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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 Libraries Reading club projectPerth College UHI W | **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   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ****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](mailto:Maria.Ramirez.Jimenez.perth@uhi.ac.uk?subject=Book%20Clubs) |