

# Connect Here Guide to Edinburgh Book Groups

## *book* Groups

Dive into books that inspire



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Services noted within this guide provide a comprehensive, useful, and accurate listings of Book Groups within Edinburgh. Please email (with hyperlink) any additions or entry update changes for consideration. Email: [ConnectHereUpdates@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ConnectHereUpdates@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

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### Open Book (For Carers) - Eric Liddell Centre

Eric Liddell Centre  
15 Morningside Rd  
Edinburgh EH10 4DP

T: 0131 447 4520

Opening Hours: Mondays 12.30pm–1.30pm.

W: <https://www.ericliddell.org/>

**Summary:** Open Book Group (For Carers) Contact: Irene McCarthy.

## Church Book Group

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### Book Group

St Anne's Parish Church  
1 Kaimes Road  
Edinburgh EH12 6JR

T: 0131 316 4760

Opening Hours: Wednesday 7.30pm.

E: [office@stannescorstorphine.org.uk](mailto:office@stannescorstorphine.org.uk)

W: <http://www.stannescorstorphine.org.uk/>

**Summary:** The group will meet in the Belgrave Room. The group will run until June end then have a summer break.

### Book Group - The Open Door

420 Morningside Road  
Edinburgh EH10 5HY

T: 0131 447 9757

Opening Hours: Monday afternoons.

E: [hello@theopendoor.org.uk](mailto:hello@theopendoor.org.uk)

W: <https://www.theopendoor.org.uk/other-services>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/theopendoormorningside/>

**Summary:** Meets in the Hunter Room on Monday afternoons. More details to follow.

## Online Book Groups

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### Bonanza Non Fiction Book Club

Edinburgh

W: <https://www.meetup.com/edinburgh-book-club-meetup-group/>

**Summary:** Every second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 8pm. Currently online, this small, informal non-fiction book group meet and (in theory) discuss one book a month....although a lot of it is just drinking and chatting ...

With non-fiction virtually anything goes:

- Art
- Biographies/memoirs
- Psychology
- Ecology

Click on the above links for more information.

### The Gloss Book Club

Edinburgh

W: [https://www.meetup.com/gloss\\_londonUK/](https://www.meetup.com/gloss_londonUK/)

W2: <https://theglossbookclub.com/>

**Summary:** The concept is simple. A global book club for like-minded women to discuss great books! Monthly book club meeting on Zoom.

## Online Book Groups

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### Inspiring Leith - Book Group

Edinburgh

T: 0791 955 7691 - Colin

T: zoom 885 1919 5801

Opening Hours: Fridays 2.30pm.

E: [info@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:info@bethanychristiantrust.com)

W: <https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/service/book-group/>

FB: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/BethanyChristianTrust1>

**Summary:** At the end of the week join in on Zoom for a relaxed chat about books.

Get in touch via the contact details above.

### Book Group - Balgreen Library

173 Balgreen Road  
Edinburgh EH11 3AT

T: 0131 529 5585

Opening hours: First Monday of the month at 6.00pm.

E: [balgreen.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:balgreen.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229170/balgreen-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/balgreenlibrary>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/SWEdinLibraries>

**Summary:** Book group.

## Public Library Book Group

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### Book Groups - Fountainbridge Library

137 Dundee Street  
Edinburgh EH11 1BG

T: 0131 529 5616

Opening Hours: Meeting on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 6.00pm.

E: [fountainbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:fountainbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229181/fountainbridge-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/FountainbridgeLibrary/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/SWEdinLibraries>

**Summary:** They run two separate book groups, meeting on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 6pm. Contact us for more information.

### Crime Book Group - Gilmerton Library

13 Newtoft Street  
Edinburgh EH17 8RG

T: 0131 529 5628

Opening Hours: Second Wednesday of the month 6.30pm-7.30pm.

