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Check out these websites for book group ideas

- **Bookbrowse: bookbrowse.com**
  Recommends only the most exceptional current books and provides a substantial excerpt and multiple reviews of each one.

- **Bookmarks Magazine: bookmarks magazine.com**
  Includes lists of the most reviewed titles to see what hot books are currently attracting reviewers’ attention.

- **Goodreads: goodreads.com**
  This site is the largest social network for readers in the world. Goodreads members recommend books, compare what they are reading, keep track of what they’ve read and would like to read, form book clubs and much more.

- **I Love Libraries: ilovelibraries.org**
  I Love Libraries is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA), created to spread the world about the value of today’s libraries.

- **LibraryThing: librarything.com**
  Helps you catalog your own books and connects people with the same books, comes up with suggestions for what to read next, and more.

- **Reading Group Choices: readinggroupchoices.com**
  Provides an alphabetical list of fiction and nonfiction titles with links to discussion guides.

- **The resources below are available to West Bloomfield Township Public Library cardholders. Go to wblib.org click “eLibrary” and then “Databases.”**

- **Books and Authors**
  An online resource designed to help public library patrons discover today’s popular fiction and non-fiction titles, as well as the classics of yesterday.

- **NovelList**
  Helps you search for titles similar to the ones you’ve read and enjoyed, provides interesting feature articles and book discussion guides.

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**Available Titles Ideas for Book Groups Informative Websites**

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For your convenience, most Book Group Kit titles are also available in additional formats, including eBook, eAudiobook, and Book on CD.
An Anthology of Ideas
For Book Groups

The library offers the following resources to help book groups get the most from their book discussion experience.

There’s room for discussion at the library
Community book groups may reserve the Library’s comfortable conference room up to three months in advance at no charge. The room seats twelve. A West Bloomfield or contract community library cardholder must make reservations. Call (248) 232-2350.

Keep current with the All About Books eNewsletter
Monthly issues feature news about bestsellers, publishing trends, tips for book clubs, author updates and events, reading recommendations, and some of the best websites and other tidbits for book lovers. To subscribe, go to wblib.org, click “Services” and then “eNewsletters.”

Kits for book groups with everything to go
Grab a Book Group Kit loaded with everything your book group needs for a memorable book discussion. There are more than 80 titles to choose from, including many in large print!

Each kit includes:
• Ten copies of one of the titles listed below.
• A “Let’s Talk” reading guide to help stimulate lively discussion.
• Reviews of the book from Publisher’s Weekly and other sources.
• Biographical information about the author.
• A copy of The Reading Group Book: The Complete Guide to Starting and Sustaining a Reading Group. This helpful guide also includes annotated lists of 250 suggested titles for provocative book discussions.

Book Group Kits are available for each of these titles:

- The Alice Network by Kate Quinn (Fiction)
- American Princess: A Novel of First Daughter Alice Roosevelt by Stephanie Thornton (Fiction)
- Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane (Fiction)
- Behind Closed Doors by B.A. Paris (Fiction)
- Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan (Fiction)
- Black Bottom Saints by Alice Randall (Fiction)
- The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson (Fiction)
- Born a Crime by Trevor Noah (Biography)
- The Chilbury Ladies’ Choir by Jennifer Ryan (Fiction)
- The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapena (Fiction)
- Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid (Fiction)
- Darkest Child by Delores Phillips (Fiction)
- Dutch Girl by Robert Matzen (Biography)
- Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman (Fiction)
- Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng (Fiction)
- The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline (Fiction)
- Fifty Words for Rain by Asha Lemmie (Fiction)
- The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Daré (Fiction)
- The Great Influenza by John M. Barry (Non-Fiction)
- Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague by Maggie O’Farrell (Fiction)
- I Know This Much Is True by Wally Lamb (Fiction)
- The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd (Fiction)
- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson (Biography)
- The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan (Fiction)
- Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal (Fiction)
- The Last Days of Café Leila by Dora Bijn (Fiction)
- The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine (Fiction)
- Last Summer at the Golden Hotel by Elyssa Friedland (Fiction)
- Less by Andrew Sean Greer (Fiction)
- Like Family by Paula McLain (Biography)
- Lilyville by Tohov Feldshuh (Biography)
- Look How Happy I’m Making You: Stories by Polly Rosenwaike (Short Stories)
- The Map of Salt and Stars by Jennifer Joukhadar (Fiction)
- The Matzah Ball by Jean Meltzer (Fiction)
- The Midnight Library by Matt Haig (Fiction)
- Never Have I Ever by Joshua Jackson (Fiction)
- The Peacock Emporium by Jojo Moyes (Fiction)
- The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict (Fiction)
- A Place for Us by Fatima Famen Mirza (Fiction)
- Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson (Fiction)
- Red Dress in Black and White by Elliott Ackerman (Fiction)
- The Second Mrs. Hockaday by Susan Rivers (Fiction)
- Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart (Fiction)
- The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides (Fiction)
- Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward (Fiction)
- Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison (Fiction)
- The Storyteller’s Secret by Sejal Badoni (Fiction)
- The Sun Does Shine by Anthony Ray Hinton (Non-Fiction)
- Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell (Fiction)
- This Is How I Lied by Heather Gudenkauf (Fiction)
- This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel (Fiction)
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith (Fiction)
- Trust Exercise by Susan Choi (Fiction)
- The Turner House by Angela Flournoy (Fiction)
- Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper (Non-Fiction)
- The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson (Non-Fiction)
- We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter (Fiction)
- West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge (Fiction)
- When We Believed in Mermaids by Barbara O’Neal (Fiction)
- Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (Fiction)
- Winter Counts by David Heska Wanbli Weiden (Fiction)
- The Women of the Copper Country by Mary Doris Russell (Fiction)
- The World According to Fannie Davis: My Mother’s Life in the Detroit Numbers by Bridgett M. Davis (Biography)
- The Wright Brothers by David McCullough (Biography)
- A look at a few of the new Book Group Kit titles:

- American Dynasty: Vanderbilt by Angela Flournoy (Fiction)
- The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz (Fiction)
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith (Fiction)
- The Last Days of Café Leila by Dora Bijn (Fiction)
- The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Daré (Fiction)
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