
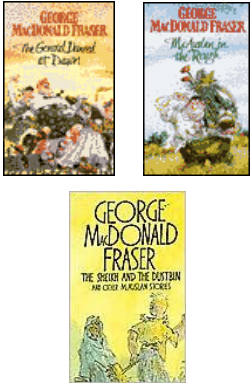


2008 National Library Week Book Recommendations

Recommendations from Instructors / Staff

Recommendation	Reason	Recommended by	Available at
 <p>Tom Jones By Henry Fielding</p>	<p>I've been re-reading (and laughing with) this novel every few years since I was about 14. It is a charming, funny 18th century novel. It's a great chance to read a work of "classic literature" that has all the goofier elements of modern day sitcoms, comedy hours, and romance novels and at the same time marvelous wordcraft, memorable characters, and insights into 18th century life and literary conventions.</p>	<p>Shirleigh Brannon</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>PR3454 .H8 1985</i> NetLibrary - eBook</p>
 <p>The Labor Wars: From the Molly Maguires to the Sitdowns By Sidney Lens</p>	<p>I like this book because, even after 30+ years, I think it's one of the best introductions to the people, places, and big issues in over 100 years worth of American labor history. In this book, you can learn about the lives of working class people (miners, railroad workers, auto workers, steelworkers) as they try to improve their plight. Plus, you can learn about two of my heroes, Eugene V. Debs and Mother Mary Jones!</p>	<p>Shirleigh Brannon</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>HD5324 .L38</i></p>
 <p>The McAusland novels (The General Danced at Dawn, McAusland in the Rough, The Shikh and the Dustbin) By George MacDonald Fraser</p>	<p>Fraser wrote three novels about the adventures of Captain Dand MacNeill, Private John McAuslan ("the most unkempt soldier in the British Army") and their comrades in a Scottish Highland division 1945-47. These novels (which are based on real people and events) still leave both my son and I in stitches every time we read them. I'd also recommend Fraser's nonfiction writings about his days in a Highland Division (including Quartered Safe Out Here) to anyone with an interest in history or Scotland.</p>	<p>Shirleigh Brannon</p>	<p>Butte County Library <i>AF Fraser</i></p>

 <p>Life Woven with Song By Nora Marks Dauenhauer</p>	<p>In Life Woven with Song, the author has collected a variety of her own work: five essays, thirty-five poems and three plays originated in tribal tradition.</p>	<p>Luozhu Cen</p>	<p>Butte College Library PS3554 .A83 2000</p>
 <p>Twilight Series (Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse) By Stephanie Meyer</p>	<p>Enjoyable fast read. Newly acclaimed author Stephanie Meyer is cutting edge and character development is deep and meaningful. This book is usually placed in the genre of teen fiction but it is enjoyable to anyone of any age.</p>	<p>Jennifer Juhl-Darlington</p>	<p>Butte College Library PZ7 .M5717 N49 2005 PZ7 .M5717 N49 2006 Butte County Library YA Meyer</p>
 <p>The Ten-Cent Plague: The Great Comic Book Scare and How it Changed America By David Hajdu</p>	<p>When I was four years old I asked my Mom to teach me how to read. I begged for the lessons so I could understand what the characters were saying in the horror and crime comic books of the late 1940s and early 1950 that I had discovered at the neighborhood drugstore.</p> <p>The book describes the decade between the end of WW II in 1945 and the emergence of TV in the mid 1950s when 10 cent comic books were the most popular form of entertainment in the U-S. until moral and legal pressures drove them to the fringes of social acceptability.</p> <p>The author also includes a detailed account of the various comic book publishers who printed the work of many comic book writers and artists who have since become honored for their contributions to the graphic arts and comics.</p>	<p>Mark Hall</p>	<p>Interlibrary Loan</p>

