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| “As an engineering student I derive great value in the diversity of views and opinions the book club brings on a wide variety of student selected literature.” "When I decided to join the college's Book Club, I thought only of reading more books in English and improving my language skills, but after allthese meetings, laughs, new booksand incredible discussions and debates, I can confidently say that I have gained much more than just books. “Students who attend the clubs become good library users | Support from the Language School for ESOL club| Winner of the OBI award for best and most inspiring club in 2017 | Extra credits for ESOL students who attend the club| Funding from the Scottish Book Trust | Writing competition sponsored by UHI LibrariesReading club projectPerth College UHIW | **Goal:** Promoting literacy and exchanging ideas among students, proactively. Encourage reading, and introduce members to new authors and writing styles. Enable interaction between students and staff to debate a wide range of topics.**Submitted by:** Maria Ramirez Jimenez **Project:** To set up a book club to promote reading which would also allow students and staff to socialise with others from across a variety of courses. Students benefit by becoming more confident and learning to express their opinion in public, which provides intellectual stimulation and helps develop networking skills.**Benefit to:** All students and staff

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| ****Key message: Promote literacy and the exchange of ideas****  |
| Work with the Library team and HISA to promote the club and encourage membership.  |
| Help ESOL students through the creation of a separate club for members who do not have English as their first language.  |
| Make the clubs available to the wider partnership by utilising VC facilities.  |
| Create an environment where members are encouraged to express their opinions and debate a wide range of topics.  |
| Encourage creativity by running writing competitions linked to the clubs, open to participants from all locations in the university. |
| **Project delivery**  |  |
| Creation of an initial book club for students and staff. Additional clubs set up for ESOL students, and staff members. |
| Obtain funding from the Library team and HISA to buy books and promote the clubs. |
| Arrange author visits, open to external visitors, and organise activities related to Book Week Scotland.  |
| Utilise VC facilities to allow students and staff to join the clubs from any location within the partnership.  |
| Organise regular writing competitions, open to students and staff from all partners. |

**Impact:**  The clubs are available to students and staff from any academic partner, via VC. To discuss how this initiative could be beneficial to your community please contact Maria Ramirez Jimenez   |