

JUNIOR BOOKCLUB



LEADER'S GUIDE

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To-do list

You can run your Book Club any way you like, but if you would like a little help we have come up with some ideas for you. All these ideas are in this booklet and also on our website.

- ♦ If you need help to get started ask an adult (eg Mum, Dad or a teacher). They can help you find books, print Book Lists and give you a lift to the meeting place
- ♦ If you picked up this kit from the library, spend some time with the library staff to talk about the best Book List for your group and they will print it for you.
- ♦ Gather a group of upto 6 friends and decide when and where to have your first meeting to go through this booklet. You might like to use the invitations in this guide.
- ♦ Keep in touch with us, recommend a book and check out what other clubs are up to via our website
- ♦ At any time you can pop in to one of our libraries to have a chat about the RRL Junior Book Club.



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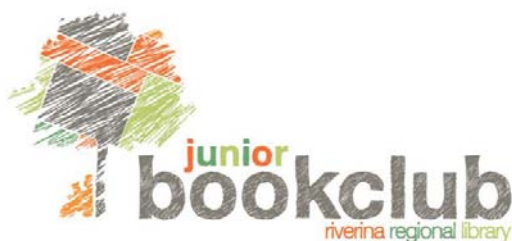
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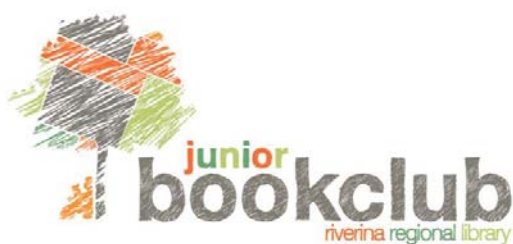
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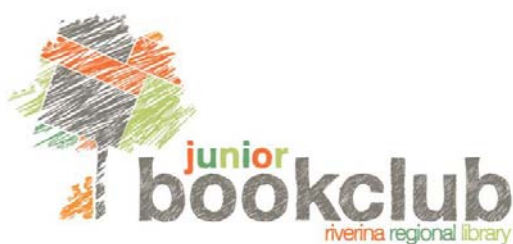
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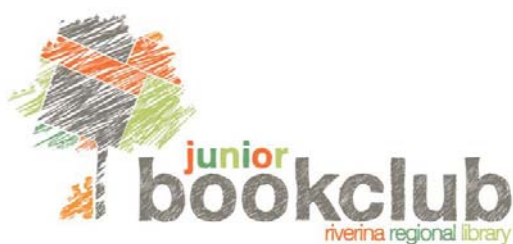
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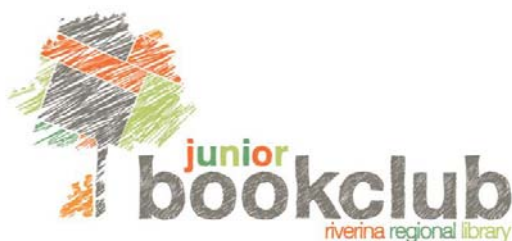
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Your first meeting

- ◆ How many times will you meet? (Once a month is good)
Where will you meet?
- ◆ What time you will meet and how long will your meeting be? (We recommend 30–60 minutes)
- ◆ Give yourselves a name. This is fun!
- ◆ Choose a list of books from the website
- ◆ Will you all read the same book or all choose something different?
- ◆ Ask each person in your group to keep a logbook where they can jot down notes. This is just in case they have to get the book back to the library
- ◆ Do you want food and drink at your meetings? (we suggest everyone brings their own drink and food to share)
- ◆ If you are using the Junior Book Club BOOKMARKS talk about each role and how you will use them. Hand them out



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Book Lists

We have great lists for groups of boys, for groups of girls and lists that are great for groups with both boys and girls. We also have suggestions for themes.

The book lists are colour coded for different ages. When your group decides on one you can use it all year. The next year you can choose another list in your colour or move on to another a colour!

There are different ways you might like to use the list :

- ♦ everyone reads the same title and moves down the list each month
- ♦ or each person chooses a different title and tries a new one each month



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Each member of your group is responsible for finding their own book.

How do you like to READ?

With your eyes or with your ears?

