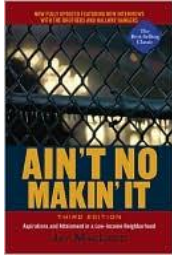


## 2011 National Library Week Book Recommendations

### Recommendations from Administrators, Faculty & Staff

Recommendation	Reason	Recommended by	Available at
 <p><b>Ahab's Wife: Or, The Star-Gaze</b> By Sena Jeter Naslund</p>	<p>Ahab's wife is an action-packed historical novel with a dynamic main character, Una. You don't need to know the story of Moby Dick &amp; Cpt. Ahab to enjoy this novel, but it is fun to see how Naslund turns a brief reference into a whole life!</p>	<p>Nicole LaGrave</p>	<p><b>Butte County Library</b> <i>AF Naslund</i></p>
 <p><b>War</b> By Sebastian Junger</p>	<p>Over 15-months, Sebastian Junger followed a single platoon based at a remote outpost in eastern Afghanistan. His objective was both simple and ambitious: to convey what soldiers experience-what war actually feels like.</p>	<p>Dr. Thomas Masterson</p>	<p><b>Butte County Library</b> <i>958.1047 J</i></p>
 <p><b>Cutting for Stone</b> By Abraham Verghese</p>	<p>A great story of twin American boys, raised by Indian-parent in Africa. The cross cultural elements - political upheaval, medical/health issues, and a fabulous love story. It's all in here!</p>	<p>Amy Antongiovanni</p>	<p><b>Butte College Library</b> <i>PS3622.E744 C87 2010</i></p> <p><b>Butte County Library</b> <i>AF Verghese</i></p>
 <p><b>Tender is the Night</b> By F. Scott Fitzgerald</p>	<p>A great novel about the disintegration of love, of privilege, of social drift. The novel will take away your breath: it is brilliantly written, it is moving, it is tragic. I wish I had written the beast.</p>	<p>Joe Abbott</p>	<p><b>Butte College Library</b> <i>PS3511.I9 T4 1934</i></p> <p><b>Butte County Library</b> <i>AF Fitzgerald</i></p>

 <p><b>Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces that Shaped our Decisions</b> By Dan Ariely</p>	<p>The author, Dan Ariely, is a brilliant scholar and researcher in psychology and behavioral economics. Using ingenious experiments, he shows how people behave irrationally in a predictable way. This is the most insightful, entertaining, readable, thought-provoking, and eye-opening book I have read on behavioral economics.</p>	<p>Louise Lee</p>	<p><b>Butte College Library</b> <i>BF448 .A75 2008</i></p> <p><b>Butte County Library</b> <i>330.01 A</i></p>
 <p><b>The Help</b> By Kathryn Stockett</p>	<p>Good story about three strong women and the complex social relationships that defined their lives in the pre-civil rights American South. The author depicts realistic characters, with all the ironies and hypocrisies present in their personal lives and the larger society as a whole. I particularly liked that the characters “spoke” in their own voices. Highly recommend.</p>	<p>Carolyn Stephen</p>	<p><b>Butte County Library</b> <i>AF Stockett</i></p>
 <p><b>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</b> By Rebecca Skloot</p>	<p>It explores the 20<sup>th</sup> century history of microbiology and the trillions of cells grown from the cancer cells of a black woman, without her permission or knowledge, who died in 1951. Discusses issues of informed consent and ethics in human subject research studies.</p>	<p>Julie Leigh</p>	<p><b>Butte College Library</b> <i>RC265.6.L24 S55 2010</i></p> <p><b>Butte County Library</b> <i>616.027 S</i></p>
 <p><b>American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer</b> By Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin</p>	<p>It is an engrossing biography of Oppenheimer, one of the preeminent physicists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the so-called “father of the Atomic Bomb”, and the director of the Manhattan Project. Winner of the Pulitzer and National Book Critics Circle Award.</p>	<p>Michael Smith</p>	<p><b>Butte College Library</b> <i>QC 16.062 B57 2006</i></p> <p><b>Butte County Library</b> <i>530 OPPENHEIMER</i></p>



**Ain't No Makin' It:  
Aspirations and  
Attainment in a Low-  
Income Neighborhood**

By Jay MacLeod

This is THE book about the role of the "American Dream" in constructing the hopes, dreams, and despair of poor/working class kids. MacLeod tells the parallel stories of two groups of young men living in a project known as "Clarendon Heights." "The Hallway Hangers" and "the Brothers" have different aspirations (defeat vs. dreams) but share the same economic constraints that will shape the rest of their lives. Through wonderfully "thick" ethnography, MacLeod demonstrates how social reproduction constructs individual aspirations and the fact that education is THE major social institution in creating, reproducing, and maintaining social inequality in this culture.

Julie Withers

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**The God of Small Things**

By Arundhati Roy

It is beautifully written and the use of the language is lyrical. The story is tragic as well as captivating. It gives an insight into another country and another culture and another time while also having a universal theme. I was caught by the first sentence and didn't stop reading until the end. It also won the Booker Prize in 2000.

Sharon Ewing

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