



Hosting a book club is an excellent way to build community and develop cultural access.

The Literary Freedom Project develops in-person and virtual book clubs that inspire and delight readers. Our flexible multicultural and intergenerational book discussions present stimulating conversations about gentrification, social justice, women's empowerment, criminal justice, racial inequality, and more. Reading diverse books is a wonderful way to explore new ideas and perspectives.

How It Works

LFP's strategy is to reconnect participants to a diverse selection of books and topics and build new communities of readers. We work with community organizations to select the right book, set discussion schedules, and distribute books to participants. Our facilitator then leads a five-week group conversation crafted to engage residents in topical and subject-based literary discussions.

Previous selections, such as *Dominicana* by Angie Cruz, brought participants closer to the immigrant experience. *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison helped us examine the lasting effects of racism. Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow* discussed criminal justice, and *Ernesto Quinonez's Bodega Dreams* explored the corrosive dynamics of gentrification.

We have partnered with the Bronx Museum, Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education, New York Public Library, BronxArtSpace, James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center, and others.



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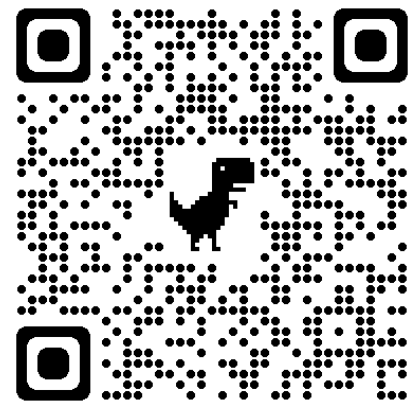
- 25 complimentary books
- Program facilitator
- light refreshments

LFP is committed to creating spaces that help leverage the power of books, culture, and education. Our programs value the variety of histories and cultures in the Bronx and give residents places to build community and explore social engagement.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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How One Bronx Book Club Helps Build A Community Of Readers



The "One Book One Bronx" book club is creating a space for those in the New York City borough to gather and discuss issues affecting their community, from gentrification or #MeToo to criminal justice and racial inequality. The club meets weekly to discuss that month's title, which, in difference to those with limited free time, tends to be under 250 pages. Sessions are free for all to join, though you can register online ahead of time.

Ron Kavanaugh, executive director at the Bronx-based arts nonprofit Literary Freedom Project, is behind the club's recent October 2018 launch. "I had a sense that more people were interested in books and reading than the popular narrative reflected," Kavanaugh says. Today, the club averages 40 attendees per meeting and has distributed over 200 free books.

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