

Tips for Getting Started

WHO?

Decide who will be in your book club. It's best to have participants reading at about the same level, although parents can facilitate children reading at a lower level than the group by reading all or part of the book out loud. Suggestions might include parent and child, scout troops, or neighborhood friends. Be creative in your approach, but do make sure all the children want to participate. Decide how many participants will be ideal for your group—you want enough to keep the conversation going but not so many that participating is difficult!

WHAT?

What book will your group read? Is there an author website available? What questions will be good discussion starters for the book's characters and plot? Your library staff can help you with resources in this area!

WHEN?

When will your group meet and how often? Decide on a schedule that works for you, but don't have too much of an interval between meetings—you don't want to lose your momentum.

WHERE?

Where will you meet? Will it be the same location every time? Will you plan to meet at someone's home? At a bookstore or restaurant?

WHY?

To encourage a love of reading and literacy, to create a sense of community, and to have fun!