

Library has many financial books available for check-out

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In today’s difficult financial environment I probably should be sharing with you all about the new light and fluffy fiction novels we have in the Pioneer Memorial Library.

Lest we miss this teachable moment in our lives—let me share with you the wealth of resources you have to read and

learn from in your very own city library.

The most important book that I have read recently is the biography, “The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World” by Alan Greenspan. He describes his growing up, the way he came into the world of finance, and his rise in financial advising. He

discusses “Black Monday,” the fall of the Berlin Wall, working with different administrations, the birth of the dot-com and its ensuing exuberance, millennium fever, and the downturn.

After 9-11 Greenspan advocated responding slowly to the financial crisis.

He and others knew there was

need for action, but they wanted to see where the problems lay before responding.

He states that taking a more conservative approach, not responding to the chaos and a push for a quick fix ultimately solves problems for the long term. Greenspan also discusses the downturn of the stock market and the real estate housing boom that began to be recognized in 2005.

He explains in a simple, honest manner international trading and open borders, so that the average USA citizen like you and I can relate it to our everyday life.

Noteworthy to the reader was his discussion on the history behind corporate governance and how it has changed. Greenspan explains to his reader the “long-term energy squeeze” and why we have come to be in the current situation.

Overall—this is an excellent book to read.

He is not partisan but explains what he sees are challenges that will face us up through 2030. If you are a person who follows the economy, markets or economic trends (and crises) this historical perspective on the economic world and the market place is a must read.

Another book I read recently was written by Jim Hightower, “Swim Against the Current: Even a Dead Fish Can Go with the Flow.”

Jim discusses the many ways that cooperatives and people in small communities band together to make business work for everyone. I was surprised that he used illustrations stretching back to the 1960s, and 70s to discuss the benefits and difficulties that cooperative ventures embrace. But a long-term view of such institutions is far better than shortsighted glamour of such enterprises.

One can see some strong partisan views that you might not hold, but I believe in reading broadly and learning from others. I see it like filleting a fish.

Separate the meat and throw away the bones. A resounding theme I found significant throughout the book was to live your values. Analyze where you want to go, make business decisions on well founded values that go beyond just the financial bottom line. Value to the customer, community, worker, and self.

Below are some new books added to the library relating to financial matters.

Some of the information and advice may need to be adjusted according to the current financial situation, but many important principles can be gleaned from each item.

These include: “Isn’t it Their Turn to Pick Up the Check?: Dealing with all the Trickiest Money Problems Between Family and Friends – from Serial

Borrowers to Serious Cheap-skates” by Jeanne Fleming and Leonard Schwarz “AARP Crash Course in Estate Planning: The Essential Guide to Wills, Trusts, and Your Personal Legacy” by Michael Palermo; “The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness” by Dave Ramsey; Jim Cramer’s “Stay Mad for Life: Get Rich, Stay Rich (Make Your Kids Even Richer)” by James Cramer; “The Complete Guide to Flipping Properties” by Steve Berges; “Patent, Copyright & Trademark: An Intellectual Property Desk Reference” by Richard Stim; “The Ernest and Young Tax Guide 2008” by the tax partners and professionals of Ernst & Young LLP (Peter W. Bernstein, Editor); “Taxes 2008 for Dummies: A Reference for the Rest of Us!” by Eric Tyson, Margaret Munro and David Silverman; “The Enduring Legacy of the WPA American-Made: When FDR Put the Nation to Work” by Nick Taylor and “The New Bankruptcy: Will it Work for You?” by Stephen Elias.

If none of those financial materials scratch your itch, come and peruse the library’s shelves of over 350 items between Dewey Decimal number 332. and 346.7.

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