

READING,

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book in March and went on a world tour to publicize it. You would not believe how many countries and cities Kyle and Lilly have traveled to – and they're not finished.

JOSHUA RIST, McNary High School Choir Director
 Recommendation: *Water the Bamboo* by Greg Bell

I'm reading it with my student leaders over the summer. Also recommended: *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey.

NATE BROWN, Keizer Community Development Director

Recommendation: *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

A fascinating look at a time and place where both magic and horror could flourish in the time of the Chicago World's Fair of 1897.

Also recommended: *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson.

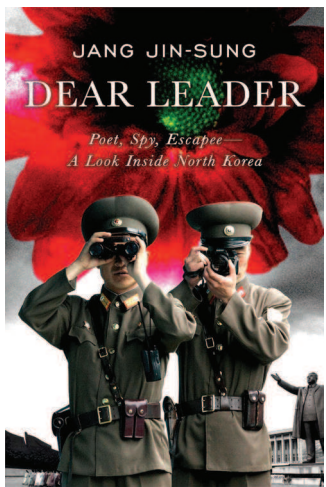
CATHY CLARK, Keizer Mayor

Recommendation: *Democ-*

racy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville

Amazingly predictive and insightful of American self governance.

Also recommended: *The Father Tim* series by Jan Karon



RYAN SOMERVILLE, McNary High School teacher
 Recommendation: *Dear Leader* by Jang Jin-sung

It's the harrowing story of a man who works for the North Korean government writing propaganda. As one of the few individuals who has access to South Korean and Western literature, he begins to realize that their country's blind allegiance to Kim Jong-Il is a sham. When he accidentally

loses a western book he borrows from state reading room (a crime punishable by three generations of death – you, your parents, and your children). He immediately strikes out on foot to the Chinese border. This is a true story that is a real page turner.

Also recommended: *A Kim Jong-Il Production* by Paul Fischer and *Nothing to Envy* by Barbara Demick.

JOHN TEAGUE, Keizer Police Chief

Recommendation: *The Not So Wild, Wild West* by Terry H. Anderson

This is a well-researched look at property rights in the pre-law American west. Contrary to myth that the west was ruled by violence, men governed themselves by contract and property interests even where no such laws existed—perhaps even better than where such laws existed.

Also recommended: *Stolen Valor* by B. G. Burkett and Glenna Whitley; *Inventing Freedom: How the English-Speaking Peoples Made the Modern World* by Daniel Hannan; *Blood Struggle: The Rise and Fall of Modern Indian Nations* by Charles F. Wilkinson; *Life in the Son* and *Elect in the*

Son by Robert Shank.

LAURA REID, Keizer City Councilor
 Recommendation: *The Chemist* by Stephanie Meyer

It's about a woman who formerly worked for a secret government organization, and her speciality was extracting information relative to national security using chemical means; she got on someone's naughty list and is now on the run. It was a fast-paced, intriguing story with lots of twists and turns, and the characters were interesting and engaging.

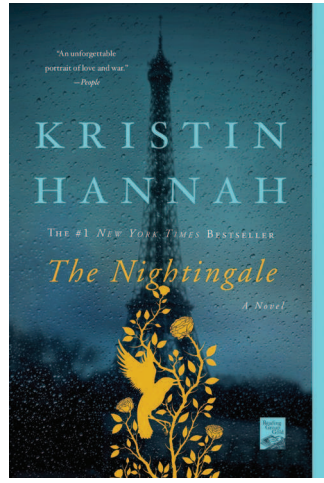
Also recommended: *Emma* by Alexander McCall Smith.

MATT LAWYER, Keizer Parks and Recreation Board Member

Recommendation: *Gung Ho* by Sheldon Bowles and Ken Blanchard

The central theme is about leadership and getting an organization to come together to do meaningful work that is done quickly with quality and a shared common goal all along celebrating each other. There are three themes about work that are in *Gung Ho*. The spirit of the squirrel or people that work really

hard towards a shared goal. The way of the beaver the purpose and direction. Each person has their place and they know what their purpose and direction is because everyone knows what is going on. Lastly, the gift of the goose, constant support and cheering of each other – celebrating wins and goals. It's a fun book told as a story with fun characters. The book really describes simple leadership ideas in a manner that is easily attainable and entertaining.



ROCHELLE FARRIS, McNary High School College and Career Center Coordinator

Recommendation: *The*

Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

This WWII novel was so beautifully written. This war was a time of bitter hatred and in this story Kristin Hannah brings to life love, survival, bitterness, strength, and persistence. This book is a story of two sisters and their personal responses to war as it ravaged their country. Vianne and Isabelle find themselves facing frightening situations and bravely facing the tragedies of war in their own ways, but both with incredible courage and strength. I couldn't put this book down.

MARK CAILLIER, Former councilor, Keizer First Citizen, tireless volunteer

Recommendation: *Handcuffed: What Holds Policing Back, and the Keys to Reform* by Malcolm Sparrow

This book helped me understand the direction the Keizer Police Department is taking in supporting Problem Oriented Policing methods and understanding that pure enforcement of the laws is not the best answer to preventing and solving our short or long term community crime issues.

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Rob Robertson, Owner

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