



# Book Clubs

“Books are something social – a writer speaking to a reader – so I think that making the reading of a book the centre of a social event, the meeting of a book club, is a brilliant idea”. – Yann Martel (Life of Pi)

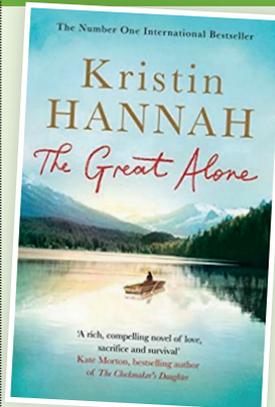
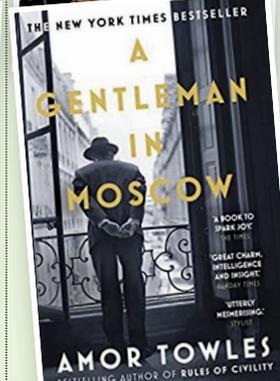
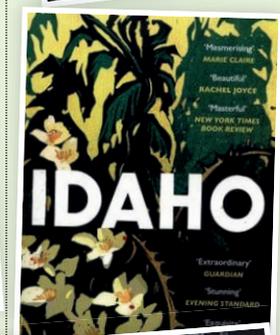
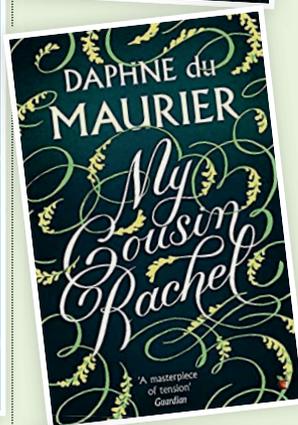
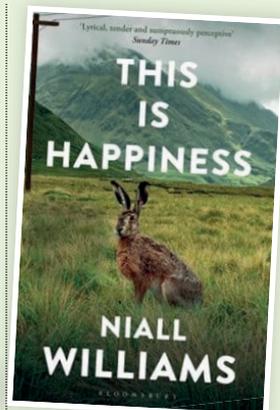
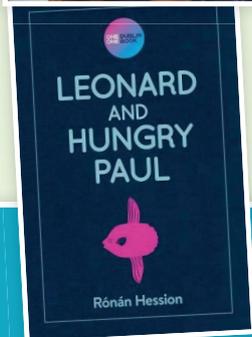
“Books + friendship = Book club” – Kristin Hannah (The Great Alone)

**Book clubs are social gatherings for their members, who come together regularly (usually once a month) to review a book that they read.**

During the meeting they find a common interest or author and express their opinions on the book they have read. It is a great incentive for people who love reading, somewhere to go to for a couple of hours to chat and unwind. Many people make life-long friends at these events where they share laughter, merriment, sadness and a tight bond with each other.

## Adult Library Book Clubs - Monthly meetings:

City Library Last Wednesday	11.30am - 12.30pm
Grauguenamanagh 1st Tuesday	7.00pm - 8.00pm
Castlecomer Last Tuesday	2.30pm - 3.30pm
Thomastown 2nd Wednesday	6.30pm - 8.00pm
Loughboy 1st Thursday	10.30am - 11.30pm
Ferrybank Last Wednesday	5.30pm - 6.30pm



## Recommendations and recent reads from City Library Book Club:

- Leonard and Hungry Paul** - Rónán Hession
- Anxious People** - Frederik Backman
- Where the Crawdads Sing** - Delia Owens
- This is Happiness** - Niall Williams
- My Cousin Rachel** - Daphne Du Maurier
- Idaho** - Emily Ruskovich
- A Gentleman in Moscow** - Amor Towles
- The Great Alone** - Kristin Hannah

