

Plainfield Library Book Club

Notes from the First meeting

- What do we want from a book club?
 - In person / social
 - Focusing more on books
 - Reading deadlines
- What kind of books do we want to read?
 - Fiction
 - Times bestsellers?
 - Thrillers? Political dramas
 - Not romance or 'hip hop'/urban fiction
 - Books available as audiobooks and/or large print would be good
- When do we want to meet?
 - Tentatively Last Wed. of the Month? 7-8:30
- How should we pick the books?
 - Take turns to lead the group and whoever is leading that month picks the book
 - Make a list of books to pick from (suggestions from group)
 - Pick the book at least 2 months in advance
- Other ground rules?
 - Be respectful of one another
 - Content warning for books with difficult subject matter
 - If a book might be divisive, discuss it with the group first
 - If you can't get through the book can you come to the meeting- yes (we'll look for a short summary to begin the meeting)
 - If we get off topic, anyone can ask to return to the subject of the book
- The library will try to get extra copies of the book club books for members to read

First book club selections:

October 25: Practical Magic, Alice Hoffman

November 29: James McBride, Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

December 27, Colson Whitehead, Harlem Shuffle

Suggested authors and titles list:

- Agatha Christie
- Mary Higgins Clark
- Nicholas Sparks
- Octavia Butler, *Parable of the Sower*
- Alexander McCall Smith, No. 1. Ladies' Detective Agency
- James Patterson (Ladies' Murder club, the President's Daughter)
- James McBride *the Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*
- Isabella Maldonado
- Colleen Hoover
- Patricia Highsmith
- Nnedi Okorafor
- *Yiddish Policemen's Union*, Michael Chabon
- Colson Whitehead, *Harlem Shuffle*

Anyone can propose other authors or books as well