

## AP Environmental Science Summer Reading

Students planning to take AP Environmental Science in the fall are required to read two books from this list. All titles can be checked out from the CPS Library.

*The Monkey Wrench Gang* by Edward Abbey FIC ABB  
A fun and thought-provoking jaunt into the lives of a dysfunctional gang of ecoterrorists.

*A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean FIC MAC  
A portrait of the relationship between an American family and the majestic beauty of the Montana Rockies.

*Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* by Jared Diamond 303.4 DIA  
Traces the roots of human relationships with the natural world.

*Collapse: How Societies Choose to Succeed or Fail* by Jared Diamond 303.45 DIA  
Why have great human societies disappeared? Diamond argues that the causes for the collapse of most great societies are ecological in nature.

*Encounters with the Archdruid* by John McPhee 333.72 MCP  
Essays describing the views of former Sierra Club president David Brower as he meets with his adversaries from the mining, hydrologic, and timber industries.

*Cadillac Desert* by Mark Reisner 333.91 REI  
The history of water use and abuse in the southwestern United States, including the water wars between Los Angeles and the people of Owens Valley in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*Last Stand* by David Harris 338.7 HAR  
The real story behind Pacific Lumber's attempt to destroy the old growth forests of California's north coast.

*Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson 574 CAR  
The ultimate environmental classic. Rachel Carson's soft-spoken warning that gave birth to the modern environmental movement.

*Desert Solitaire* by Edward Abbey 577.54 ABB  
The classic expression of the brutal beauty of the desert.

*Bloodties* by Ted Kerasote 799.2 KER

Three essays portraying hunting from very different perspectives.