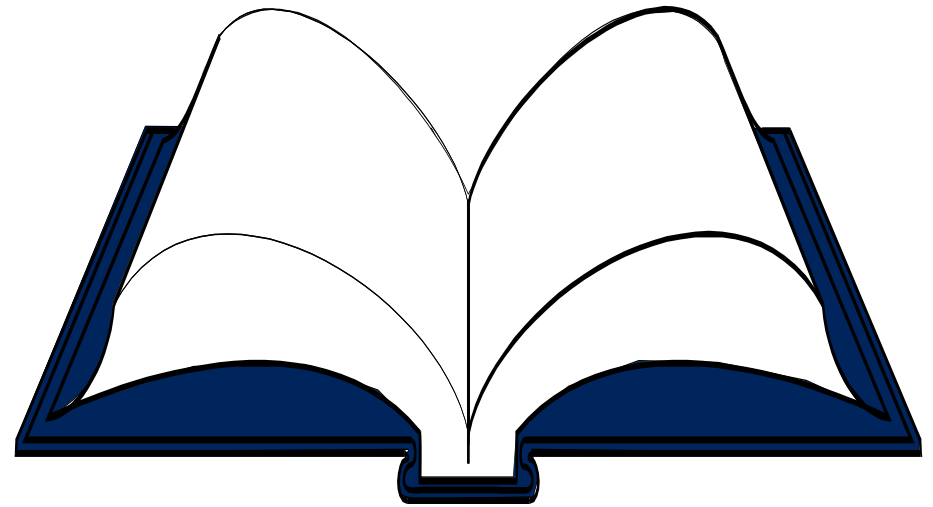


July-December 2017

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Sponsored by the Cities of
Crystal and Robbinsdale**



**Location: Robbinsdale City Hall
4100 Lakeview Ave. N.
Robbinsdale, MN 55422**

Reading List, Leader, Host July-December 2017 1:00—2:30 pm

July 11 – Honeymoon by James Patterson

Leader: Karen Prokofeiff Host: Jeanne Rose

**Date change due to 4th of July*

August 1 – Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell

Leader: Donna Hageman Host: Jean Johansen

September 5 – Guest Author: Lori Spangler

Miles of Memories: One Woman's Journey
to All 50 States

Host: Gen Krueger

October 3 – Dead Too Long by Ron Handberg

Leader: Vicki Olson Host: Sharon Laurel

November 7 – Four Friends by Robyn Carr

Leader: Mary Dee Host: Terry Kilian

**Bring book suggestions for next 6 months!*

December 5 – Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

Leader: Mae Lou Thompson

**Holiday Potluck - 12:00 noon*

Group Discussion Outline

1-1:30 p.m. Refreshments, introductions, & share book
title and author

1:30 p.m. Review group guidelines & have discussion

2:30 p.m. Announce next date and book
Informal discussion and additional social

Staff Telephone Numbers

Crystal – Marcia 763-531-1153

Robbinsdale – Ryan 763-531-1272

Thoughts on Book Clubs

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*What I had come to love about book club...
was how
in hearing so many opinions about
the same book
your own opinion expanded,
as if you'd read the book
several times instead of just once.*

*Lorna Landvik
"Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons"*

Future Books for Discussion

Participant Guidelines

Check out books from a library or purchase from a bookstore.

Participants are encouraged to attend all discussions but are free to attend when their schedule permits or only those books that are of interest.

Read the book and come with 2-3 points you'd like to discuss. Examples: clarification, points of interest, agree - disagree, characters, values, dilemmas, issues, significant, emotions, feelings-thoughts about the book, author's style, characters, etc.

If you do not read the books consider coming to the group anyway; you may like to listen to the discussion. However, please don't expect the book to be summarized.

Express thoughts with your personal point of view. Expect and enjoy differences of opinion.

Encourage others to speak their thoughts about the book.

Everyone is encouraged to take a turn as book co-leader and/or host/hostess (book-leadership is not a requirement to join the discussion group.)

Make a donation to the refreshment kitty.

Operating Guidelines

Everyone is encouraged to share thoughts and opinions about the book.

Encourage other members to share their thoughts.

Participants may wish to just listen to the discussion.

Differences of opinion are accepted respectfully.

Help the book leader keep the discussion geared to the book.

Try not to start side conversations with people on either side of you.

Recognize the book discussion leader may move the discussion along so that everyone has an opportunity to be heard.

Keep an open mind.

Host/Hostess Procedures

- Arrive by 12:30 pm to make coffee and set out supplies.
- Take nametags to the senior room.
- Bring refreshment (you'll be reimbursed \$5.00 if you make it yourself, bring in receipt for reimbursement if treat is purchased.)
- During social time make sure everyone feels welcome and has a nametag. Introduce yourself to first time people and regular participants.
- Clean up and return supplies.

Discussion Leader Guidelines

- Restate group guidelines at the beginning of each gathering.
- Introduce new people.
- Stay within time frame; informal discussion and/or additional social after 2:30 pm is okay.

Book Discussion

- Ask for significant points from the book.
- Bring out questions/points you had.

Process

- Encourage everyone to speak.
- May need to move the discussion along from one person to the next to allow everyone's input.
- May need to redirect discussion back to book.
- Use creativity.

