

Information for Reading Groups

We offer reading groups:

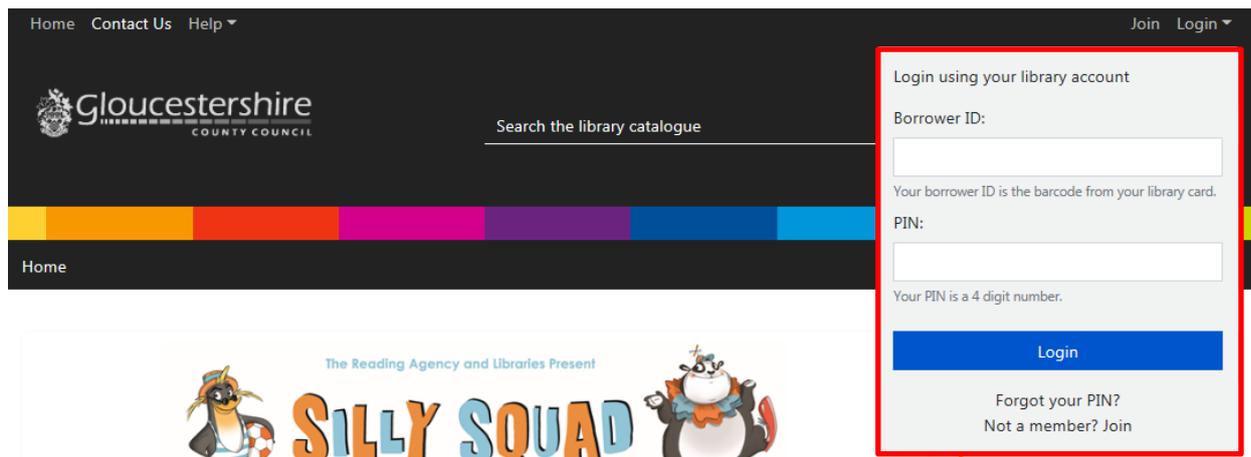
- Access to a collection of exciting and diverse reading group book sets.
- An online library account where you can manage your reservations.
- An extended loan period of 8 weeks.
- Promotion of your reading group in your local library.
- Information for your group including useful websites, links and offers from publishers via our website.
- Free use of library buildings as meeting venues for your group.

Membership:

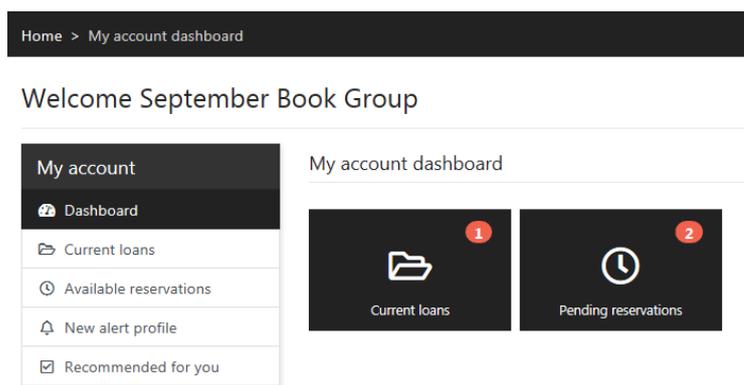
- Only reading groups can borrow reading group book sets using their reading group membership. Individual library membership does not allow reserving or borrowing of book sets.
- We require groups to nominate a named representative who will be responsible for your group's account, including reservations.
- You must provide a valid email address so that your group can receive information, offers and system notifications (such as due date reminders).
- Most sets contain a minimum of 10 books (unless otherwise stated in the catalogue). In order to ensure that all groups receive their reserved sets complete and on time, the sets **must be** borrowed and returned as complete sets.
- Sets are now transported in a black box and can be loaned in the box. Any missing or damaged boxes will be charged a replacement cost of £10.
- Any missing or damaged books will be charged at the standard book replacement cost.
- If book sets are overdue, your group will be blocked until the matter is resolved. Overdue notifications will be sent but no fines accrued.
- Extra copies and alternative formats may be available but must be borrowed by individuals using their own personal library card. These items will not be subject to an extended loan period.
- Your group can have a maximum of two active reservations at one time.

Reserving book sets:

- Go to our online library catalogue to browse, search and reserve your book sets at: <https://gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk/>
- To place a reservation you will need to log into your reading group account with your group membership number and PIN (see next page):



- You will then see your group's **Dashboard** which displays your current loans and reservations (see below):



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- Next, go to the **Browse** link on the right hand side of the home page and select **Reading Group Sets**. Use **filter** to narrow your search, including searching for titles **available now** (see below):

Browse our reading group set

Showing 1 - 10 of 176

Options Sort by Date (latest first)

1. **Diary of a somebody, READING GROUP SET**
 Bilston, Brian
 2020
 Books
 A unique mix of poetry and diary by the unofficial Poet Laureate of Twitter, the enigmatic Brian Bilston, this suburban murder mystery will appeal to fans of Adrian Mole and 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'.
 View availability > [1 copy, 1 reserve]

