**Selections from the State Librarian**Summer 2010

Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian, announces her
Summer 2010 book selections. Her theme this season is
“Washington as Place”.

*This broad and wide-ranging topic led me to discover a number of intriguing books that grew from Washington as place. A sense of place is developed through experience and knowledge of an area, its history, geology, sociology, and geography; it is also further defined by the lens or filter each person brings to a place. Its definition has many layers, blending the land with stories, art, and personalities. Our state lends itself to diverse subjects within the broad theme, opening the door to a myriad of interesting subjects, such as architecture, adventure, tourism, environmental activism, and more.*

*We all come from somewhere, and for now we are blessed to call magnificent Washington as our place.*

*Jan’s comments about each book can be found on the State Library’s web page at:*<http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/wa_reads/WashingtonReadsSummer2010.aspx>

Shapiro, Ann Leda. **My Island.** A.L. Shapiro, 2009. 32p.

 NW 979.777 SHAPIRO 2009

Skewes, John and Robert Schwartz. **Seattle ABC.** Illustrated by John Skewes. Sasquatch Books, 2009. 30p.

 NW OVERSIZ 979.7772 SKEWES 2009

Beahm, George with the Forks Chamber of Commerce. **Twilight Tours: an illustrated guide to the REAL Forks.** Underwood Books, 2009. 110p.

 NW 917.9799 BEAHM 2009

Browne, Susan Colleen. **Little Farm in the Foothills: A Boomer Couple’s Search for the Slow Life.** A memoir with John F. Browne. Whitethorn Press, 2009. 205p.

 NW 979.773 BROWNE 2009

Dykstra, David C. **Lake Washington 130 Homes: A Guided Tour of the Lake’s Most Magnificent Homes.** Hundred Homes Publishing, 2009. 180p.

 NW 728.8097 DYKSTRA 2009

Hoelting, Kurt. **The Circumference of Home: One Man’s Yearlong Quest for a Radically Local Life.** Da Capo Press, 2010**.**  Distributed by Perseus Books Group. 262p.

 NW 304.2097 HOELTIN 2010

Kahn, Lloyd. **Builders of the Pacific Coast.** Shelter Publications, 2008. Distributed by Publishers Group West. 251p.

 NW OVERSIZ 728.0979 KAHN 2008.

Kreisman, Lawrence and Glenn Mason. **The Arts and Crafts Movement in the Pacific Northwest.** Timber Press, 2007. 398p.

 NW 709.795 KREISMA 2007.

Romano, Craig. **Columbia Highlands: Exploring Washington’s Last Frontier.** Photography by James Johnston. Conservation Northwest with the Mountaineers Books, 2007. 124p.

NW 979.7 ROMANO 2007

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