

READ

A G O O D B O O K

Our campus is committed to advancing excellence in liberal education and fostering the individual's bond to lifelong learning.

Good books make significant experiences. Page by page, they take us into their worlds and deliver to us experiences that we might not otherwise live, thoughts that we might not otherwise realize, environments that we might not otherwise visit. They are, as Jonathan Swift called them, the "children of the brain." Reading is the vehicle that empowers the images of others' thoughts in our own. It is the wise person who learns from the experiences of others; even wiser is the person who does so by the magic of a good book.



We encourage students and prospective students to read the books listed below. We encourage faculty to reference these books in courses taught on campus. We encourage members of the university community to read these books and to watch for and attend events sponsored in support of this program.

Reading List

Compiled by Faculty and Staff

1. Aronson, Elliot. *The Social Animal*
2. Carson, Rachel. *Silent Spring*
3. Dickens, Charles. *David Copperfield*
4. Franklin, John Hope. *Three Negro Classics*
5. Fuentes, Carlos. *The Old Gringo*
6. Krotkin, Joel and Yoriko Kishimoto. *America's Resurgence in the Asian Era*
7. Piercy, Marge. *Woman at the Edge of Time*
8. Reisner, Marc. *Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water*
9. Riding, Alan. *Distant Neighbors*
10. Thomas, Lewis. *The Lives of a Cell*
11. Voltaire. *Candide*
12. Womack, Jones and Roos. *The Machine That Changed the World*