

TEACHING THE BOOKS OF THE YEAR: “BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE”

The 2018-20 Books of the Year offer excellent opportunities to enhance student engagement on these topics and promote student success!



The UAA/APU **Books of the Year** program offers faculty a chance to use shared texts to engage students in conversations around critical themes. Common intellectual experiences – like Books of the Year – are a recognized, evidence-based High Impact Practice that supports student success. The question of how to build community resilience is a hot topic now in communities around the world, including Anchorage. These books will help us help students talk about these critical issues and tie them to our disciplines and contributions to our community. *Please join your colleagues in including these texts in your fall or spring classes!*

THE BOOKS

UAA and APU faculty selected six books to use as the basis for these discussions over the next two years. They offer multiple ways to approach this complex topic, ranging from an academic exploration of systems thinking and the synergies between economics, energy, equity and the environment (*The Community Resilience Reader*) to a call to action on the climate crisis (*This Changes Everything*) to the best climate solutions (*Drawdown*) to essays on community survival by a major Indigenous leader (*The Winona LaDuke Chronicles*) to creative works highlighting the resilience of individuals and communities impacted by poverty, racism, and extreme weather events (*Threadbare* and *Salvage the Bones*).

HOW TO ACCESS the BOOKS

The Books of the Year program provides multiple copies of each title for use

across the MAU. At present, 20 copies of each book are on reserve at the Consortium Library for student checkout, and 3 of each have been sent to Community Campus libraries. Each title is also available as an e-book through the library, too. Faculty members who wish to adopt one or more of these books through the usual book adoption process, please note that books for Spring 2019 need to be adopted by early October.

TEACHING RESOURCES

Shannon Donovan (Geography and Environmental Studies) and Ian Hartman (History) are the 2018-19 CAFE Faculty Associates for the Books of the Year. They and the Books of the Year committee have put together a host of resources for teaching the Books of the Year, including Readers Guides, sample assignments from previous years, related videos, special events, guest speakers and more! These resources are available at: www.uaa.alaska.edu/books-of-the-year

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