

Setting up a reading group

When setting up a reading group, it's important to think about who you want to invite and how big you want the group to be.

Reading groups are a great way of getting people together, so think about how often you want the group meetings to be and make sure you leave enough time for people to read the chosen book, a lot of groups meet on a monthly basis.

You can talk to your local library to get advice and information on how best to set up a group and what works well. Devon Libraries staff are always happy to help.

Your first meeting

At the first meeting talk about how the reading group will work. How often will the group meet, where and when?

Before you begin choosing your books you may want to get your group talking. Why not try one of the following ideas:

- Desert island books - which three books would you take with you if marooned on a desert island?
- Childhood favourites - what did you enjoy reading or listening to when you were younger?
- Room 101 - which two books would you consign to room 101 and why?
- Favourite book - ask each person to talk about their favourite book and why they enjoyed it.
- Books on screen - how well do books adapt to the cinema? Is it better to read the book before seeing the film or do you do it the other way around?

When you have read your book

To get the group talking about the book, try asking the following questions:

- Were you hooked straight away?
- Did you skip any boring bits?
- Who was your favourite character?
- Would you read another title by this author?
- What did you think of the ending ...and did you take a look before you actually finished?

Remember to try and make it fun, and allow everyone to voice their opinion.