

<u>Book Club</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Information</u>
Manitoba Historical Society History Book Club	Judith Hudson Beattie Valenzuela	info@mhs.mb.ca	The history book club began in the fall of 2005 and allows MHS members to share their love of history. We have had presentations by authors including: Jim Blanchard, Jack Bumsted, Denis Combet, Bob Coutts, Reinhold Kramer, Judith Hudson Beattie and Marjorie Anderson. Other meetings have consisted of brief introductions to the books followed by discussion, though once we had a dramatic skit about Nellie McClung. There are 30 members on the list, but normal attendance is 15-20.
McNally Robinson Book Club	Kathy Strub	rachelb@grant.mcnallyrobinson.ca	Thursdays 7:15 @the Grant Park Store For more info see Carol Shields Blog. Top 5-10 Books: 1. Martin Sloane by Michael Redhill 2. Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner 3. Old School by Tobias Wolff 4. The Hours by Michael Cunningham 5. The Great Fire by Shirley Hazzard 6. The Bee Season by Myla Goldberg 7. Small Ceremonies by Carol Shields
McNally Robinson Book Club	Jill Brandes	rachelb@grant.mcnallyrobinson.ca	Tuesdays 7:30 @the Grant Part store For more information see Carol Shields Blog. Top 5-10 Books: 1. Small Island by Andrea Levy 2. Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner 3. Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri 4. The History of Love by Nicole Krauss 5. Eucalyptus by Murray Bail 6. Fifth Business by Robertson Davies 7. Prep by Curtis Sittenfeld 8. The Kitchen God's Wife by Amy Tan 9. Bel Canto by Ann Patchett 10. Restless by William Boyd
'Your Write To Heal'	Dorothy Gauthier-Harapiak	luminatoheal@mts.net	'Your Write To Heal' writing circle was created by Dorothy Gauthier-Harapiak in 2005 at Rainbow's End Retreat, Gull Lake. Designed to assist writers to heal their 'heart-ache' by writing from the heart accessing memories of grief, trauma and abuse to name a few. To explore and share within the circle life's events and their stories in a safe, comfortable and loving place. Rainbow's End has closed but the writing circle continues at Lumina Counselling and Training.
Women's Book Group	Phyllis Webster	p.webster@uwinnipeg.ca	Our book group, which is at least 15 years old, discusses books which have a female protagonist or are written by a woman. We try to have some classical works each year but also focus on Canadian works, and award-winning books. We have read a few plays and occasionally include a non-fiction work. Discussions are often heated but are always focussed! One member is a host each time and another acts as a facilitator by preparing some interesting questions! We meet once a month and have recently met on Saturday afternoons to accommodate those who do not like to drive on winter nights. We end the year with a pot luck supper after which we read something we love. Last year we chose poetry and the range of poems we heard was remarkable. Other years we have read essays or a passage which has been memorable. We have also read our own writing! Some years we have a night away at a member's cottage or at Delta Marsh Field Station. We always have fun!
Brandon Book Club	Bruce Sarbit	sarbitb@mts.net	We started out in the late eighties as a gourmet supper club. When we were tired of doing dishes, we looked for other reasons to get together. Seven couples, four originals, alternate as hosts throughout the fall and winter months. The host couple chooses the book, arranges discussion and activities as well as food. Typically, we break into small groups to discuss a number of prepared questions, then in the large group to further the discussion and to rate the book. There are no rules for selection of our books. There are, however, some trends. Most of the 140 books we've done, though not all, are Canadian. Most, but not all, are novels. There is an emphasis on prairie literature, especially works produced by Manitobans (4 by Carol Shields). We almost always reach for, and manage to find, deeper and interesting themes in our reading of the book. And, even when we cannot find it in the book itself, we always manage to find it in our discussions. The book club is a staple of our social and intellectual liv

The marginals Sylvia Anderson Koshyk sakoshyk@mts.net

The Martini Mommas Book Club Brandi Parnell brandip@mts.net

Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood Book Club Margaret Kellermann Mcculloch mmcculloch@wrha.mb.ca

We are a group of 5 women from various parts of Winnipeg who have been reading together for about 2 1/2 years. We have read books by Gabrielle Roy, Thomas Cahill, Mary Lawson and a wide variety of other authors. We share a love of reading, a love of spirited discussions and get great joy from the fellowship that comes from belonging to a book club

We are a fabulous group of women who happen to have young children, work in and out of the home and maintain households and more importantly friendships. We are committed to reading and indulge in a monthly meeting!

Our Book Club is an initiative of the Shaarey Zedek Sunagogue Sisterhood group. The Club meets once a month and has an open/drop-in format. It is open to all present and prospective members of the Sisterhood. You do not need to be a member of the Synagogue to become involved with the Club. We select books by Jewish authors, on Jewish subjects and ones connected with our city of Winnipeg. The discussions take place at the Shaarey Zedek, over cookies and coffee. Our conversations are lively and often very personal, with our members sharing their thoughts and life experiences with sincerity and courage. The Club has been in existence for several years. Our book selections and recommendations are made by the members. Book information and meeting dates are listed on the Shaarey Zedek website.