Here are some tips :

- ♦ Listen to a book on cd
- ♦ download an ebook from the library's website
- ♦ or an eaudio book from the library's website
- ♦ listen to stories read by famous people in Storybox from our website
- ♦ buy a book from a book store or online
- ♦ we can even offer you the best invention in the world –
A BOOK!



Book Marks (optional)

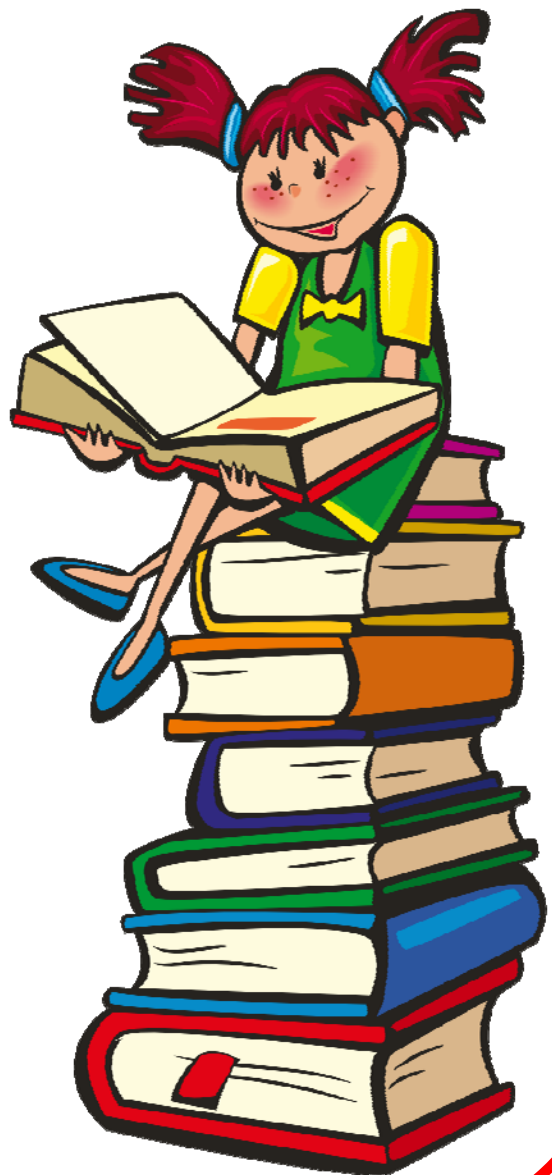
These are useful and help the Leader to make sure that enough time is given to each person and no-one is left out of the conversation.

Use them all (some people may have two roles) OR select your favourites.

Each Book Mark has instructions on the back so everyone can prepare for the next meeting.

Follow this order for your conversation :

- ◆ Leader
- ◆ Question
- ◆ Illustrator
- ◆ Characters
- ◆ Word Hunter
- ◆ Author
- ◆ Book swap (optional)
- ◆ BOOK MARKS



QUESTION



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Book clubs like to have conversations about books.

Your job is to come up with one question to start everyone talking. Ideas for a question include : What is your book about? Is your book set in Australia?

Use your own book for inspiration.



As the **LEADER** you organise the group, run the meeting and make sure each person gets a turn to talk. If there is a spare **BOOKMARK** you can leave it out **OR** take on the extra role **OR** give it to another person.

ILLUSTRATIONS



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AUTHOR



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A lot of money is spent on creating book covers to attract attention. You can talk about the cover and pictures of your book OR organise a vote on the favourite cover from the books read for the meeting.



You can talk about the author of your book and ask everyone a question like : How do you think the author was influenced to write their book?

WORD HUNTER

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CHARACTERS

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Choose an unusual word from your book, find the real meaning and make up three false meanings. Ask everyone to guess which one is the right one OR read the passage aloud and ask everyone what they think the word means.



You might ask the group : Who was the nastiest character in your book? Which character would you like to be? Would you like to be a character in someone else's book?



BOOK SWAP

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BOOKMARKS

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You ask everyone which book they are going to read next and why they would like to read it.



You are in charge of the BOOKMARKS.

At each meeting you can : shuffle them and hand them out randomly OR ask everyone what role they would like. Try to give everyone a turn of each role.



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