

Your Reading Group Membership

Your Reading Group Membership entitles you to borrow sets of up to 12 books from our Reading Group Collection free of charge.

What we need from you

- The name, address, phone number and email address of a contact person (co-ordinator) for the group who will be responsible for letting us know which books the group would like to read and for making sure that the books are all returned. The co-ordinator will hold the group's library card and PIN, allowing them to renew books on-line thus avoiding fines which are charged at the standard overdue rate per book
- A list of your meeting dates at least six months in advance, or a regular meeting pattern to ensure you receive your books in good time for your meeting. We regret that we are unable to accept ad hoc requests for books
- How many members are in the group (we can adjust this as and when necessary)
- Which library you would like to collect the books from
- How you would like to choose your books – either:
 - Librarian Selection - the librarians will choose a title from our carefully selected collection to supply to your reading group for each meeting; this works well for reading groups that really want to expand their reading choices and enjoy exploring a range of literature.
 - Wishlist – a selection of about 50 titles from our collection that you would like to read, from which we choose one each time. Perhaps each group member could suggest 5-10 titles. If none of these are available at the time, we will send a surprise selection

Please note that with either option, we are unable to provide specific titles at specific times.

- Whether any member has difficulty reading standard size print – we have a limited number of titles available in Large Print or audio and can supply these where possible. Please note, however, that not all titles are published in these formats. We also stock wherever possible digital versions of our titles, via the Libby and Borrowbox apps – see the website for details: [eBooks and eAudio | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

A list of titles in the collection can be seen on the Reading Group pages on our website:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/readinggroups. If you have suggestions for additions to the collection, please let us know on the email address below.

How it works

- Once we have this information, we will send a set to your chosen library in time for each meeting
- We will let you know by email when the books are on the way to the library – please check with the library concerned that it has arrived before making a special journey to collect it
- Please check that the set has been issued to the group either by library staff or the co-ordinator, and that returned books have been discharged from the ticket
- Sets of books should be returned complete. Books can be renewed once to allow time to collect up stray copies. Any lost copies must be paid for. Some groups like to keep a “kitty” to cover the costs of replacing any books that go astray, or to pay any overdue charges
- We suggest keeping a note of which member is reading which copy – there is a record sheet available on the website. Each book has its own unique barcode

Contact the Reading Groups team on readinggroups@oxfordshire.gov.uk

