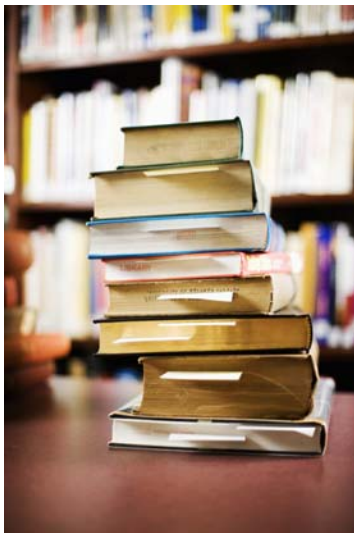


Westside Lively Exchange Book Club



Join us the second Thursday of each
month from 12:30-2:00 PM

at the

West Center for Intergenerational
Learning

1628 West Bijou Street

Discussion questions will be emailed

Contact Monica by email
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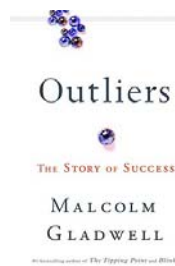
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January 14, 2010

Outliers: The Story of Success

by Malcolm Gladwell



In this stunning new book, Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers"—the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high-achievers different? His answer is that we pay too much attention to what successful people are like, and too little attention to where they are from: that is, their culture, their family, their generation, and the idiosyncratic experiences of their upbringing. Along the way he explains the secrets of software billionaires, what it takes to be a great soccer player, why Asians are good at math, and what made the Beatles the greatest rock band. Brilliant and entertaining, *OUTLIERS* is a landmark work that will simultaneously delight and illuminate. Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.

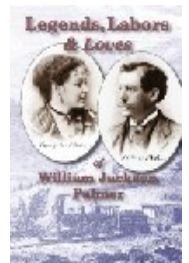
February 11, 2010

Legends, Labors & Loves:

William Jackson Palmer, 1836-1909

by Tim Blevins (PPLD)

This collection of essays and articles on the life of General William Jackson Palmer was originally presented at the Second Annual Pikes Peak Regional History Symposium in response to the theme of addressing the myths of "the Man on the Horse." Assembled by the principles of the Pikes Peak Library

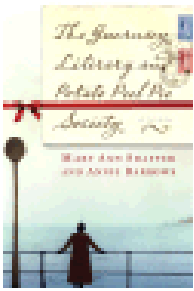


District in Colorado Springs, this volume features stories from noted experts and historians of the region and covers such Palmer-related topics as his Medal of Honor, his Quaker faith and background, his romantic relationship with his wife and his later work in the railroad industry. While many of these stories are aimed at local residents and historians, general audiences will appreciate the contributions Palmer made to Colorado Springs as well as the Western United States. Annotation #169;2009 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com) Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.

March 11, 2010

***The Guernsey Literary
and Potato Peel Pie Society***

by Mary Ann Shaffer



January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. She finds it in a letter from a native of Guernsey, the British island once occupied by the Nazis. As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, she is drawn into the world of

the man and his friends, all members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a unique book club formed in a unique, spur-of-the-moment way, as an alibi to protect its members from arrest by the Germans. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds there will change her forever. Book Jacket.

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April 8, 2010

Special: Read the Book, See the Movie, *Cannery Row*, with Nick Nolte and Debra Winger (PG—120 minutes, 1982) and Discuss at Penrose Library

Cannery Row

by John Steinbeck

Unburdened by the material necessities of the more fortunate, the denizens of *Cannery Row* discover rewards unknown in more traditional society. First published in 1945, *Cannery Row* focuses on the acceptance of life as it is, both the exuberance of community and the loneliness of the individual. John



Steinbeck draws on his memories of the real inhabitants of Monterey, California, and interweaves their stories in this world where only the fittest survive, creating what is at once one of his most humorous and poignant works. In *Cannery Row*, John Steinbeck returns to the setting of Tortilla Flat to create another evocative portrait of life as it is lived by those who unabashedly put the highest value on the intangibles human warmth, camaraderie, and love. Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.

May 13, 2010

The Lacuna

by Barbara Kingsolver



In her most accomplished novel, Barbara Kingsolver takes us on an epic journey from the Mexico City of artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo to the America of Pearl Harbor, FDR, and J. Edgar Hoover. *The Lacuna* is a poignant story of a man pulled between two nations as they invent their modern identities.

With deeply compelling characters, a vivid sense of place, and a clear grasp of how history and public opinion can shape a life, Barbara Kingsolver has created an unforgettable portrait of the artist—and of art itself. *The Lacuna* is a rich and daring work of literature, establishing its author as one of the most provocative and important of her time. Barnes & Noble.

June 10, 2010

Superfreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance

by Steven D. Levitt

Four years in the making, *SuperFreakonomics* asks not only the tough questions, but the unexpected ones: What's more dangerous, driving drunk or walking drunk? Why is chemotherapy prescribed so often if it's so ineffective? Can a sex change boost your salary? *SuperFreakonomics* challenges the way we think all over again, exploring the hidden side of everything. Levitt and Dubner mix smart thinking and great storytelling like no one else, whether investigating a solution to global warming or explaining why the price of oral sex has fallen so drastically. By examining how people respond to incentives, they show the world for what it really is—good, bad, ugly, and, in the final analysis, super freaky.

Freakonomics has been imitated many times over—but only now, with *SuperFreakonomics*, has it met its match. Barnes & Noble.

