

Welcome to LCJD's Subversive Book Checkout

What's the purpose of this?

To draw attention to the danger to civil liberties posed by the USA Patriot Act (USAPA). The USAPA gives the FBI and CIA unprecedented access to records of private individuals. Your medical and financial records, and even your email may be read without your knowledge.

How does this relate to the library?

Your library records (and your bookstore purchases) may be requested by federal agents. The federal government can obtain information on your reading habits without notifying you. In fact, the USAPA makes it a felony for a librarian or bookstore owner to notify you that they have complied with such a request.

Why is LCJD involved?

We believe that a healthy democracy requires the free flow of ideas. If citizens become afraid to read and consider varied perspectives on local, national and world events, then the vitality of our society is at serious risk.

What's happening today?

We are doing a mass-checkout of certain library books to express our concern.

How does it work?

We are running an "assembly line" to minimize the impact on library staff and patrons. To participate, please do the following:

- Choose one of the short reading lists on the back of this page, according to your own interests.
- When you reach the front of the line, check out the two or three books on your chosen reading list using the self-service scanner.
- Proceed to the main desk, where a librarian will check the books back in.
- Carry the books back to the front of the line, and give them to the next person waiting for them.

Who is LCJD anyway?

Longmont Citizens for Justice and Democracy is a grassroots group of local residents who believe that "Democracy is in the Doing". We sponsor lectures, films, discussion groups, and demonstrations. To find out more, visit our web site, www.LongmontCitizens.org, or call (303) 678-1801.

How can I find out more about the USA Patriot Act?

- The Bill of Rights Defense Committee has an analysis of the USAPA on their web site: www.bordc.org.
- Ongoing coverage of broader privacy issues is available at: www.aclu.org.
- The Center for Public Integrity is blowing the whistle on the "Patriot Act II", or Domestic Security Protection Act. Visit their web site at www.PublicIntegrity.org.
- LCJD will sponsor its second public forum on Monday, March 17, 7:00 PM, at the Longmont Public Library. Reporter and documentary film-maker Doug Vaughan will speak, and there will be a short video.

Reading Lists

Grassroots Democracy

You don't need a search warrant to find out what some LCJD members have been reading – we'll tell you!

A People's History of the United States

In American history's traditional narrative, the freedoms we now take for granted sprang fully-formed from the minds and pens of our country's founders. Historian **Howard Zinn** points out the debt we owe to generations of immigrants, homegrown populists, civil rights activists, union organizers, and ordinary working people.

When Corporations Rule the World

A book about economic globalization and the forces driving it. Author **David Korten** documents the many ways in which 'public interest' is giving way to 'corporate interest' here and around the world. The second edition, published in 2001, includes new chapters on 'civil society' and the 'living democracy movement'. Read it for the sake of your grandchildren.

The Divine Right of Capital: Dethroning the Corporate Aristocracy

Must we check our freedoms at the workplace door? Are working people becoming the modern-day equivalent of serfs and peasants? Why isn't your CEO elected, and what gives corporate raiders the right to disassemble a 50-year old manufacturing operation and ship it to Mexico or China while stiffing the people who built the company to begin with? **Marjorie Kelly** argues that political democracy is meaningless unless we have economic democracy, too.

The "Inadvertant Terrorist"

What would *you* think of your spouse's or best friend's reading list, if you didn't know them so well? What would they think of yours? There are some things in life that government computers can only be confused by. If your library record isn't quite spicy enough, or you long for top billing on John Ashcroft's blacklist, try the following juxtapositions:

Water Resources of Boulder County, Colorado
&
Poisons and Toxins (The Encyclopedia of Health series)

A Guidebook to Nuclear Reactors
&
Explosives and Rock Blasting

For extra credit, can you find a scary juxtaposition in the children's section? We knew you could!

We've Been Here Before

"Those who cannot remember the past are destined to repeat it." – George Santayana

"...people have to watch what they say, watch what they do." – White House Press Secretary Ari Fleisher

Many are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America

Spying on America: The FBI's Counterintelligence Program

(Some local activists don't need this book: they understand COINTELPRO from first-hand experience.)

Terrorism and the Constitution:

Sacrificing Civil Liberties in the Name of National Security