



Library Service Book Clubs **FAQs**

Frequently asked questions

Why should I join a Book Club?

Library Service Book Clubs are a great way to share your love of reading with friends and to discover new authors and exciting books. They foster stimulating conversation and debate, and they encourage community connectedness.

About Book Clubs

How do I register my Book Club with the Library?

Book Club membership is open to all Central Coast Library Service members.

Joining is easy and each book club group pays an annual membership fee, completes a registration form for the group and presents receipt for payment and the registration form to staff in any of our library branches for processing.

How many people can I have in my Book Club group?

Each Book Club can determine the maximum number of members, keeping in mind that each Book Club Box only provides resources for up to 10 individuals.

What if my Book Club has more than 10 members?

Should a book club wish to have more than 10 members, they are responsible for sourcing additional copies of the books. Central Coast Library Service will attempt to assist you to locate library copies of the book if available

How often should we meet?

Start out with once a month. Any longer than that and you may find members losing interest. After a while you will know what works well for your Book Club.

Does my Book Club need to have a Leader?

Yes, each registered Book Club requires a Coordinator who will receive all communications in relation to Book Clubs.

What does the Book Club Coordinator do?

Book Club Coordinators are responsible for:

- Collection and payment of group membership fees.
- Ensuring all members agree to the terms of use for the Library Service Book Club membership.
- Bringing Book Club members together to make title selections for the following 6 months.

Where can my Book Club meet?

As Book Clubs are informal gatherings, you can meet and utilise Library Service Book Club resources in a member's home, restaurant, café or in one of our library branches.

What happens if I can't attend a Book Club meeting?

Your Book Club Coordinator will keep you in the loop with anything you may have missed.



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Library Service Book Club Boxes

How many items are in a Library Service Book Club Box?

Library Service Book Club Boxes contain background notes and discussion questions, up to 10 regular print books and, where possible, 2 large print books and one audio book. If available, one eBook will also be purchased.

How many Library Service Book Club Boxes are available?

The Library service provides access to over 100 Book Club Box titles for the exclusive use by registered Book Clubs ranging from latest releases, hot topics and literary classics.

How do I know what Library Service Book Club Boxes are available?

Our staff can provide you with a printed list of our current Book Club Boxes.

How many Library Service Book Club Boxes can my group borrow during the year?

Annual Book Club membership entitles members to access up to 12 Library Service Book Club Boxes per year (i.e. one Book Club Box per month).

Book Clubs will be asked to select titles twice per year, for January to June and then July to December. While every effort is made to provide Book Clubs with the Boxes they request, Library Staff cannot guarantee to provide specific Boxes, as allocation is based on demand and the preference of all Book Clubs.

Who can borrow from the Library Service Book Club Boxes?

All registered Book Club members can borrow from our exclusive Library Service Book Club Boxes.

How long can I borrow a Library Service Book Club Boxes for?

Book Club items can be borrowed for up to 4 weeks. Book Club items cannot be renewed.

How do my Library Service Book Club members borrow the items from the Book Club Boxes?

Individual Book Club members will borrow Book Club items on their own Library card.

What happens if Library Service Book Club Box items are damaged or lost?

If books have been lost or damaged standard fees and charges apply, as per Council's current [Fees & Charges - Delivery Program and Operational Plan](#)

If a lost book is subsequently found, the replacement fee is not refundable, but the member may keep the book.

Fees and charges

How much are Library Service Book Club fees?

Annual Book Club membership fees are \$46 per Book Club irrespective of the number of members in the group.



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When are Library Service Book Club membership fees due?

Book Club membership fees are due for payment by August each year. Each Book Club Coordinator will receive an invoice for upcoming membership payments.

Membership fees can be made:

- online, via BPAY
- with Visa or Mastercard by phoning Council Service Centres at Lake Haven, Erina, Gosford, Wyong or Woy Woy
- EFTPOS or cheque at Council Service Centres.

Note: This is a Council invoice and Libraries cannot take payment

No cash payments are accepted at any location.

Why do I have to pay membership fees?

Funds raised through membership fees contribute to the purchase of additional Book Club Boxes.

The Library Service aims to add up to 8 new Book Club Boxes each financial year and each registered Book Club may suggest new book titles or authors to be purchased.

We welcome any suggestions for purchase, which will be assessed against the Library's [Collection Management Strategy](#) but cannot undertake to purchase all titles suggested.

Do membership fees change every year?

Annual Library Service Book Club Membership fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

If my Book Club group disbands can I request a refund of membership fees?

Library Service Book Club Membership fees are not refundable.

Can I still access Library Service Book Club sets if my group has not paid the membership fee?

Nonpayment of Library Service Book Club Membership will lead to suspension of Book Club membership and access to Book Club resources.

Lastly bring your refreshments along and enjoy your time together

Related resources

Insert links to further information

- [Fees & Charges - Delivery Program and Operational Plan](#)
- [Collection Management Strategy](#)
- [Registration Form](#)

Ask us a question

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