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NNLM Reading Club

What is the NNLM Reading Club?

The NNLM Reading Club is a selection of “ready-to-use” fiction and nonfiction book titles along with free and downloadable materials designed to help libraries support health literacy and their communities’ health information needs by celebrating important National Health Observances through the fun and intimacy of a book club.

How are books selected?

Books reference a health topic in support of the National Health Observances calendar and are selected based upon the following criteria:

- Award-winning book or author and/or national best seller
- Consistently positive reviews
- Recent publication (< 5 years), unless the title is a classic
- Title available in another format such as audio, e-book, or large print
- Publicly-available discussion guides



What materials are available to download?

Book questions and health information materials to facilitate a discussion can be downloaded, printed, and shared for each selected book title from the NNLM Reading Club topic Reading Guide.

What is the NNLM Reading Club Book Kit?

Short on time? Want to own a “program-in-a-box?” The NNLM Reading Club Book Kit can be requested and shipped free from a participating National Network of Libraries of Medicine regional office. A standard NNLM Reading Club Book Kit includes:

- 8 books
- 8 discussion guides
- 8 MedlinePlus bookmarks
- 8 MedlinePlus Magazines
- 8 NNLM All of Us information
- 8 reading club book bags
- 1 library book bag

How to order?

Any United States library, which is an organizational member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, is eligible to apply and to receive one NNLM Reading Club Book Kit from November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.

Due to the limited number of federally-sponsored NNLM Reading Club Book Kits, libraries who serve communities which meet the NIH Underrepresented in Biomedical Research criteria receive priority status.

To request a NNLM Reading Club Book Kit from your participating NNLM Regional Medical Library, complete the online application form at:

nnlm.gov/all-of-us/resources/nnlm-reading-club