E: [gilmerton.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:gilmerton.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229182/gilmerton-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/gilmertonlibrary/>

**Summary:** Crime only book group.

## Public Library Book Group

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### General Book Group - Gilmerton Library

13 Newtoft Street  
Edinburgh EH17 8RG

T: 0131 529 5628

Opening Hours: Third Monday of the month 2.00pm-3.00pm.

E: [gilmerton.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:gilmerton.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229182/gilmerton-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/gilmertonlibrary/>

**Summary:** General Book group.

### Book Groups - Newington Library

17-21 Fountainhall Road  
Edinburgh EH9 2LN

T: 0131 529 5536

Opening Hours: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm, 1st Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

E: [newington.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:newington.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229192/newington-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/newingtonlibrary>

**Summary:** Book groups

## Public Library Book Group

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### Adult Book Group - Portobello Library

14 Rosefield Avenue  
Edinburgh EH15 1AU

T: 0131 529 5558

Opening Hours: Monday 6.30pm - meets first Monday of the month.

E: [portobello.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:portobello.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229195/portobello-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/PortobelloLibrary/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/PortyLibrary>

**Summary:** Adult Book Group.



### Book and Blether - Ratho Library

Operating from Hillview Cottages  
Edinburgh EH28 8RF

T: 0131 333 5297

Opening Hours: Every second Wednesday 2.00pm-4.00pm.

E: [ratho.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:ratho.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229196/ratho-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/RathoLibrary/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/SWEdinLibraries>

**Summary:** Book and Blether, in the Lounge at Ratho Community Centre. Meet others, collect some of your reservations and chat over refreshments. Please contact Ratho Library on 0131 333 5297 or email for more information.

## Public Library Book Group

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### Audio Book Group - South Queensferry Library

9 Shore Road  
South Queensferry  
Edinburgh EH30 9RD

T: 0131 529 5576

Opening Hours: last Tuesday of the month, 2.00pm-3.00pm.

E: [southqueensferry.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:southqueensferry.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229200/south-queensferry-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthQueensferryLibrary/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/sqlibrary01>

**Summary:** Audio Book Group.

### Book Group - South Queensferry Library

9 Shore Road  
South Queensferry  
Edinburgh EH30 9RD

T: 0131 529 5576

Opening Hours: Last Wednesday of the month from 7.00pm-8.00pm.

E: [southqueensferry.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:southqueensferry.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229200/south-queensferry-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthQueensferryLibrary/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/sqlibrary01>

**Summary:** Adult book group.

## Public Library Book Group

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### LGBT+ Book Group - South Queensferry Library

9 Shore Road  
South Queensferry  
Edinburgh EH30 9RD

T: 0131 529 5576

Opening Hours: First Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm-8.00pm.

E: [southqueensferry.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:southqueensferry.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229200/south-queensferry-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthQueensferryLibrary/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/sqlibrary01>

**Summary:** LGBT+ Book Group.

### Afternoon Book Group - Stockbridge Library

11 Hamilton Place  
Edinburgh EH3 5BA

T: 0131 529 5665

Opening Hours: 1st Wednesday of the month from 2.30pm-3.30pm

E: [stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229201/stockbridge-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/StockbridgeLibrary/>

**Summary:** Afternoon book group. Registration required for all book groups. Contact library for more information.

## Public Library Book Group

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### Audio Book Group - Stockbridge Library

11 Hamilton Place  
Edinburgh EH3 5BA

T: 0131 529 5665

Opening Hours: 3rd Friday of the month from 2.30pm-3.30pm

E: [stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229201/stockbridge-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/StockbridgeLibrary/>

**Summary:** Audio book group. Registration required for all book groups. Contact library for more information.

**Evening book group - Stockbridge Library**

11 Hamilton Place  
Edinburgh EH3 5BA

T: 0131 529 5665

Opening Hours: 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6.30pm-7.30pm.

E: [stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229201/stockbridge-library>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/StockbridgeLibrary/>

**Summary:** Evening book group. Registration required for all book groups. Contact library for more information.