



## Tips and Ideas for Your Book Club

1. Keep the group to a comfortable number so that each person can participate. We find fewer than six kids works well.
2. Don't let the fact that a main character is not the same gender as your child limit your choices. All books on the list can have universal appeal.
3. Consider a time that works best for you. Maybe your club will meet monthly, or just twice in the summer, or maybe on a weekend. Make it right for you.
4. If you are not sure what to do, ask the others in the group for ideas.
5. Make sure each child has a chance to participate if they want to.
6. Create a new cover for the book. Look up past printings and ask if the kids would have read it with the old cover.
7. Find a recipe that is meaningful for the book and cook together. Does the main character love a certain kind of food?
8. Write a letter to the author with a question.
9. Write a new ending to the book. What would you change? Why?
10. Have the readers write down and ask their own questions for the group.
11. Ask kids to come in costume and act out a scene from the book. Or do impromptu acting.
12. Discuss the book and then watch a movie of the same story and compare them Siskel and Ebert style.
13. Create a game based on the book. (Google "game board templates".)
14. Each person creates a new the title for the book and puts it in a hat. Vote on the best new name.
15. Draw two of the characters and compare them with adjectives written around them.
16. Try to recreate a few pages of the book as a graphic novel. (Google "graphic novel template")
17. Design a toy based on the book that could be sold in stores.
18. Record a review and post it online or on the library website.
19. Split into pairs and change the setting (place and/or time) of the story and retell it. Have others guess when and where you are. (Imagine it in the wild west, underwater or age of dinosaurs)
20. Ask who the readers are most like in the story and why.
21. Get a large piece of cardboard or boxes and recreate a scene from the story (skyline, room, etc)
22. Do a hobby or activity that the characters in the book enjoy (building a model, drawing, crossword puzzles.)
23. Ask someone from another generation what they thought of the book and its characters.
24. If it has historical information check out non-fiction books to learn more.
25. Have some people listen to the story on tape and compare their experiences.

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