

## 2019 NEWS - BC2G is Eleven Years Old!

**Book Club to Go (BC2G)** is a program to encourage the development and success of book clubs in Monterey County. We have many bags with ten copies of each book and discussion questions. They can be checked out for six weeks and reserved ahead of time, up to one year in advance, using our website [MontereyCountyFreeLibraries.org/BookClubtoGo/](http://MontereyCountyFreeLibraries.org/BookClubtoGo/)

In February 2008 we started with 32 bags. We kept adding new bags each year. Eleven years later we have 137 bags (29 Nonfiction, 6 Large Print, 2 Spanish-English bilingual). If we were not retiring bags we would have 289. Full archival list can be found on BC2G LibraryThing account <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/bookclubtogo>

A printable list of all titles is always available in PDF on the website. Please remember to always print the most current list from the website.

Between February 2018 and January 2019 our bags circulated 323 times. We also have 113 reservations. Below you can see our statistics for the last eight years. Polaris tracks down circulation of bags, but keep in mind that that each bag has ten books and each group has an average of ten people. Books in our bags were read by almost 30, 000 people!

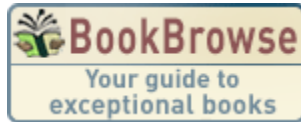
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
329	383	334	348	307	312	323	312

We had a very small budget for BC2G this fiscal year, but with the generous help of BC2G users we doubled this amount and created as many new bags as in previous years.

Reminders:

- Please do not renew bags and do not cancel requests in the Library catalog. Please contact us, preferably via BC2G email, or phone 899-2055, to request a renewal or cancellation.

- Groups don't have to use the Request Form for multiple reservations. You can email us a list of BC2G titles you want to read and a list of dates for pick-ups as well as names of two book club members who have MCFL library cards and we will mix and match based on availability.
- Our online form does not work on some versions of some browsers. We ask that you email us directly when you experience problems. We can also process requests by phone.
- While filling out the Request Form please always check the availability first on the Title List. Green notes tell you which bags are **available today**. We update this page daily and you can always see if any bag is available for immediate pickup. Unfortunately, we receive many requests for bags that are not available.
- Once again we were able to renew our subscription to BookBrowse, the best reader's advisory online tool with direct links to the MCFL catalog. Please continue using it. Look for this logo on the Library website:



We also have one piece of big news: we are in the early stages of our partnership with Salinas Public Library. Stay tuned for details, it will be something exciting.

Thank you all for your help in making BC2G such a success!

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