

Families - Start a Super Reader Book Club this summer!

Make reading a social event by starting a Super Reader Book Club. It could be with neighbors, family members, or friends.

Steps to starting a Super Reader Book Club:

1. Choose what kind of book group you would like to start. Ideas include a family book club, a mother and daughter book club, father and son book club, friends, neighbors, etc.
2. Decide on how many people you'd like to invite. You may wish to limit the size to 7 -12 to keep it manageable. Use the attached invitation to invite members.
3. Decide on how often to hold your Super Reader Book Club. Usually book clubs meet once a month, however, some decide to meet every other week. Do whatever works for your group.
4. Determine where to meet and what time. Many book clubs meet at members houses and rotate the meeting location among members. You could decide to meet in a park or at the library, contact your library to see if a meeting room is available to reserve.
5. Select what type of book club you will host. If it's a book club for very young children you may want it to be more of a book sharing time or book play date. Members could bring their favorite books to read to the other members. Or the host may decide on a theme and read books related to the theme. For example, for a circus theme ask members to come dressed imismatched like clowns, read several circus books and then create silly hats to wear and have a circus parade. Snacks could be popcorn and circus animal crackers.

Another idea for younger children is reading a story and then creating a puppet play to retell it.

Children that are independent readers may want more of a traditional book club where members decide what book they will read ahead of time and then discuss it when they meet.

Other ideas include reading a book and then watching the movie and discussing what was the same and what was different.

Use the attached invitations for your book club. Use the blank space near the top to enter a short description of what will happen so members know what to expect.

6. Snacks are an important part of a book club. Assign a person or several people to provide snacks each time, this duty could rotate among members.
7. Visit www.mpl.org/SummerReading for suggested books and more tips for starting a book club.