

LJMU Literacy Society and Library Book Club Guidelines

Purpose

The LJMU Literacy Society and Library Book Club aims to foster a love for reading and provide a forum for discussion and community building among students, staff, and alumni. We welcome diverse perspectives and encourage respectful, engaging conversations.

Membership

The book club is open to all students, staff, and alumni of the university free of charge.

Meetings

Meetings will be held once a month during semester (September – May).

Each meeting will last approximately 1 - 1.5 hours.

Meetings will be held in both Aldham Roberts Library and Avril Roberts Library so participants can attend the venue that works best for them.

Meeting dates and times will be advertised at the start of each semester on the [Library website](#). Participants are encouraged to arrive on time to minimize disruptions.

Each meeting will have a designated facilitator to guide the discussion and ensure everyone has an opportunity to contribute if they wish.

Book Selection

Each month three books will be chosen around a theme. Details of upcoming themes and books are published [online](#).

Suggestions from participants are welcomed.

Selections will be made a semester in advance to give participants ample time to read the book(s) and to give LJMU Library time to purchase copies.

We will aim to include a diverse range of genres and authors to ensure broad appeal and exposure to different perspectives.

Discussion Guidelines

We aim to create an atmosphere where members feel safe to express their thoughts without fear of judgment or ridicule. Discussions should not be shared outside the club without consent.

While contributions to discussions are encouraged, participants may choose to simply listen if they prefer.

Participants are encouraged to listen actively and attentively to others' viewpoints, ensuring everyone feels heard and valued.

We aim to ensure discussions are inclusive and everyone has an equal opportunity to share their thoughts with no one person dominating the conversation.

All opinions are valid, and respectful debate is encouraged. However, personal attacks, derogatory comments, or any form of discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated. Participants are encouraged to engage with others' ideas thoughtfully and respectfully.