

What is the Community Book Club Collection?

The Community Book Club Collection is a resource for Book Clubs meeting in the community. The collection consists of almost 80 sets of popular and classic book titles; each set contains 10 copies of the title. Some sets also contain an audio book and large print version. Each set comes with a Discussion Guide including a synopsis, author biography and questions.

What titles are available?

- An astronaut's guide to life on Earth by Chris Hadfield
- Atonement by Ian McEwan
- Battle hymn of the tiger mother by Amy Chua
- Before I go to sleep by S.J. Watson
- Big little lies by Liane Moriarty
- The book thief by Marcus Zusak
- The boy in the striped pyjamas by John Boyne
- Breath by Tim Winton
- Brideshead revisited by Evelyn Waugh
- The broken shore by Peter Temple
- Burial rites by Hannah Kent
- Caleb's crossing : a novel by Geraldine Brooks
- Cathedral by Raymond Carver
- Cold comfort farm by Stella Gibbons
- Dark places by Kate Grenville
- The dig tree by Sarah Murgatroyd
- The dinner by Herman Koch
- Elegance of the hedgehog by Muriel Barbery
- Extremely loud and incredibly close by Jonathan Safran Foer
- The eye of the storm by Patrick White
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- The forgotten garden by Kate Morton
- The Fry chronicles by Stephen Fry
- Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
- Gone girl by Gillian Flynn
- The great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows
- The handmaid's tale by Margaret Atwood

- The happiest refugee by Anh Do
- Harland's half acre by David Malouf
- The help by Kathryn Stockett
- The immortal life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- I am Malala : the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai
- In cold blood : a true account of a multiple murder and its consequences by Truman Capote
- The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
- The language of flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- Leaving time by Jodi Picoult **NEW**
- The life and times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson
- The light between oceans by M.L. Stedman
- Little coffee shop of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez
- Lord of the flies by William Golding
- The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton
- Middlemarch by George Eliot
- Midnight's children by Salman Rushdie
- The mountain by Drusilla Modjeska
- And the mountains echoed by Khaled Hosseini
- The narrow road to the deep north by Richard Flanagan
- Never let me go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Nineteen eighty-four by George Orwell
- Of mice and men by John Steinbeck
- The one hundred year old man who climbed out the window and disappeared by Jonas Jonasson
- Persuasion by Jane Austen
- Picnic at Hanging Rock by Joan Lindsay
- The picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
- Puberty blues by Gabrielle Carey and Kathy Lette
- Questions of travel by Michelle De Kretser
- Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier **NEW**
- The reluctant fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid
- A room with a view by E.M. Forster
- The Rosie project by Graeme Simsion
- Sarah's key by Tatiana de Rosnay
- The secret history by Donna Tart **NEW**
- The secret keeper by Kate Morton
- The sense of an ending by Julian Barnes
- The signature of all things by Elizabeth Gilbert **NEW**
- Stasiland by Anna Funder

- Still Alice : a novel by Lisa Genova
- Sweet tooth by Ian McEwan
- The tailor's girl by Fiona McIntosh **NEW**
- Tea with Arwa by Arwa El Masri
- That woman : the life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor by Anne Sebba
- The thirteenth tale by Diane Setterfield
- This House of grief by Helen Garner
- The trial by Franz Kafka
- Wake in fright by Kenneth Cook
- The watch tower by Elizabeth Harrower
- Water for Elephants : a novel by Sara Gruen
- We are all completely beside ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler **NEW**

What do I need to do to start using this collection?

- Nominate a coordinator for your Book Club.
- Your coordinator will need to visit one of our libraries and sign up for a Book Club membership.
- An annual fee per Book Club group applies (see 'Library fees & charges' for more information) giving you access to the entire collection.

How do I reserve sets?

- You are able to reserve a Book Club set at any City of Ryde library branch; either in person, by phone or by emailing rydelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au. Please note: sets cannot be viewed on the library catalogue.
- To be fair to all book club groups, we operate on a first in, first served basis, so please have several titles in mind as your first choice may not be available.
- You can nominate any City of Ryde Library branch to pick up your set.

How do I borrow and return sets?

- You can borrow each set for six weeks. Sets are limited to one per six week period. However, as book club coordinators usually collect previously read books and distribute new books at the same meeting, two book club sets may be borrowed for this overlap period.
- Please collect and return sets to library staff at the desk during opening hours (sets cannot be returned via after hours return chutes).
- Renewals are not available. However, your book club may request the same set again later.
- Community Book Club sets must be returned complete.



What do I do if an item is lost or damaged?

- Any lost or damaged items must be paid for on return (see 'Library Fees and Charges' for more information)

I need more information

If you need any more information on the Community Book Club Collection please contact City of Ryde Library on 9952 8352 or email rydelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

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