1 p.m.
Year round
2. Non-Fiction Book Group
1st Tuesday
1 p.m.
September - June





Books for local book groups

Choosing a title

Q. How do I request a book for a book group?

A. To place a request, speak with a staff member in person, by phone (603-329-6411), or email Merrily Samuels
msamuels@hampsteadlibrary.org

Q. What information will I be asked to provide?

A. Please have the following information available:

- The book title and author
- The number of copies needed
 - Does anyone need Large Print?
 - Does anyone prefer Books on CD?
 - Do anyone prefer ebooks or downloadable audiobooks?
- Date of your book discussion
- Name & email of the group's contact person

Q. How far in advance do I need to place the request?

A. The earlier the better. We try to have the next discussion book ready to be checked out one month before your discussion date (e.g. Your June book will be available the day of your May meeting.)

We need a minimum of 2 weeks notice before the pick up date for books to arrive and be processed.

Q. Can we keep the books until the discussion date?

A. Yes. We'll set a fixed due date a few days after your discussion. The earlier you pick up the book, the more time you'll have to read it.

Q. How are books checked out to the group?

A. Each member of the group with a Hampstead Public Library card should check out their own copy of the book.

If members are from other towns, they'll need to obtain a copy through their local library.

Q. Can I renew a book group book?

A. Sometimes. It depends on how the book was borrowed. We may be able to renew the copy you currently have, or we can request another copy. After your book discussion, it may also be possible to check out the Hampstead Public Library's copy, if it's available.

Q. Where should I return the book?

A. All book group books should be returned to the Hampstead Public Library.

Q. What books are available for groups?

A. Most books are available if they were published at least 6 months to 1 year ago.

- Recently published books and bestsellers are popular in every library. We may not be able to borrow as many copies of these current titles as you need.

Q. Where can we find ideas for what to read next?

A. Ask us. We're happy to make suggestions.

Look in **BookPage**, available free at the library, for the Book Clubs section

Use **NoveList** to find books based on genre, plot, and themes. You can find this database on our website. Use your library card # to sign in.

Look up **Reading Group Choices** online for title suggestions with discussion questions:
<https://readinggroupchoices.com/>

"No two persons ever read the same book." — Edmund Wilson