

Teachers As Readers Book Groups 2018-19

Sponsored by the Portland Reading Council

TAR Book Groups are perfect for teachers who want to meet regularly to discuss books. In the spirit of professional growth, teachers use the knowledge and ideas they learn from the book study to create richly literate classrooms where students read with confidence and pleasure.

We would like to support your TAR Book Group with \$100!

■ Benefits of TAR Book Groups

- Participate in ongoing professional development
- Explore your own literacy learning & connect with other teachers
- Enhance teaching and learning
- Earn SPU Continuing Education credit and PDU certificate



■ New! Important Policies

- To be eligible for \$100 funding, each group must have a minimum of three participants and one person must be a member of the Portland Reading Council.
- One graduate credit is available from Seattle Pacific University for \$55.
- Requirements to Receive SPU Credit:
 - read a professional book
 - attend ten hours of discussion and complete a 3-page reflection paper
 - be a current member of the Portland Reading CouncilMembership is \$35 for 2 years via the council website: www.portlandreadingcouncil.org

■ Frequently Asked Questions

• What do we read?

Your choice! Ideas: professional books, children's books, YA titles, etc. One group read the book written by the speaker / author featured at the Oregon State Literacy Association's annual conference in February and attended the event to expand their learning.

• Where and when do we meet?

Your choice! Groups meet before or after school at their building, a local coffee shop, etc. One innovative group in Canby met at a neighborhood park to participate in a "walk and talk" with partners sharing their thoughts while enjoying the outdoors.

• If our group receives financial support, how can we use the funds?

Your choice: help offset the cost of books; purchase refreshments for your meetings; etc.

Interested? Please fill out an application. →

Teachers **A**s **R**eaders Book Group Application

Group Leader's Name: _____

US Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

School: _____ District: _____

- We are seeking \$100 funding only
- We are seeking \$100 funding and SPU Credit
- We are seeking SPU credit only

Name of Portland Reading Council Member: _____

Total # of Participants: _____ (minimum # required = 3 participants)

Title and author of book we will read and discuss:

Meeting Dates: _____

Meeting Time: _____ to _____ Location: _____

**Reminder: Groups seeking SPU credit must meet for a minimum of 10 hours.*

- Midway through our study, I agree to send a 2-3 sentence overview to Penny Plavala sharing: how our group is going; and how we used the funds.
- Midway through our study, I agree to send Penny Plavala a photo of 3-4 group members holding their books. I understand this photo may be posted on the Council website and Facebook page.

pennyplavala@gmail.com

Please List TAR Book Group Participants and Indicate if They Are Seeking Credit

Name	Email	SPU Credit
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(attach additional page if needed)

Please email this application to: pennyplavala@gmail.com

Questions? Contact Pennyplavala@gmail.com