

About ASiS Book Club

2006

History

In February 2005, the ASiS Book Club was started by Heather Isaac, Latasha Beckman and Sharon Marble-Smith.



How to become a member?

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About Us

The African-American Sisters in Spirit (ASiS) Book Club is a book club for African American women residing in the Maryland, Washington DC and Northern Virginia areas. It's a network of sista's that meet monthly to promote, and support literature written by African Americans. The book club is a forum that fosters open discussion about books, and as a by-product many of our members have formed bonds outside of this purview.

Membership

An application must be submitted by potential members and will be considered on a rolling basis.

Club Facts

1. How can I make book club suggestions? Each month, a different member hosts the book club meeting and the book is chosen by the host. Members can provide book suggestions, but the responsibility of selecting the book of the month belongs to the member hosting the meeting.

2. How are members selected for the group? Each applicant is called and asked a series of questions about their level of support and commitment to ideas listed in the bylaws. After the initial screening, an applicant may be invited to a "Meet-N-Greet" or general meeting to see if their membership is a good fit. The potential member's interaction with the group at this meeting is observed and will be instrumental in determining whether to extend membership. After consulting with current members, the President will contact the potential member regarding their membership.

3. Where do you meet? The member hosting the meeting chooses the meeting location, which can be in Virginia, Maryland or the District of Columbia. If the meeting is held at a restaurant, the member hosting the meeting is responsible for purchasing appetizers (within

reason) for the group. Generally, members host meetings at their home.

4. When are the meetings held? Meetings are held on the first Saturday of every month. Each member is responsible for selecting the book and location at least one month in advance of the meeting in which they will host.

5. Is ASiS a Christian-based group? On occasion, we may read Christian fiction/nonfiction but we read books from many genres.

7. How do you choose books? We read books written by African-American authors as follows:

January - March:
Books authored by women.

April - June:
Books authored by men.

July: Off month

August - September:
Books from any genre.

October - November:
Books about family.

December: Off month

8. What if members don't read the book selection? Members are responsible for a \$5.00 donation in addition to her dues if she does not read the book.

9. *Is membership forever?* Membership to ASiS Book Club is not a life-time guarantee. Active membership means continued support, and participating in group meetings, and contributing to a positive group environment. Membership can be canceled by either the group or member at any time for a number of reasons.

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