

Social Change Book Club reading list

The Social Change Book Club is open to everyone who is interested in understanding, participating, leading, or supporting social change. Each month we select a book and get together to discuss. Selections rotate among three themes: social changes, how we work with others to make change happen, and the inner qualities needed to bring change into the world.

Please just show up if you are interested--no RSVP, commitment, etc. It is great when people have read the book, but that is not a requirement to come and discuss.

We got this going because there is a lot to learn about how to make social change happen and people who are interested in changing the world need opportunities to share stories and experience community with others who care.

Here are the club's books:

July, 2006

Letters to a Young Activist by Todd Gitlin

August, 2006

The Cultural Creatives: How 50 Million People Are Changing the World by Paul H. Ray, Ph.D. and Sherry Ruth Anderson, Ph.D.

September, 2006

Appreciative Intelligence by Tojo Thatchenkery and Carol Metzker

October, 2006

Finding Our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time by Margaret Wheatley

November, 2006

Ishmael: An Adventure of the Mind & Spirit, a novel by Daniel Quinn

December, 2006

The Tipping Point, by Malcolm Gladwell

January, 2007

Good to Great and the Social Sectors: Why Business Thinking Is Not the Answer by Jim Collins

February, 2007

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

March, 2007

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

April, 2007

Presence: Human Purpose and the Field of the Future or ***Presence: An Exploration of Profound Change in People, Organizations, and Society*** by Peter M. Senge, Joseph Jaworski, C. Otto Scharmer, and Betty Sue Flowers

June, 2007

The Answer to How is Yes: Acting on What Matters by Peter Block

August, 2007

Citizens at the Center: A New Approach to Civic Engagement by Cynthia Gibson

September, 2007

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

October, 2007

Thinking Points: Communicating our American Values and Vision by George Lakoff

November, 2007

The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays of Wendell Berry by Wendell Berry

December, 2007

The Thin Book of Appreciative Inquiry by Sue Annis Hammond

January, 2008

The Cathedral Within: Transforming Your Life by Giving Something Back by Bill Shore

February, 2008

The Covenant with Black America edited by Tavis Smiley

March, 2008

Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future by Margaret J. Wheatley

April, 2008

The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew-- Three Women Search for Understanding by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.

May, 2008

Nature and the Human Soul: Cultivating Wholeness and Community in a Fragmented World by Bill Plotkin

June, 2008

The Cultural Creatives: How 50 Million People Are Changing the World by Paul H. Ray, Ph.D. and Sherry Ruth Anderson, Ph.D.

August, 2008

Community: The Structure of Belonging by Peter Block

September, 2008

Louisville 2035 by Steve Wiser

October, 2008

The Seven Whispers: A Spiritual Practice for Times Like These by Christina Baldwin

November, 2008

Solving Tough Problems: An Open Way of Talking, Listening and Creating New Realities by Adam Kahane

December, 2008

In the Presence of Fear: Three Essays for a Changed World by Wendell Berry

January, 2009

The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems by Van Jones

February, 2009

The Tao of Personal Leadership by Diane Dreher

March, 2009

Tribes: We Need You to Lead Us by Seth Godwin

April, 2009

Live First, Work Second: Getting Inside the Head of the Next Generation by Rebecca Ryan

May, 2009

Wave Rider: Leadership for High Performance in a Self-Organizing World by Harrison Owen

June, 2009

Field Work: Modern Poems from Eastern Forest by Erik Reece

July, 2009

A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brained People Will Rule the Future by Daniel Pink

August, 2009

Make Hope Real by Rich Harwood— Available on line

<http://www.theharwoodinstitute.org/index.php?ht=a/GetDocumentAction/i/26763>

September, 2009

The Art Of Possibility by Benjamin Zander & Rosamund Stone Zander

October, 2009

Why Don't Students Like School: by Daniel Willingham

November, 2009

Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America by Paul Tough

December, 2009

Whitefoot: A Story from the Center of the World by Wendell Berry

January, 2010

Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle by Chris Hedges

February, 2010

Letters to My Daughter by Maya Angelou

March, 2010

Power and Love: A Theory and Practice of Social Change by Adam Kahane

May, 2010

Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street by Jim Wallis

June, 2010

Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us by Daniel Pink

July, 2010

Immunity to Change: How to Overcome It and Unlock the Potential in Yourself and Your Organization (Leadership for the Common Good), by Robert Kegan and Lisa Lahey

August, 2010

The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: Tools and Tactics for Changing Your Organization and the World by Ron Heifetz, Marty Linsky with Alexander Grashow

September, 2010

Wabi-Sabi for Artists, Designers, Poets & Philosophers by Leonard Koren

October, 2010

The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods by John McKnight and Peter Block

November, 2010

The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace by John Paul Lederach

January, 2011

Engaging Emergence: Turning Upheaval into Opportunity by Peggy Holman

February, 2011

The Bed of Procrustes: Philosophical and Practical Aphorisms by Nassim Nicholas Taleb

March, 2011

A Hidden Wholeness: the Journey Toward an Undivided Life by Parker Palmer

April, 2011

Practically Radical: Not So-Crazy Ways to Transform Your Company, Shake Up Your Industry, and Challenge Yourself by William C. Taylor

