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BookBrowse
www.bookbrowse.com/
Offers information and advice for book clubs and reading groups. Includes reading guides for selected titles, practical advice on finding a book club, or starting your own and moderating meetings.

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Features book recommendations from book groups, author recipes, newsletters and more. Choose a book for your next book club meeting and schedule a chat with the author.

Book-Clubs-Resource
A guide to book clubs and reading groups with a collection of links to discussion questions and reading resources. Includes information on running a book club.

Book Movement
www.bookmovement.com
This site tracks the most popular book selections of book clubs nationwide, provides a reading guide for each book with discussion questions, reviews from book clubs, author notes and more.

BookMuse
www.bookmuse.com
Provides reviews, questions and topics for discussion, literary criticism, books for further reading and tips for discussion leaders in a wide range of genres: science fiction, classic, contemporary, children and young adult.

Book Spot
www.bookspot.com/discussion/
Find book-related resources on the web and information on starting your own book club. Check out the links to book reviews, guides, and bestseller lists.

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Provides video tutorial from a long-standing book group leader (part of a series of videos).

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LibraryThing
http://www.librarything.com/
Catalog your own books. Post your book club selections. Find people with similar reading tastes. Join a discussion group. Promoted as the “world’s largest book club.”

LitLovers
http://www.litlovers.com/discussion.htm
Provides discussion tips (for both leaders and participants) and generic discussion questions for fiction and non-fiction titles. The main site also has a lit course to help broaden your knowledge of literature.

Masterpiece
www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/learningresources/bookclub.html
Discussion questions and author profiles for books dramatized on PBS’ Masterpiece. Great for classics.

NovelList (in databases for Alaskans)
Provides fully developed guides, including author information, plot summaries, questions and answers, and suggested titles for further reading. Contains materials for all ages with subject access to a large volume of fiction titles.

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www.overbooked.org/
A resource for readers specializing in genre and literary fiction information. Includes book lists, new book information, and other online resources.

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Book club networking site. This website features over 180 authors available for over-the-phone visits.

Reading Group Choices
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This site will help you not only locate great books to read and discuss, but you can also find discussion questions for hundreds of titles from a number of large publishers and independent presses. Great tips for forming a new reading group or making the one you already have more interesting and fun.

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An online community for reading groups with advice and ideas for starting a reading group, running your existing groups, choosing what you read, links of interest, books about reading groups and book guides, and links to discussion questions.

Seattle Public Library
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Includes tips on getting started, reading a book, and leading a discussion.

Sparknotes
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Book group meets tomorrow and you haven’t read the book yet? Sparknotes (a service of Barnes & Noble) provides online study guides, similar to Cliff’s Notes, which provide detailed chapter summaries, character analysis and discussion questions..

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www.randomhouse.com/resources/bookgroup/
Includes a list of Reader’s Companions as well as a link to book group information.

HarperCollins
Includes tips on starting a reading group. Browse guides by author, title, and subject. Also has author interviews, and suggestions on planning a community-wide reading event.

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Find reading guides on selected books by author, title and subject. Includes book summaries, author information and interviews, and discussion questions.

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reading-group-center.knopfdoubleday.com/reading-group-guides-by-title/
This site provides great reading group guides from fiction to memoir with author biographies. Includes many ideas for discussion—character, plot, setting, etc.

W.W. Norton Reading Group Guides
books.wwnorton.com/books/reading-guide-list.aspx?tid=3288
Reading group guides from W.W. Norton & Company.

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The Book Club Companion : a comprehensive guide to the reading group experience by Diana Loevy. (374.22 LOEVY)

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How to Read Literature Like a Professor : a lively and entertaining guide to reading between the lines by Thomas C. Foster. (808 FOSTER)

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