

Shoalhaven Book Club Kits - Information Sheet

Book Club Kits now available at Shoalhaven Libraries!

Borrow sets of books with 5-10 copies for six weeks at a time.

Each kit includes a set of discussion questions.

Choosing a book club kit

A list of the library's book club kits can be viewed on the Shoalhaven Libraries website, or through the library catalogue by typing 'Shoalhaven book club kit' in the title search field.

We suggest you work through the list as a group to decide which titles you'd like to read. Make your selection as large as possible to help us find an available kit for your discussion.

Kits can be reserved in advance however the library is unable to ensure the kit will be returned on time by other members - to avoid disappointment check the catalogue to see which kits are currently available.

Borrowing a book club kit

Book club kits can be borrowed using a Shoalhaven membership card. Browse the collection and reserve your kit on the Shoalhaven Libraries website – at the point of reservation please indicate which branch you would like to collect the kit from. Note: both borrowing and returning need to be done directly with library staff at any Shoalhaven Libraries branch during library opening hours, rather than using the returns chute.

The standard loan period for book club kits is six weeks, to allow a two-week period for pick-up and return of the kit. However, if your book club meets less frequently and requires a longer standard borrowing period, please contact the library to discuss. It is not possible to renew book club kits, so the group needs to read and discuss the book within the agreed borrowing period.

A maximum of two kits to allow a handover period between last month and next month's kit per person can be on loan to a member. We recommend distributing books to club members, keeping a record of which person has which copy using the identifying barcode number on the front cover of each book.

Returning a Book Club Kit

Book club kits must be returned as complete sets. Please do not allow individual book club members to return their kit books separately to the library. Make sure you receive all copies back from members in time to return the complete kit by the due date. Please return the kit to the front desk at your local branch. Kits cannot be returned through the returns chute.

Overdue, lost or damaged items

Please allow enough time to return kits back by the due date, as kits are unable to be renewed. An SMS or email reminder will be sent if the kit is not returned on time.

If you are unable to return your book kit on time for any reason, please contact Nowra Library to discuss options.

A replacement fee of \$11 per item is applicable for any lost or damaged items. The borrower is responsible for arranging payment of any charges. Your book club may like to discuss in advance how any charges will be paid for.

Book club kit members will not be able to borrow if there are overdue kits or outstanding charges.