

2010 National Library Week Book Recommendations

Recommendations from Instructors / Staff

Recommendation	Reason	Recommended by	Available at
 <p style="text-align: center;">The Big Sky By A.B. Guthrie, Jr.</p>	<p>The novel is about mountain men and the brief period when the only laws west of the Missouri River were natural laws, and a man's chances of survival depended on wilderness skills and raw luck.</p>	<p>Joe Abbott</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>PS3513 .U855 B5</i></p> <p>Butte County Library <i>AF Guthrie</i></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Stones into Schools By Greg Mortenson</p>	<p><i>Stones into Schools</i> is a whole new look at Mortensen's amazing work. Inspiring and dramatic. One begins to feel familiar with this extremely different world and to understand the small triumphs.</p>	<p>Wendy Brown</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>LC2330 .M66 2009</i></p> <p>Butte County Library <i>371.822 M</i></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Olive Kitteridge By Elizabeth Strout</p>	<p>Olive is a woman one is not sure one always likes, a mixed character, drawn in surprisingly descriptive but sparse prose. So interesting to read about characters mostly a bit older than middle age since most books are about younger people it seems.</p>	<p>Wendy Brown</p>	<p>Butte County Library <i>AF Strout</i></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Breaking Through The Circuit Reaching Out By Francisco Jimenez</p>	<p>They are an autobiography of migrant worker and his family and his struggle for education. Today Dr. Jimenez is now chairman of Languages and Literatures Department at Santa Clara University.</p>	<p>Carol Curveo</p>	<p>Butte County Library <i>YA Jimenez</i></p>

 <p>Anatomy of Love: The Mysteries of Mating, Marriage, and Why We Stray By Helen Fisher</p>	<p>It informed me of the history and functions of the limbic brain, our mammalian heritage, and how by not honoring it we've created a lot of our medical and social problems.</p>	<p>Karla Follestad</p>	<p>Interlibrary Loan</p>
 <p>Of Mice and Men By John Steinbeck</p>	<p>It's an all around great book! It is funny, compassionate, and full of tension and integrity. The book is easy to read and very enjoyable.</p>	<p>Aaron Fultz</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>PS3537.T3234 O3 1965</i></p> <p>Butte County Library <i>AF STEINBECK</i> <i>PPAPER YA STEINBECK</i></p>
 <p>Ender's Game By Orson Scott Card</p>	<p>The author has excellent character development and very unique perspectives. The plot line is excellent and this book will keep you mentally stimulated from beginning to end.</p>	<p>Teeje Jamison</p>	<p>Butte County Library <i>SF CARD</i></p>
 <p>1984 By George Orwell</p>	<p>It is one of the few books that I have actually gotten into. It provides great vocabulary and literary techniques to grasp the reader through the less exciting parts, and when it comes down to the end, it throws in an amazing twist. All in all it's a great book.</p>	<p>James Krepelka</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>PR6029.R8 N49 1992</i></p> <p>Butte County Library <i>AF ORWELL</i> <i>YA ORWELL</i></p>
 <p>Better By Atul Gawande</p>	<p>It is an interesting and captivating read. The author discusses controversial issues in the world of medicine. Some of the issues deeply concern public health and medical ethics, which we probably have never thought of. You don't have to be a medical professional to enjoy this inspiring and thought-provoking book.</p>	<p>Louise Lee</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>RC66 .G39 2007</i></p> <p>Butte County Library <i>616G</i></p>

 <p>Cutting for Stone By Abraham Verghese</p>	<p>It's an amazing novel about Ethiopia, a family of physicians, and political unrest. It's beautifully written.</p>	<p>Julie Leigh</p>	<p>Butte County Library <i>AF VERGHESE</i></p>
 <p>The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11 By Lawrence Wright</p>	<p>This book is the winner of the Pulitzer Prize, and also the National Book Award Finalist.</p>	<p>Dr. Thomas Masterson</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>HV6432.7 .W75 2006</i></p> <p>Butte County Library <i>973.931W</i></p>
 <p>The Corrections By Jonathan Franzen</p>	<p>The writing is complex, but the characters are completely engaging.</p>	<p>Sarah Rider</p>	<p>Butte County Library <i>AF FRANZEN</i></p>
 <p>The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court By Jeffrey Toobin</p>	<p>It gives a unique view into personalities as well s philosophies of recent Supreme Court Justices.</p>	<p>Sara Stanley</p>	<p>Butte College Library <i>KF8748 .T66 2007</i></p> <p>Butte County Library <i>347.7326 T</i></p>
 <p>Saving the Planet with Pesticides and Plastic. 2nd ed. By Dennis T. Avery</p>	<p>This book uses peer reviewed research to document the environmental triumph of high-yield farming by showing how these modern farming techniques allow us to save millions of acres of forests worldwide.</p>	<p>Tip Wilmarth</p>	<p>Interlibrary Loan</p>