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Justice Kennedy Reading List Offers Young People a Guide to Liberty, Democracy

SAN FRANCISCO — Young people interested in learning more about the American heritage of liberty and democracy need go no further than the books, speeches and films most admired by one of the nation’s preeminent jurists.

“Understanding Freedom’s Heritage: How to Keep and Defend Liberty” is a young people’s list of summer reading and viewing suggested by United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. The list was shared by Justice Kennedy earlier this year at the opening of the Justice Anthony M. Kennedy Library and Learning Center, which is housed in the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse in Sacramento.

Working with organizers of the foundation formed to support the library and learning center, the Ninth Circuit Library has posted the list along with links to many of the titles available in the public domain on its [Internet website](#).

“We are very pleased to have Justice Kennedy’s permission to share these fascinating and thought-provoking selections with all,” said Ninth Circuit Librarian Eric Wade. “With summer in full swing, we hope folks of all ages will tuck these readings into their beach bags and backpacks, or download them to their electronic devices.”

In his many speeches and appearances, Justice Kennedy frequently expounds on the nature of freedom, democracy and the rule of law, often citing influential literature. His list is eclectic, noted District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

“I love the range – from Pericles’ Funeral Oration to Susan B. Anthony’s speech on women suffrage, from Justice Murphy’s dissent in *Korematsu* to the lyrics of ‘American

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Pie' to Reese Witherspoon's commencement address in 'Legally Blonde,' ” Judge Mueller said.

“The Justice's list is a tremendous contribution to our civic dialogue,” observed Mac Goldsberry, president of the library and learning center foundation, adding that the variety of titles “makes for a fun and challenging read, bringing alive key principles that are integral to our nation's DNA.”

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