

## Readers Advisory Unconference: Questions and Answers

Q: What is an Unconference?

A: An Unconference is a participant-driven meeting. People who attend create program sessions on the spot, based on topics they are interested in learning more about as a group.

Q: How is this different than a traditional conference, workshop, or class?

A: Topic sessions won't have a teacher or speaker - instead, anyone who chooses to participate in that session will be encouraged to take part in the conversation.

Q: What topics will be covered?

A: We'll all find out together, that day! You can suggest topics in advance through the registration form. Each participant will have the opportunity to vote for the topics that most interest them. The topics with the most votes become the sessions at the Unconference.

Q: Who will be speaking?

A: Mostly, you! Unconference sessions are lead by everyone, because they are structured as large-group conversations where anyone is able to bring their thoughts to the table.

Q: Who is this for?

A: Anyone interested in actively learning about Readers Advisory in the library. Staff from all areas, concentrations, and departments are welcome!

Q: Do I need to be an expert Readers Advisor to attend?

A: No! All you'll need is a willingness to share your ideas and experiences serving readers.

Q: Do I have to stay the whole day?

A: No - you can leave early or arrive late. Please register as if you were going to spend the day, then share your plans (when you'll arrive and/or leave) with Nicole:  
[nscherer@nassaulibrary.org](mailto:nscherer@nassaulibrary.org).

Q: Will I get CEUs?

A: Yes. CEUs will be awarded to those who complete the full day. If you can only attend for part of the day, let us know (see above) and we'll prepare a CEU certificate for you reflecting the time you spent with us, which we will send to you after the event.

Q: Do I need to stay for lunch?

A: No, but we will be running a fun book-themed trivia contest (via Kahoot) during lunch.

Q: What do I get if I win the trivia contest?

A: A trophy! (Really!)

Q: Do I need to prepare anything?

A: Please prepare a short (about 1 minute) book talk from a genre/category of your choice, as indicated on the registration form. Other than that, just bring your enthusiasm!

Q: What if I don't know anything about the topic being discussed?

A: There will be multiple topics being discussed at any one time, so you can choose to join any conversation you wish. You are also free to move from one group to another, as you see fit.

Q: I am passionate and knowledgeable about a specific topic. Can I nominate it as a session?

A: Please do! If there is something you want to see covered, you are free to nominate and vote for it (and to politely lobby others to do the same!)

*Still have questions about the Unconference? Please contact Nicole at [nscherer@nassaulibrary.org](mailto:nscherer@nassaulibrary.org) or (516) 292-8920x273 for more answers!*