

HOSTING A BOOK TASTING EVENT

What Is a Book Tasting?

A Book Tasting is a fun and engaging way to introduce readers to a variety of series they might be interested in but aren't familiar with yet. Like a food sampling event, they can “taste” different books you've selected and write down their own “tasting notes” about each one. They can decide which book(s) they enjoyed the most and why, and then have [a new favorite series](#) to jump right into after the event!

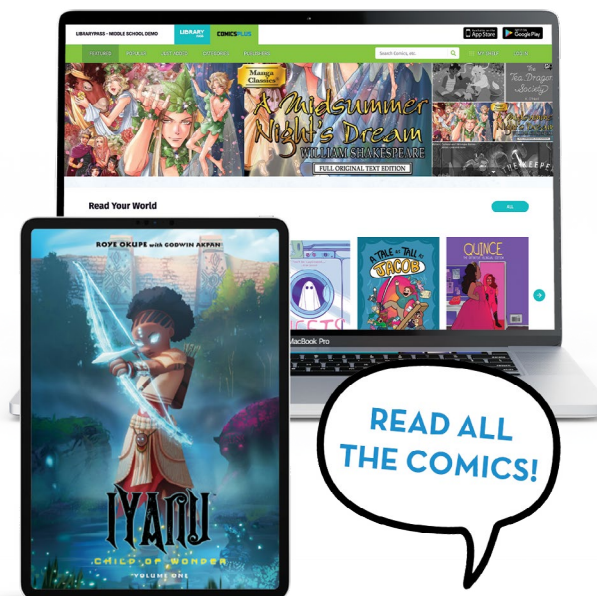
Why Go Digital?

Using a digital platform like Comics Plus for your Book Tasting event offers several advantages:

- **Accessibility:** Readers can easily access the books on their own devices, eliminating the need for physical copies while simplifying your event's logistics.
- **Variety:** You and your readers have access to a diverse collection to choose from, at their leisure, without physical constraints.
- **Engagement:** The ability to explore a curated selection of titles on their own devices with your guidance ensures a more rewarding discovery experience.

Why Use Comics Plus?

With Comics Plus, your readers have unlimited, simultaneous access to thousands of digital comics, manga, and picture books from [dozens of library-friendly publishers](#). No holds, no wait lists.



Series are a great way to keep readers engaged as each installment features a recurring cast of characters, a familiar but evolving storyline, and a consistent narrative and visual style. There are myriad series of varying lengths in almost every genre, so you'll be able to offer your readers several options at your event.

Where Should I Start in Comics Plus?

Choose one of our curated lists that aligns with the genre or topic you want to spotlight, or start with our [Your Next Favorite Series!](#) list.

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How to Conduct a Book Tasting with Comics Plus

PREPARE YOUR READERS

Ensure your readers have access to your Comics Plus collection and are familiar with how to use it. If necessary, preview the navigation, featured lists on the homepage, and [how to add a book to “My Shelf”](#).

SET THE SCENE

Create a café vibe with tablecloths, relaxing music, and “Tasting Notes” for readers to record their impressions of each book they sample.

We’ve created [customizable templates on Canva](#), or you can print out copies of our basic version included with this resource.

START TASTING

Give readers 5–10 minutes per book to read the description and the first few pages. Have them explore your selected titles or lists, or browse the curated lists on your Comics Plus homepage.

- Use a timer to track time and have readers move to the next book.
- Ask readers to record their tasting notes.

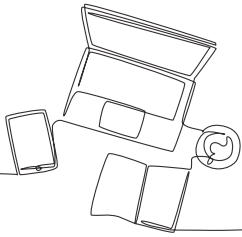
REFLECT AND SHARE

After the tasting, host a group discussion.

- Which book did you enjoy the most during your tasting and why?
- Which book(s) would you read next?
- What drew you in—cover, title, description, plot, characters?
- What surprised you during this activity?

FOLLOW UP

Consider scheduling regular Book Tastings focusing on different genres and topics each time, choosing from the myriad series of varying lengths (or great standalone titles) available on Comics Plus, so you’ll never have to worry about providing enough titles for everyone to sample and enjoy.



BOOK TASTING NOTES

1

Book Title: _____

First Impressions (1-2 sentences about your initial thoughts):

Would You Read It? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

2

Book Title: _____

First Impressions (1-2 sentences about your initial thoughts):

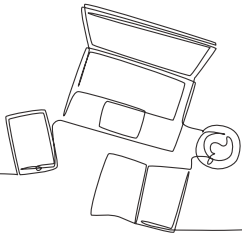
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Book Title: _____

First Impressions (1-2 sentences about your initial thoughts):

Would You Read It? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe



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4 Book Title: _____

First Impressions (1-2 sentences about your initial thoughts):

Would You Read It? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

REFLECTION



Which book did you enjoy the most and why?

What surprised you during this activity?

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