

Silent Book Clubs Are Getting Loud

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A silent book club is a simple meeting for people who enjoy reading but do not want to read the same book. Members meet in a cafe, library, or park and spend the first part of the meeting reading quietly. After that, they talk about their books, share snacks, or simply go home. The idea is popular because it feels social without putting pressure on anyone to speak all the time. People can bring a novel, a comic, a work report, or even a cookbook. Some clubs also have a phone basket, so members can enjoy a short break from messages and videos. The meetings are quiet at first, but they often become friendly and lively later.

If you started a silent book club in the strangest place in your city, where would you meet and what would happen there?

1. Would you enjoy reading with other people in the same room? Why or why not?
2. What unusual place would be a fun meeting place for your book club?
3. What book, comic, or magazine would you bring to the first meeting?

4. Do people need to read the same book to have an interesting discussion?
Explain.
5. What funny rule could your club use to make members put away their phones?
6. Should schools and workplaces organize silent reading meetings? Why or why not?