

BOOK CLUB KITS COLLECTION PLAN

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DESCRIPTION: Iowa City Public Library provides book club kits to help support reading groups and others who wish to read and discuss the same book. Each kit consists of a tote bag filled with ten paperback copies of the title, discussion questions and other information such as author interviews and suggested related reading. Beginning June 1, each kit will be reserved through the Fiction Desk up to one year in advance and circulate for six weeks with no renewals.

SCOPE AND SELECTION: The scope of the collection is fairly narrow. Two book club kits are created annually for each All Iowa Reads and One Community One Book: Johnson County Reads selection that are chosen by community committees for which the Library has representatives. Additional kits may be added if there is a compelling program connection. Book club kits related to the two ongoing programs, whether fiction or nonfiction, and fiction book club kits are assembled by the Fiction selector; other nonfiction book club kits are assembled by the Information Services Coordinator or appropriate nonfiction selector.

AUDIENCE: Adult book groups are the audience. Book clubs registered in the Library's book group database are notified when new book club kits are added to the collection. While the kits are reserved like equipment, they are available for checkout to all cardholders.

SIZE AND DUPLICATION. The collection currently contains 6 titles (7 items). While 2 book club kits are purchased for each of the annual programs, one is typically withdrawn when the next year's title is announced. The collection size will probably never grow much larger than ten items at a time as older kits are withdrawn due to low demand.

MAINTENANCE: Circulation for this collection is very low and maintenance has not been an issue to date. The Library's regular monitoring process catches worn books. The selector evaluates these for replacement, binding, or discarding by checking the circulation for each copy, last activity date, and activity within the last year or two. Annual item purge brings to attention titles that are no longer circulating.