

# A Summer Read



Social distancing continues to be very important in slowing the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Are you interested in starting a book club to talk about “Option B”? Below are some suggestions that will help your club to come together, while observing social distancing recommendations.

## 1. Virtual Options –

- **PRIVATE GROUP PAGES:** Create a private group to post and comment as you read. This option allows participants to post and share thoughts and ideas, without having to attend a meeting at a certain day or time. Great for people with unpredictable schedules. You could do this using Facebook.
- **GROUP TEXT/CHATS:** This option is a way for groups to have real-time discussions that don’t require video conferencing. You can share thoughts with one another, similar to a texting function on a cell phone. Some apps that offer this are WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger.
- **VIDEO CONFERENCE CALLS:** Using a video group chat allows team members to see and speak with one another from many different locations. This gives social distancing a ‘social’ component! Apps that you can use for video conference calls are Zoom, Skype, and Facebook Messenger.

## 2. Outdoor Option -

- **LUNCH AND LEARN:** Meet at a local park or pavilion. Be sure to sit a minimum of 6 feet from one another. Bring hand sanitizer and wear a mask. Share your thoughts and enjoy a physical meeting, while observing safe social distancing recommendations. Please limit the number of book club members to less than 24 for this option.

### A few tips on starting a successful book club:

- Try to have at least six people in your book club. This will allow for some absences, while maintaining quality conversations.
- Have a regular meeting day and time.
- Send out reminders to your book club team about the date, time, and topic of your next meeting.
- Rotate discussion leaders. This allows meetings to be run with different perspectives and shares the responsibility of running the meeting with all of the team members.
- Make a commitment to attend meetings regularly.
- Use meeting times to share thoughts as well as build new relationships with new people.
- Be open to sharing and learning together.

Thank you for joining us for this year’s Summer Read!