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# Book Club ideas? Ask your librarian

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NEWTON—If you're in a book club, now may be the time of year to collect ideas for the next few months of reading. But with so many books and so little time, how can you pick titles that your group will appreciate?

Catawba County Library System can help. Trained staff can identify books that will appeal to your club, whether it's for men, women, teens, seniors or a special interest group. It's best to come prepared with a list of authors or books that your group has enjoyed in the past so you can easily find out if there are similar titles available.

Or, this may be the year your book club sets a goal to read about a particular subject, genre or perhaps delve into the award-winners. Again, your librarian can help you identify works that have won the National Book Award, Nobel, Pulitzer or Man Booker Prize, for example.

Regardless of your choices, borrowing books from the library can help your club members save a lot of cash. What's more, notifying the library up front will help librarians be better able to have copies available when your group wants to read them. A request by one patron may trigger a need to purchase a book or to make other copies available, if that title is suitable for the library collection. In some cases, the library can obtain extra copies through the State Library's Center for the Book.

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