

# 2ND ANNUAL

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# Matters BOOKSERIES

2009-10



**KICK-OFF MEETING**  
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Fort Omaha Campus Library

### FALL QUARTER

*Dying to Live, A Story of U.S. Immigration in an Age of Global Apartheid*

BY MIZUE AIZEKI AND JOSEPH NEVINS

A compelling account of U.S. immigration and border enforcement told through the journey of one man who perished in California's Imperial Valley while trying to reunite with his wife and child in Los Angeles. At a time when Republicans and Democrats alike embrace increasingly militaristic border enforcement policies under the guise of security and local governments around the country are taking matters into their own hands, *Dying to Live* offers a timely confrontation to such prescriptions and puts a human face on the rapidly growing crisis.

**Book Discussion:**  
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009  
11 a.m.-noon  
South Omaha Campus Library  
Conference Room B

Facilitator:  
Edward Leahy, Director, Omaha EITC Coalition

### WINTER QUARTER

*Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey through His Son's Meth Addiction*

BY DAVID SHEFF

Sheff's story tells of his teenage son's addiction to meth in this real-time chronicle of the shocking descent into substance abuse and the family's gradual emergence into hope.

**Book Discussion:**  
Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Fort Omaha Campus Library

Facilitators:  
James Cloyd, Executive Director of the MCC Applied Technology Center and Christi Cloyd, MS, LMHP, LADC-Mental Health Addictions Therapist, Partners for Meth Prevention



### SPRING QUARTER

*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures*

BY ANNE FADIMAN

When three-month-old Lia Lee arrived at the county hospital emergency room in Merced, Calif., a chain of events was set in motion from which neither she, her parents nor her doctors would ever recover. Lia's parents were part of a large Hmong community, traditionally close-knit and less amenable to assimilation. Lia's pediatricians cleaved just as strongly to another tradition: that of Western medicine. Lia's story became a tragic case history of cultural miscommunication.

**Book Discussion:**  
Thursday, April 29, 2010  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
South Omaha Campus Library  
Conference Room A

Facilitator:  
A'Jamal Byndon, Community Organizer and Social Science Faculty at MCC and the University of Nebraska at Omaha

### SUMMER QUARTER

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

BY MARY ANN SCHAFFER

In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation and of a society as extraordinary as its name. Set during the peak of World War II, this novel embodies warmth, friendship and the best of the human spirit.

**Book Discussion:**  
Thursday, July 8, 2010  
Noon-1:00 p.m.  
Elkhorn Valley Campus Library

Facilitator:  
Sana Amoura-Patterson, English/Speech Faculty at MCC

Participation is free and open to the public. Read the book prior to the discussion or just come to share in dialogue. Participants are expected to gain greater understanding on a variety of diversity topics. Limited copies of books are available at MCC libraries. Contact (402) 457-2253 or bvelazquez@mccneb.edu for additional information or to suggest books for future book series.

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