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To: MAN-Staff; MAN-Students  
Subject: Library: Don’t overlook these riveting new books!

We will be open today until 5PM, but closed on Friday for the holiday. Stop up – check out the particularly lovely view of the lake today – and grab one of these great new books.

**Microeconomics: a very short introduction**

From Barnes and Noble: “In this *Very Short Introduction*, Avinash Dixit argues that the microeconomy has a large impact on the economic world, arguably as much as the issues of macroeconomics. Dixit steers a clear path through the huge number of issues related to microeconomics, explaining what happens when things go well, as well as showing how they fail, why that happens, and what can be done about it. Using real-life examples from around the world, using a minimum of mathematics and including simple graphs, he provides insights into economics from psychology and sociology to explain economic behavior and rational choice.”

**Russians: the people behind the power**

From Publishers Weekly: “...From alarming rates of alcoholism to the legacy of Siberian prison camps, from the creativity of Russian arts to corruption and "clan politics," the book provides a nuanced view of Russia, its people, and its place in a changing world. Feifer’s assessment is especially critical of Putin’s authoritarianism and he is admittedly pessimistic about the possibility of change in the near future, but the book makes a convincing argument for the importance of a clearer understanding of the Russian people and their values.”

**Lived through this: listening to the stories of sexual violence survivors**

From Publishers Weekly: “Ream, founder of the Voices and Faces Project, provides an sympathetic perspective on the personal and political dimensions of rape, compelling the reader to match her unflinching gaze as she tells the stories of individuals who “lived through this.” The prose moves from chillingly eloquent to anecdotal as she devotes a chapter each to survivors of rape and childhood sexual abuse. Ream’s greatest accomplishment is the book’s considerable humanism, giving each survivor a three-dimensional life and personality that..."
transcends the stigma too often attached to rape...Each individual story commands attention; assembled as a collection, they positively demand it.”

The Goldfinch

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize

New York Times Book Review by Stephen King: “The Goldfinch is a rarity that comes along perhaps half a dozen times per decade, a smartly written literary novel that connects with the heart as well as the mind. I read it with that mixture of terror and excitement I feel watching a pitcher carry a no-hitter into the late innings. You keep waiting for the wheels to fall off, but in the case of The Goldfinch, they never do...Surprisingly few novelists write well of grief, but Tartt—whose language is dense, allusive and so vivid it's intoxicating—does it as well as it can be done...The Goldfinch is a triumph with a brave theme running through it: art may addict, but art also saves us from "the ungainly sadness of creatures pushing and struggling to live." Donna Tartt has delivered an extraordinary work of fiction.”

Beautiful game theory: how soccer can help economics

"This stimulating book shows that an understanding of economic ideas gives deep insights into soccer play, and that soccer provides important evidence to test various theories of economic behavior, such as efficient markets and social influences on behavior. You do not have to be a soccer fan to learn from and enjoy this engaging book."—Gary S. Becker, University of Chicago and Nobel Laureate in Economics

Rachel Carson and her sisters: extraordinary women who have shaped America’s environment

From Barnes and Noble: “In Rachel Carson and Her Sisters, Robert K. Musil redefines the achievements and legacy of environmental pioneer and scientist Rachel Carson, linking her work to a wide network of American women activists and writers and introducing her to a new, contemporary audience. Rachel Carson was the first American to combine two longstanding, but separate strands of American environmentalism—the love of nature and a concern for human health. Widely known for her 1962 best-seller, Silent Spring, Carson is today often perceived as a solitary “great woman,” whose work single-handedly launched a modern environmental movement. But as Musil demonstrates, Carson’s life’s work drew upon and was supported by already existing movements, many led by women, in conservation and public health.”
The greatest criminal cases: changing the course of American law

From Barnes and Noble: “Many constitutional protections that Americans take for granted today—the right to exclude illegally obtained evidence, the right to government-financed counsel, and the right to remain silent, among others—were not part of the original Bill of Rights, but were the result of criminal trials and judicial interpretations. The untold stories behind these cases reveal circumstances far more interesting than any legal dossier can evoke. Author J. Michael Martinez provides a brief introduction to the drama and intrigue behind 14 leading court cases in American law.”

Predisposed: liberals, conservatives, and the biology of political differences

From Barnes and Noble: “With verve and wit, renowned social scientists John Hibbing, Kevin Smith, and John Alford—pioneers in the field of biopolitics—present overwhelming evidence that people differ politically not just because they grew up in different cultures or were presented with different information. Despite the oft-heard longing for consensus, unity, and peace, the universal rift between conservatives and liberals endures because people have diverse psychological, physiological, and genetic traits. These biological differences influence much of what makes people who they are, including their orientations to politics.”

History of American cooking

From Barnes and Noble: “This book examines the history and practice of cooking in what is now the United States from approximately the 15th century to the present day, covering everything from the hot-stone cooking techniques of the Nootka people of the Pacific Northwest to the influence of Crisco—a shortening product intended as a substitute for lard—upon American cooking in the 20th century. Learning how American cooking has evolved throughout the centuries provides valuable insights into life in the past and offers hints to our future.”

The fairness instinct: the Robin Hood mentality and our biological nature
From the book jacket: “Combining scientific rigor with accessible and reader-friendly language to relate fascinating stories of animal and human behavior, The Fairness Instinct lays out an evolutionary roadmap for how fairness emerges and thrives under natural selection and how two powerful engines – social living and social hierarchy – have fueled the evolution of this intricate and potent instinct in all of us.”

Sexual forensics: lust, passion, and psychopathic killers

From Barnes and Noble: “Author Don Jacobs, a researcher who has been studying psychopathy for over 25 years, describes how psychopathy has evolved as a brain condition, documenting how the vast majority of the spectrum represents normalcy, and only 20 to 30 percent of humankind characterizes corruptors or violent, pathological individuals. The book examines examples of individuals who have demonstrated significant achievement, influence, wealth, or corruptive behavior in differently abled profiles, and provides student autobiographies that enable rare scientific insights into the adolescent state of mind.”

An affair with Korea: memories of South Korea in the 1960s

From Barnes and Noble: “In 1966 Vincent S. R. Brandt lived in Sokp'o, a poor and isolated South Korean fishing village on the coast of the Yellow Sea, carrying out social anthropological research. At that time, the only way to reach Sokp'o, other than by boat, was a two hour walk along foot paths. This memoir of his experiences in a village with no electricity, running water, or telephone shows Brandt's attempts to adapt to a traditional, preindustrial existence in a small, almost completely self-sufficient community. This vivid account of his growing admiration for an ancient way of life that was doomed, and that most of the villagers themselves despised, illuminates a social world that has almost completely disappeared.”

The literature of propaganda. Volume 3: Effects

From the publisher: “The Literature of Propaganda showcases propaganda portrayed in literature; such as Aldous Huxley's Brave New World, Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451, and George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four. It also features literature that was specifically created as propaganda or used in that way; such as The Moon is Is Down by John Steinbeck, and The Leopard's Spots, The Clansman, The Traitor by Thomas Dixon. Finally, it explores works that
deliver a vision as described by an influential leader, such as Mein Kampf by Adolf Hitler, and Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung by Mao Tse-TungZedong, The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels.”

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

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"Great acts are made up of small deeds." - Lao Tzu