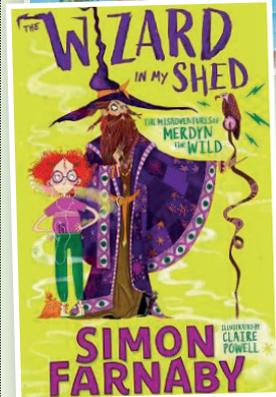
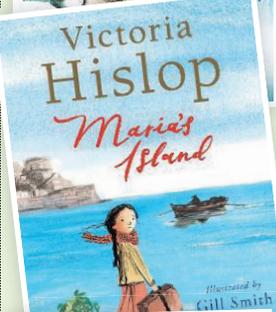
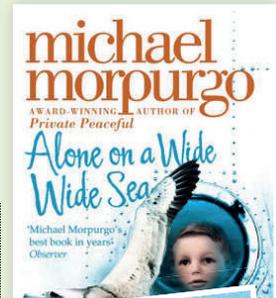
## Junior Book Club

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go!” - Dr Seuss, 'I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!'



City Library hosts the Bookworms Book Club, for children aged between 9 and 12 years. We make this club cheerful and interesting, and the children do not have to worry about not getting the book finished on time! So far, the response has been rewarding. Children are asked to read a book selected by the librarian and to discuss it at the next meeting. Sometimes they are very surprised as the story unfolded to how much it appeals to them. Often times these are

books that they would not have picked themselves. Bookworms meet every month (usually the last Tuesday) from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Next meeting is 28th June. New members welcome!



## Recommendations from Bookworms:

- Alone on the Wide Wide Sea** by Michael Morpurgo;
- Maria's Island** by Victoria Hislop;
- The Wizard in my Shed** by Simon Farnaby.

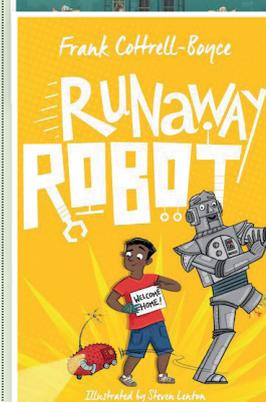
“Kids will remember the books you read, not the stuff you bought them. Kids outgrow stuff, they never outgrow adventures.” —Anonymous

## The Remote Readers



The Remote Readers is Kilkenny Library's Virtual Bookclub, hosted on Facebook. The group has over 100 members, and members can enter discussions at any time during a given month. This is a great option for people who cannot attend a book club in person.

Join the group on our facebook page-: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/remotereaders/members>



## Borrowbox "Books you love without the wait"

Images: Mrs England; Runaway robot; dead; waiting for a miracle; refugee; Gay bar

Every month Borrowbox releases a list of eAudiobooks and eBooks, with no waiting time – they are listed as 'Books without the wait' and include fiction, non-fiction and children's titles. This is a great option to get a book club started with

friends, family or in your workplace or social group. As long as you all have a smartphone, tablet or laptop you can listen or read on the go. Any number of users can download the eAudiobook / eBook on this list.

June's 'Books without the wait' include **Mrs England** by Stacey Halls, **Runaway Robot** by Frank-Cottrell-Boyce (Age8+); thriller **Dead at First Sight** (Peter James); Anna McPartlin's **Waiting for the Miracle**, and memoirs **How to Be a Refugee** (Simon May), **Gay Bar** (Jeremy Atherton-Lin).

## The Art of Reading – Laureate for Fiction Book Club

Another online monthly bookclub is The Art of Reading, a collaboration with libraries and the Laureate for Irish Fiction, writer Colm Tóibín.

Books selected by Colm Tóibín have included **Small Things Like These** (Claire Keegan), **The Pages** (Hugo Hamilton), and short story collection **Homesickness** (Colin Barrett).

The June book is Mary Lavin's **In the Middle of the Fields**, and July's is Naoise Dolan's debut novel **Exciting Times**.

Find out more on [librariesireland.ie](http://librariesireland.ie)



“Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home.” — Anna Quindlen

# BOOK CLUB

Libraries have supported book clubs for many years and it is a joy to serve them. Thanks to advances in technology the library service can facilitate both in-person and online book clubs. There are no limits to the quantity of a particular book title that can be ordered and this is very beneficial for book clubs, and for schools.

There have been book clubs that meet in the library, others that meet in their homes, or in the garden during fine weather. The tie that binds on these occasions is that everyone in the group has read the same book and shares their thoughts and their questions about the book. And then select the next book!

