

Book Crossing at HSMC Library

We are part of the **Book Crossing** scheme.

You can pick up a free book in the library (fiction or light non-fiction) to take away to read and you can leave your read or unwanted books and we will make them available for others.

- When books are left in the library, we register them with the **Book Crossing (<http://www.bookcrossing.com/>)** web site.
- We note a unique Book Crossing ID (BCID) down in the book, put in a label and make them available for anyone, staff, students, visitors to pick up and take home to read.
- When you have finished the book you are encouraged to use the BCID to make a journal entry on it on the Bookcrossing website. You will see the place to do that here on the **home page (<http://www.bookcrossing.com/>)**.
- Then you can release the book out into the wild, a park bench, a hotel lobby, somewhere on holiday - home or abroad – anywhere where someone might see it and pick it up.
- You can then wait for it to write home to you! If you check the web site you can follow its progress – sometimes they go around the world.
- You could also give the book to a friend, send it on a book ring etc, just be sure to make a release note on it when you send it off into the world.

Quote from the Book Crossing web site

"Bookcrossing.... is earth-friendly, and gives you a way to share your books, clear your shelves, and conserve precious resources at the same time. Through our own unique method of recycling reads, BookCrossers give life to books. BookCrossing books are not stagnant dust collectors, but living entities travelling the world as true BookCrossing emissaries. Our books find new readers and introduce them to the wonders of BookCrossing"

We think it will be a great resource for our students who might like a little light reading in between studying and for staff to read in their lunch hour. The beauty of the scheme is that you don't have to remember to bring the book back to us!

So please feel free to bring in your books and pick up some to take away too.

If you want to see what books we have, look at on our **virtual bookshelf (<http://www.bookcrossing.com/mybookshelf/UofB-HSMC/available>)**.

Best Wishes

Rachel Posaner, Library Manager at HSMC