Els clubs de lectura a les biblioteques públiques de Catalunya, el País Valencià i les Illes Balears

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Summary: Book clubs – a phenomenon that comes from afar – have experienced remarkable quantitative and qualitative expansion lately. This paper aims at describing the deployment of book clubs in Catalonia, the Valencian Country and the Balearic Islands for the first time. The research is based on a survey carried out among the public libraries of the three territories and intends to describe the main features of this phenomenon, including the linguistic uses in this particular context. The results show a different degree of deployment of book clubs, which is a more ingrained and diversified phenomenon in Catalonia than in the other territories. The comparative study of the characteristics of book clubs allows us to suggest strategies to facilitate the expansion of book clubs in the Valencian Country and the Balearic Islands.

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