Hello Book Clubbers

Fourteen of us (with seven apologies) enjoyed meeting together on 20 August to discuss book clubs – the format, possible meeting days/times and what we hoped to gain by being involved. There will be three book clubs, beginning next month in September, so you are able to choose the one that best suits – or come to all three!

RSVP: If you'd like to attend one or more of these book clubs, could you please let Jenny McDonald know by return email or 0413599764. It's also fine just to turn up to the first session.

Stories 1: **1st Thursday** of the month - **evening 7pm – 8:30pm**
Facilitated by Valerie Green and Judy Batkin
First session: **3 September 7pm** Meeting Room, The Gap Uniting Church
Format: For this first session, Valerie suggests a 'pitching meeting' where you bring a book/name of a book you have read, that you think could be a good option for the group to read and discuss at subsequent sessions. If you'd rather just come, meet people, chat and see which books others are suggesting, you're also very welcome to attend.

Stories 2: **2nd Monday** of the month – **afternoon 1:30 – 3pm**
Facilitated by Jenny McDonald and Anne Carseldine
First session: **14 September 1:30pm** Meeting Room, The Gap Uniting Church
Format: Let's aim to discuss *'Lessons in Chemistry'* by Bonnie Garmus (50+ copies available in the BCC Library system). Additionally, you might like to suggest a book you've read – or haven't read but would like to read/is acclaimed - that you think would be a good option for subsequent sessions. You're also very welcome to come along with no suggestions and just join in.

Stories 3: **3rd Thursday** of the month – **afternoon 1:30 – 3pm**
Facilitated by John Algate and Jenny McDonald
First session: **17 September 1:30pm** Meeting Room, The Gap Uniting Church
Format: It would be great if you can read *'The Ledge'* by Christian White (20 copies currently available in the BCC Library system) prior to this first session, but John is very happy for you to just come and hear what others say about it. And if you'd like to, please bring suggestions for other books this group can read and discuss in subsequent sessions.

Other points to note which were discussed last Thursday afternoon:
Mostly, books will be available from libraries. If the BCC libraries have waiting lists, try joining

- Moreton Bay Libraries https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/Home online (hard copies can be collected at Arana Hills) or
- City of Gold Coast Libraries https://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/libraries/Home or
- Libby or Borrow Box (free apps) for e-books.

There could be some months where, if you wish to read the book, the only option is to purchase.

For the months you attend a book club session, we are asking for a $5 contribution (electronic payment available) which goes towards afternoon tea/supper and hidden costs including office support, electricity, cleaning etc. If this is a challenge for you, or a friend of yours who would like to attend, please contact Jenny McDonald 0413599764 to negate that cost.

The most important message is that we would love to have your company, conversation and thoughts at these book clubs regardless of whether you'd read the set book or not.

Kind regards
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