2. **Before the coffee gets cold, READING GROUP SET**
 Kawaguchi, Toshikazu, 1971-
 2019
 Books
 In a small back alley in Tokyo, there is a café which has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time. In this novel, we meet four visitors, each of whom is hoping to make u...
 View availability > [1 copy, 6 reserves]

- Once you have found the book set you want to reserve click on **Place Reservation** (see below):

7. **Ghost wall, READING GROUP SET**
 Moss, Sarah
 2019
 Books
 Teenage Silvie is living in a remote Northumberland camp as an exercise in experimental archaeology. Her father is an abusive man, obsessed with recreating the discomfort, brutality and harshness of Iron Age life. Behind and ahead of Silvie's narrative is a story of a bog girl, a sacrifice, a wom...
 View availability > [1 copy]

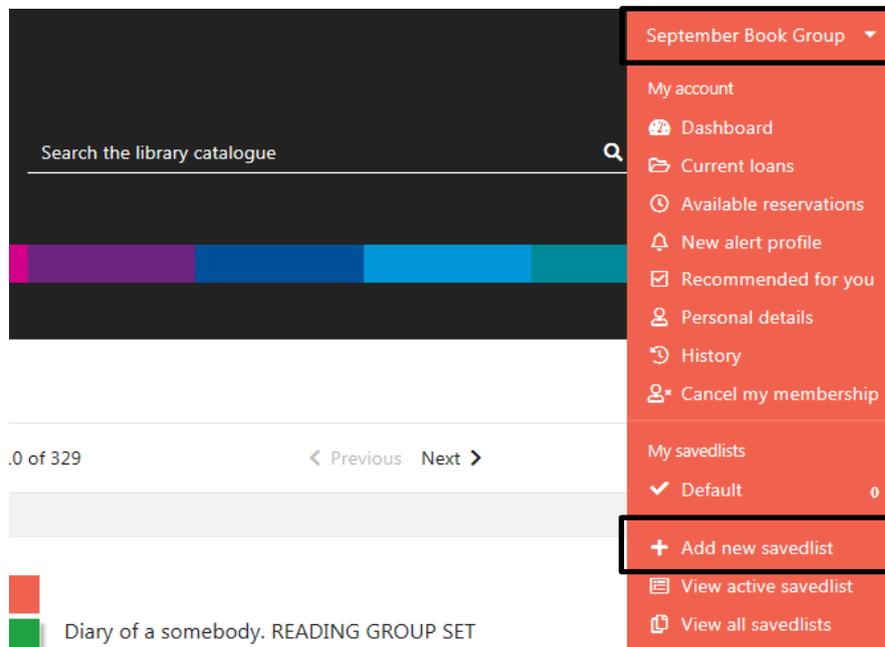
Place reservation
 Add my tags
 Add review

- Clicking on **View availability** (see above) will tell you the status of the set. This will give some indication of how long it will take to get hold of the set:
 - **Available** = set is available for loan
 - **On loan** = shows date the set is due back
 - **In Transit** = set is between sites

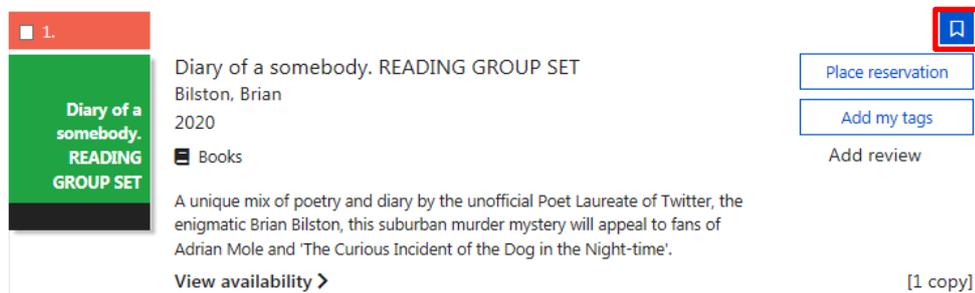
The screenshot shows a window titled 'Availability' with a close button (X) in the top right corner. On the left, there is a book cover for 'The hunting party. READING GROUP SET' by Lucy Foley, published in 2019, categorized as 'Books'. To the right of the cover, the text reads: 'The hunting party. READING GROUP SET', 'Foley, Lucy', '2019', and 'Books'. Below this information is a table with the following data:

Location	Collection	Call number	Status/Desc
Oakley Store	Reading Group Set	RGS AF Thriller / Paperback	Onloan - Due: 28 Mar 2020

- If you choose to reserve a set that is on loan or already reserved by another group, you will go into a queue. We cannot guarantee that you will receive the set when you require it.
- You can also create a list of books titles that your group would like to read in the future by creating a **Savedlist**. You can create a new **Savedlist** by clicking on your group's name at the top of the screen (see below):



- Then click on the **Add new savedlist** which will prompt you for a description (title) for your new savedlist.
- To add a title to your **Savedlist**, click on the blue tag symbol for any reading group set title (see below):



- As a guide, the process of reservation, collection, loan and return can take up to 12 weeks (assuming the books are returned on time).
- When your set arrives at your chosen collection site an email notification will be sent to the email address in your reading group account.
- A reserved set will be kept at a library for up to 2 weeks pending collection.

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