Norwalk Public Library Book Discussion Group Policy

Book Discussion Collection

The library promotes the joys of reading and supports book discussion groups within the guidelines of our general materials selection policy. Because the policy requires that we purchase multiple copies of popular titles to meet demand, it is presumed that the library will already own several copies of titles that are popular with many book discussion groups. The library sponsors its own reading group and maintains a special book discussion collection based on the selections of its members. Budgetary considerations and space limitations motivate us to encourage other groups to select from the many titles in our book discussion collection. Given that books purchased for reading groups will be absorbed into our own special collection, requests by other groups for multiple copies of titles not currently in our book discussion collection will be considered as follows:

- The titles requested should meet the criteria of our general materials selection policy.
- Priority will be given to Norwalk based groups and especially those that meet in the library.
- Only paperback editions will be purchased.
- Books with a general appeal will be emphasized over books with more limited audiences.
- Items in this collection will be withdrawn as required, based on the library's general weeding guidelines.
- The number of copies ordered will be based on the number of copies already in the library's general (not special) collection.
- Requests should be submitted on a "book group request form" at least 60 days before the book is to be discussed.
- Books will only be issued to individual members of the group.