May, 2011

The Social Animal: Hidden Sources of Love, Character and Achievement by David Brooks

June, 2011

Poke the Box by Seth Godin

July, 2011

Walk Out Walk On: A Learning Journey into Communities Daring to Live the Future Now
by Margaret Wheatley and Deborah Frieze

August, 2011

The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education by Diane Ravitch

September, 2011

A Spirituality for Brokenness: Discovering Your Deepest Self in Difficult Times by Terry Taylor

October, 2011

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November, 2011

Everything Is Obvious: *Once You Know the Answer by Duncan Watts

December, 2011

The Selected Poems of Wendell Berry by Wendell Berry

January, 2012

That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back by
Thomas Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum

February, 2012

Everyone Leads: Building Leadership from the Community Up by Paul Schmitz

March, 2012

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong

April, 2012

Betterness: Economics For Humans by Umair Haque

May, 2012

What Matters Now: How to Win in a World of Relentless Change, Ferocious Competition, and Unstoppable Innovation by Gary Hamel

June, 2012

The Political Mind: Why You Can't Understand 21st-Century American Politics with an 18th-Century Brain by George Lakoff

July, 2012

Abundance: The Future Is Better Than You Think by Peter H. Diamandis and Steven Kotler

August, 2012

Stop Stealing Dreams: What Is School For? by Seth Godin

September, 2012

Priceless Money: Banking Time for Changing Times by Edgar S. Cahn

October, 2012

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November, 2012

How to Be Compassionate: A Handbook for Creating Inner Peace and a Happier World by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

December, 2012

It All Turns on Affection: The 2012 Jefferson Lecture by Wendell Berry

January, 2013

So Far from Home: Lost and Found in Our Brave New World by Margaret Wheatley

February, 2013

Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change The World by Tony Wagner

March, 2013

Simply Complexity: A Clear Guide to Complexity Theory by Neil Johnson

April, 2013

Resilience: Why Things Bounce Back by Andrew Zolli and Ann Marie Healy

May 2013, No meeting

June, 2013

The Icarus Deception: How High Will You Fly? by Seth Godin

July, 2013

Radical Openness: Four Unexpected Principles for Success by Don Tapscott and Anthony Williams

August, 2013

The Signal and the Noise Why So Many Predictions Fail-but Some Don't by Nate Silver

September, 2013

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October, 2013

Zig Zag: The Surprising Path to Greater Creativity by Keith Sawyer

November, 2013

Leading from the Emerging Future: From Ego-System to Eco-System Economies by Otto Scharmer and Katrin Kaufer

December, 2013

Change by Design: How Design Thinking Transforms Organizations and Inspires Innovation by Tim Brown

January, 2014

All-In Nation: An America That Works for All edited by Vanessa Cárdenas and Julie Treuhaft

February, 2014

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion by Jonathan Haidt

March, 2014

The Cultural Creatives: How 50 Million People Are Changing the World by Paul H. Ray, Ph.D. and Sherry

Ruth Anderson, Ph.D.

April, 2014

The Upstream Doctors: Medical Innovators Track Sickness to Its Source by Rishi Manchanda

May, 2014

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June, 2014

The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace by John Paul Lederach

July, 2014

A More Beautiful Question: The Power of Inquiry to Spark Breakthrough Ideas by Warren Berger

August, 2014

Reign of Error: The Hoax of the Privatization Movement and the Danger to America's Public Schools by Diane Ravitch

September, 2014

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol Dweck

October, 2014

Radical Inclusivity: Expanding Our Minds Beyond Dualistic Thinking by Jeff Carreira

November, 2014

The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: Tools and Tactics for Changing Your Organization and the World by Ron Heifetz, Marty Linsky with Alexander Grashow

December, 2014

The Five Stages of Collapse: Survivors' Toolkit by Dimitri Orlov

January, 2015

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February, 2015

Risk Savvy: How to Make Good Decisions by Gerd Gigerenzer

March, 2015

Transformative Scenario Planning: Working Together to Change the Future by Adam Kahane

April, 2015

Reinventing Organizations: A Guide to Creating Organizations Inspired by the Next Stage of Human Consciousness by Frederic Laloux

May, 2015

How to Make Sense of Any Mess: Information Architecture for Everybody by Abby Covert

June, 2015

Social Entrepreneurship: What Everyone Needs to Know by David Bornstein and Susan Davis

July, 2015

The Triple Focus: A New Approach to Education by Daniel Goleman and Peter Senge

August, 2015

Simple Habits for Complex Times: Powerful Practices for Leaders by Jennifer Garvey Berger, Keith Johnston

September, 2015

SQ 21: The Twenty-One Skills of Spiritual Intelligence by Cindy Wigglesworth

October, 2015

Laudito Si: On Care of Our Common Home encyclical letter by Pope Francis

November 16, 2015

Engaging Compassion Through Intent And Action by Vanessa F. Hurst

December 21, 2015

The Art of Stillness: Adventures in Going Nowhere by Pico Iyer