

# Teachers As Readers Book Groups 2021-22

*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 - \$200!**

## ■ Benefits of TAR Book Groups

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



## ■ Important Policies

- To be eligible for funding, each group must have a minimum of three participants and one person must be a member of the Portland Reading Council.
- **New Funding Formula:** \$100: 3-8 participants; \$150: 9-17 participants; \$200: 18+ participants
- One graduate credit is available from Western Oregon University: \$80
- **NEW! Requirements to Receive WOU 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 Council & Oregon State Literacy Association  
Membership is \$35 for one year: [www.portlandreadingcouncil.org](http://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 annual Oregon State Literacy Association's annual conference in February and attended the event to expand their learning.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Choose one:

We are seeking funding only

We are seeking funding and WOU  
Credit

### Choose term for WOU credit:\*

Fall: Sept. 1 - Dec. 30

Winter: Jan. 1 - March 11

Spring: March 11 - June 3

*\*If your group overlaps a term, choose the later term.*

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 WOU credit must meet for a minimum of 10 hours.*

*Groups not seeking credit must meet for a minimum of 5 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	WOU Credit
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(attach additional page if needed)

**Please email this application to: pennyplavala@gmail.com**

Questions? Contact Pennyplavala@gmail.com