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Recommended Reading List... brought to you by Virginia Public Library Directors

Library-specific

Lean Library Management: Eleven Strategies for Reducing Costs and Improving Services by John Huber

Librarian's Guide to Homelessness: An Empathy-Driven Approach to Solving Problems, Preventing Conflict, and Serving Everyone by Ryan Dowd

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

Library Security: Better Communication, Safer Facilities by Steve Albrecht

New Planning for Results by Sandra Nelson

Public Library Administration Transformed: Developing the Organization and Empowering Users by Karen Starr and Patrick Ragains

What Every Library Director Should Know by Susan Carol Curzon

Leadership

The 5 Levels of Leadership: Proven Steps to Maximize Your Potential by John Maxwell

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change by Stephen Covey

12: The Elements of Great Managing by Rodd Wagner & James Harter

The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership: Follow Them and People Will Follow You by John Maxwell

101 Tough Conversations to Have with Employees: A Manager's Guide to Addressing Performance, Conduct, and Discipline Challenges by Paul Falcone

The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else In Business by Patrick Lencioni

Be Our Guest: Perfecting the Art of Customer Service by The Disney Institute

The Best Place to Work: The Art and Science of Creating an Extraordinary Workplace by Ron Friedman

Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies by Jim Collins

Creating Magic: 10 Common Sense Leadership Strategies from a Life at Disney by Lee Cockerell

Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts. by Brené Brown

Decisive: How to Make Better Choices in Life and Work by Chip Heath & Dan Heath

The Dichotomy of Leadership: Balancing the Challenges of Extreme Ownership to Lead and Win by Jocko Willink & Leif Babin

Effective Difficult Conversations: A Step-By-Step Guide by Catherine Soehner & Ann Darling

The Extraordinary Coach: How the Best Leaders Help Others Grow by John Zenger & Kathleen Stinnett

Finding the Space to Lead: A Practical Guide to Mindful Leadership by Janice Marturano

The First 90 Days: Proven Strategies for Getting Up to Speed Faster and Smarter by Michael Watkins

The Five Dysfunctions of a Team by Patrick Lencioni

Good Boss, Bad Boss: How to Be the Best...and Learn from the Worst by Robert Sutton

Good to Great by Jim Collins

Hard Facts, Dangerous Half-Truths, and Total Nonsense: Profiting from Evidence-based Management by Jeffrey Pfeffer & Robert Sutton

How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie

Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't by Simon Sinek

The Leadership Challenge: How to Make Extraordinary Things Happen in Organizations by James Kouzes & Barry Posner

Making It All Work: Winning at the Game of Work and the Business of Life by David Allen

Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss without Losing Your Humanity by Kim Scott

Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action by Simon Sinek

Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard by Chip Heath & Dan Heath

Self-Help

10% Happier: How I Tamed the Voice in My Head, Reduced Stress Without Losing My Edge, and Found Self-Help That Actually Works--A True Story by Dan Harris

Choosing Civility: The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct by P.M. Forni

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff by Richard Carlson

Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman

Failing Forward: Turning Mistakes into Stepping Stones for Success by John Maxwell

Get Your Shit Together: How to Stop Worrying about What You Should Do So You Can Finish What You Need to Do and Start Doing What You Want to Do by Sara Knight

Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity by David Allen

Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead by Sheryl Sandberg

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol Dweck

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain

Skill with People by Les Giblin

Winning with People: Discover the People Principles That Work for You Every Time by John Maxwell