

# Here are some useful tips to help your book club flourish:

## MAKE THE PERFECT SPREAD

No book club is complete without the perfect spread. Your friends may be coming from work or a hectic day, so they'll be grateful for something to snack on. Serve sliced baguettes with a variety of meats, cheeses and nuts. Include something vegetarian to ensure that everyone's dietary restrictions are met.

## DON'T FORGET THE WINE

Like any get-together, wine plays an essential part in throwing the perfect book club night. People can get nervous when it comes to breaking down books. Pouring a glass of wine upon arrival is a great way to loosen everybody up and get the book banter started. If you want to sip with swag, get the stylish Olive Brook range available at a **TOPS at SPAR** store near you. It's easy to drink and absolutely delicious.

If you get tired of sipping wine each month, shake up your book club beverage selections with this cocktail related to a great author to push your bookish get-together to the next level.

## THE HEMINGWAY MOJITO

It's no secret that Ernest Hemingway enjoyed a good drink or two. His favourite was the mojito, a recipe for which you can easily replicate at home.

### Ingredients

- 60ml white rum
- 15ml lime juice (freshly squeezed)
- 1 teaspoon extra fine sugar
- 3 mint leaves
- soda water

### How to make it

Mix the lime juice and a teaspoon of extra fine sugar in a Collins glass. Crush the mint leaves against the side of the glass. Pour the rum into the glass with crushed ice and top up with soda water.

## KEEP IT SHORT AND SWEET

Most people have had long days, and also have to get up early the next day. Allow 15 minutes for everyone to settle in and keep the book discussion to an hour or less.

After the discussion, assign a member to choose books beforehand, and then everyone can vote on what's up next in the next meetup.

Now that you've perfectly dissected all of the major plot points and metaphors, don't rush anyone out the door. Keep your Olive Brook bottles chilled and open on the table, and your friends will linger around for some page-turning gossip time.

