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Bibliography of Books--Role of Libraries

At Rittners Floral School, we are not only great floral designers but also educators as well. **As professional educators we actually think about what we are teaching, how we teach these things and the support systems needed to support our teaching and presentations.** Here are some neat references that have shaped our thinking about libraries and the role of the library in our floral art school. Comments are found on the second page after the Bibliography.

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100 Must Read Books About Libraries and Bookstores. Link Below:

http://bookriot.com/2016/06/20/100-must-read-books-about-libraries-bookstores?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Riot%20Rundown&utm_term=BookRiot_TheRiotRundown

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OK. I've put together an interesting mix here.

If you are seeking a history of libraries, **Battles** book works well enough.

The oversized book by **Campbell** is absolutely amazing. It is a beautiful book showing some of the most gorgeous and diverse libraries in the world. His basic premise is interesting. He shows how the architecture to house libraries has been impacted by the role of the library. He feels that the history of libraries is not at all static but rather is a story of constant change and adaptation. Very relevant to today's discussions about libraries---all in a beautiful coffee table kind of book. If you are a bibliophile you will want not only to read it, but to own it.

Mendelsund. A very interesting read. How do we see when we read? Will get you thinking about stuff you've never considered. (And remember we read regardless of whether we are using a kindle or a printed book).

Merkoski. This is a fascinating read. Easiest to acquire if you have an Amazon Kindle. This fellow is a book lover who was involved in the actual development of the Kindle. His perspective and some of his concerns and ambivalence are quite interesting. Do get hold of this one.

Palfrey. Visionary. A very interesting perspective. I hope to go back to this one in a decade or so and see how well it holds up and how it may read with the perspective of time.

Lansky. I threw this one in because it is a very neat and true story. The guy rescued (at least) a million books, and in so doing (one could argue), helped preserve an entire language and literature from being totally lost. Great if you appreciate books and culture (regardless of your own religious or ethnic background). I love this book.

Johnson. This book is sooo neat. A small but mighty book. It shows some really amazing places that libraries show up and a huge range of forms that libraries can take. And mind you, these libraries deal with print, never mind the digital vs. print debates. Very well illustrated. This one is amazing. It has definitely shaped my views about libraries and the sharing of information in general.

The **various links online** are to information that shows in general how libraries are good for schools, and of course a listing of a large number of books about libraries and bookstores. **Plenty to explore. Enjoy!**