



BOOK CLUB IN A BAG

Brought to you by the:
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Welcome to the Book Club in a Bag Program, brought to you by the East Meadow Public Library. Each bag contains 10 copies of a title, discussion information, discussion leader tips and a book sign-up sheet to help the leader keep track of the books. *Everything you need to help you run your own book discussion group!*

Borrowing Policy

- ❖ Any patron of the East Meadow Public Library may borrow a bag.
- ❖ Requests for kits must be made by phone, email, or in person to Marcia Blackman or Donna Ballard of the Adult Services Department.
- ❖ The bag will be checked out on the library card of the East Meadow patron picking up the bag. That patron is completely responsible for the bag and all of its contents.
- ❖ You may reserve a bag up to a year in advance.
- ❖ The loan period is 6 weeks.
- ❖ Only one kit can be borrowed at one time by a patron.
- ❖ Kits may be renewed for two more weeks if no other group has reserved it.
- ❖ Check contents before returning the kit. The replacement cost of an entire kit is \$150.00, plus the price of any audio material. The replacement costs of individual parts of the kit will depend on the cost of each particular item.
- ❖ Please note that you may not keep a bag past its due date; if you do, you will accrue late charges of 10 cents per barcoded item, per day.
- ❖ You can return the book club set to the circulation desk, not through the book drop. The entire set must be returned together (10 books, the audio material if included, the information folder and the bag.)

Information for the Book Club Leader:

Each bag contains 10 copies of the title, usually an audio material, and an information package with a summary, book reviews, biographical information, discussion questions, an author interview, and suggestions for further reading. They also include a sign-up sheet for the leader to keep track of who has which book, and a feedback form. We invite you to fill in that form and return it when you return the bag of books so that we can improve this service.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. One of my group members forgot to return their book, who is responsible?
A. The person who borrows the bag is responsible for the return of the bag and all of its contents.
- Q. My group meets monthly, can I borrow a bag every month?
A. Check the Availability Calendar in the Adult Services Office. This allows you to see what title is available and when, up to a year in advance.
- Q. I can't remember what was in my bag when I got it, how do I know what to check for before returning it?
A. Look at the sheet in your bag, the bag's contents are listed there.
- Q. Can my group members return their own books to the library?
A. No, the Book Club in a Bag must be returned with all copies of the book at the same time.
- Q. What if a book is lost?
A. If your group loses a book you have two choices: replace it with a new copy of the book or the library will bill you for the book.
- Q. May I place a hold on a Book Club in a Bag from the online catalog?
A. No, the Bag must be reserved through the Adult Services Department at the library.
- Q. What if my group has more than 10 members?
A. Use the East Meadow Public Library online catalog to request more copies of a title as needed. However, these reserves will be subject to the regular borrowing period of the book.
- Q. Someone in my group prefers large print books, how can I help them?
A. Most of the books have large print copies in the Nassau Library System. Use the online catalog or go to the Reference Desk to request the title in a different format: large print, book on cassette, book on CD (or even the movie version of some titles!) . These items will be subject to regular borrowing periods.
- Q. Can my book club suggest titles for the program?
A. We encourage you to suggest titles for future book discussions...let us know your ideas!
- Q. Where can I get other ideas for books to read with my book club?
A. Your local library staff is a great resource for this! Just ask them!
- Q. Does my local library have space for my group to meet?
A. Give the Public Relations Department a call and ask! 794-2570 x241