

### *Community Book Club Policy*

The Ocean City Free Public Library supports community book groups and encourages educational advancement within the community. In an effort to assist our local community book groups, the Library will attempt to provide book groups with multiple copies of their selected books.

The Library requests that Book Clubs provide us with accurate contact information for the leaders of the group. The Library also requests that the Book Club give at least **4 weeks'** notice for additional titles and changes in title. The selected book titles should be current, preferably with a publishing date older than 3 months and must be currently in print. If the book selections do not meet these criteria, the library may not be able to acquire the materials

The Library will make every attempt to acquire and place on hold up to **6** copies of the selected book group titles. However, if a high demand title is selected the Library will not be able to give the Book Club preference.

Each Book Club will be issued a library card. The card will be used to reserve the selected books; however, the individuals in the book group must check the books out on their own library card. Book Club members **may** check out more than one copy of the selected title, but the patron who checks out the books will be held responsible for the materials.