 <p>In Defense of Food By Michael Pollan</p>	<p>It provides interesting information about how science of nutrition came to dominate our way of thinking about food</p>	<p>Leslie Henson</p>	<p>Butte College Library RA784 .P643 2008</p> <p>Butte County Library 613.2P</p>
 <p>Devil in the White City By Erik Larson</p>	<p>It was a factual murder mystery with the World's Fair of 1893 in Chicago as the backdrop, a place where amazing dreams came to life alongside dark nightmares.</p>	<p>Patty Kemper</p>	<p>Butte College Library HV6248 .M8 L37 2004</p> <p>Butte County Library 364.1523M</p>
 <p>The Economic Naturalist: In Search of Explanations for Everyday Enigmas By Robert H. Frank</p>	<p>It is an easy and interesting read. The author is a professor at Cornell University Business School. This book is a collection of answers to everyday enigmas collected over the years by his students.</p> <p>Throughout the book are interesting questions and one- or two-page answers. Explanations are related to economic concepts. Some interesting questions are:</p> <p>Why milk cartons are rectangular and soda cans cylindrical?</p> <p>Why can laptop computers, but not most other appliances, operate on any country's electrical standard?</p> <p>Why are people more likely to return cash to a store when given too much change than to return merchandise for which they were not charged?</p> <p>Why does a light come on when you open the refrigerator but not when you open the freezer?</p>	<p>Louise Lee</p>	<p>Butte College Library HB71 .F6957 2007</p> <p>Butte County Library 330F</p>

 <p>The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao By Junot Díaz</p>	<p>It's an exhilarating, funny and tragic ride that taught me more about Dominican social and political history than I had previously learned in my whole life.</p>	<p>Kevin McCarthy</p>	<p>Butte College Library PS3554 .I259 B75 2007</p> <p>Butte County Library AF Diaz</p>
 <p>Three Cups of Tea By Grey Mortenson & David Oliver Relin</p>		<p>Kelly Munson</p>	<p>Butte College Library LC2330 .M67 2006</p> <p>Butte County Library 371.822M</p>
 <p>Angle of Repose By Wallace Stegner</p>	<p>It is very well written with great character development and the setting is in northern California.</p> <p>(Note: Wallace Stegner won the 1972 Pulitzer Prize for fiction and started the creative writing program at Stanford.)</p>	<p>Carol Oba-Winslow</p>	<p>Butte College Library PS3537 .T316 A8 2000</p> <p>Butte County Library AF Stegner</p>
 <p>The Witch of Portabello By Paulo Coelho</p>	<p>It presents some good ideas for transformation within a very interesting fictional narrative. Coelho is a thought provoking author.</p>	<p>John Osborn</p>	<p>Interlibrary Loan</p>

 <p>A Town Like Alice By Nevil Shute</p>	<p>The primary character is a woman who shows great resilience and particularly resourcefulness in dealing with life's challenges. It has history, romance, travel, suspense. Just a great novel from a great author.</p>	<p>Dorte Rasmussen</p>	<p>Butte County Library AF Shute</p>
 <p>The Devil's Teeth: A True Story of Obsession and Survival Among America's Great White Sharks By Susan Casey</p>	<p>It combines adventure with science and of course sharks. Most people are fascinated by sharks and this book takes an interesting look at sharks and their personalities. A group of very eccentric scientists live on the Farallon Islands collecting data on birds and these special sharks. Very few people are allowed onto the research site; however, one determined journalist risks her life and career to get an upclose encounter with these sharks. It's a fascinating read.</p>	<p>Julie Scarpelli</p>	<p>Interlibrary Loan</p>
 <p>Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of All-American Meal By Eric Schlosser</p>	<p>It speaks to a modern tragedy which involves our world eco-system, our treatment of animals and America's health crisis – fast food is linked to problems in all of these areas in a thorough yet engaging account of the rise and predominance of fast food in post-war America (and the world).</p>	<p>Diana Scott</p>	<p>Butte College Library TX945.3 .S355 2005 Butte County Library 394.15</p>