

AN
INCONVENIENT
TRUTH

by Al Gore

CAPITAL AREA READS

ONE BOOK

*“...inconvenient truths do not go away just
because they are not seen. Indeed, when they
are not responded to, their significance
doesn't diminish; it grows.”*

–Al Gore



WELCOME TO CAPITAL AREA READS!

Our annual reading project is designed to encourage discussion and spark the exchange of ideas across Ingham County.

This year, committee members chose Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* as the reading experience they most wanted to share. Chairperson Sarah Redman explains, "Although there are two sides to the global warming debate, Gore presents the findings of the majority of the scientific community in a way that's accessible to the layperson. We believe that anyone who reads it will understand that even small lifestyle changes are significant."

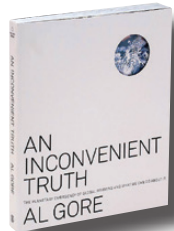


About the Book

“With the emerging consensus on global warming today, Mr. Gore’s passionate warnings about climate change seem increasingly prescient. He has revived the slide presentation about global warming that he first began giving in 1990 and has...turned that presentation into a book and a documentary film, both called *An Inconvenient Truth*...

Mr. Gore shows why environmental health and a healthy economy do not constitute mutually exclusive choices, and he enumerates practical steps that can be taken to reduce carbon emissions to a point below 1970’s levels. As a user-friendly introduction to global warming and a succinct summary of many of the central arguments, *An Inconvenient Truth* is lucid, harrowing and bluntly effective.”

–Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*



Find the book or audiobook at any CADL location, or place a hold on a copy at cadl.org.



About the Author

Former Vice President Al Gore helped organize the first Congressional hearings on global warming several decades ago. He shares the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change “for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.” As an environmental activist, Mr. Gore lectures widely on the topic of global warming. In 2006, he was featured in the Academy Award-winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*. His other books include *The Assault on Reason* (2007) and *Earth in the Balance* (1992).

Add Your Voice



What do you think about the issues raised in *An Inconvenient Truth*? Add your voice to the discussion by attending one of our book group sessions. A list of suggested discussion questions is available at cadl.org/car.

AURELIUS

Tuesday, Feb. 19 • 3 pm

DANSVILLE

Tuesday, Jan. 22 • 6:30 pm

DOWNTOWN LANSING

Tuesday, Jan 15 • 7 pm
(*Gen X/Y Book Group*)

FOSTER

Thursday, Jan. 17 • 1 pm

HASLETT

Monday, Feb. 25 • 11 am
(*Meridian Senior Group—
meets at Meridian Senior Center*)

HOLT-DELHI

Tuesday, March 4 • 1 pm

LESLIE

Tuesday, March 11 • 1 pm

MASON

Tuesday, Feb. 19 • 2 pm

OKEMOS

Tuesday, Feb. 19 • 7 pm
(*Adult Book Group*)
Wednesday, March 5 • 4 pm
(*Youth version for grades 6-12;
parents also welcome*)
Thursday, March 6 • 10 am
(*Friends Group*)

SOUTH LANSING

Monday, March 3 • 6:30 pm

STOCKBRIDGE

Friday, Feb. 29 • 12 noon

WEBBERVILLE

Tuesday, Feb. 26 • 7 pm

WILLIAMSTON

Tuesday, Jan. 29 • 7 pm

See the Film



Join us for a showing of the Academy Award-winning documentary.

AURELIUS

Wednesday, Feb. 20 • 6:30 pm

DOWNTOWN LANSING

Sunday, March 2 • 2 pm





Capital Area Reads Event

Join us when a panel of experts meets to discuss topics related to *An Inconvenient Truth*, including an overview of global warming, suggestions about how communities can be greener, and a first-person account about sustainable living. The event will also feature organizations that offer free information and guidance on topics such as conserving natural resources and eating locally. Among the exhibitors scheduled are the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and CATA's Clean Commute Options.

Although this is a FREE event, a ticket is required to attend. Starting Monday, Feb. 11, tickets will be available at all CADL locations, or by calling (517) 367-6355.

LANSING CENTER

Wednesday, March 19

6 pm

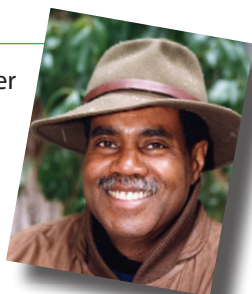
Exhibits open

7 pm

Panel Discussion

RADIO HOST STEVE CURWOOD

Steve Curwood is host and executive producer of NPR's *Living on Earth*, airing on more than 300 affiliates. Locally, the show can be heard Sundays at 3 pm on AM-870 WKAR. He's been a journalist for over 30 years and was part of the 1975 Pulitzer Prize-winning *Boston Globe* education team. Curwood has won several awards for his work on promoting environmental awareness. He is currently president of the World Media Foundation, Inc., and a Lecturer in Environmental Science and Public Policy at Harvard University. Curwood will serve as moderator for the discussion.



ANN ARBOR ENERGY COORDINATOR DAVID KONKLE

In 2005, Ann Arbor's mayor presented these challenges: convert 20% of the municipal government's energy usage to renewable energies by 2010, and 20% of the entire city's usage to renewable energies by 2015. Energy Coordinator David Konkle will discuss Ann Arbor's "energy diet" and what the city is doing to meet that goal. Konkle has been trained by Al Gore's "The Climate Project" to present *An Inconvenient Truth* and is a nationally known speaker on environmental issues. In 2003 he was awarded the EPA's Climate Protection Award for individual effort.



AUTHOR JUDITH LEVINE

Levine is a columnist and the author of four books, including *Not Buying It: My Year Without Shopping*, named one of The Wall Street Journal's five best books on consumer culture. Inspired by her realization that "when we are happy, as when we are sad or angry or bored or confused or feeling nothing in particular, we shop," Levine challenged herself to buy only necessities for one year. She'll be here to share the thought-provoking, irritating and often hilarious results. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.





Want More?

Interested in the topic of global warming? Our collection is available 24/7 and includes books, audiobooks, downloadable books and DVDs. Here's just a sample of the many items you'll find at **cadl.org**.

FOR READING

333.72 Rogers, Elizabeth

*The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet
One Simple Step at a Time*

333.79 Pahl, Greg

*The Citizen-Powered Energy Handbook: Community Solutions
to a Global Crisis*

363.7 Steinman, David

*Safe Trip to Eden: 10 Steps to Save Planet Earth from the
Global Warming Meltdown*

363.73874 Kolbert, Elizabeth

*Field Notes from a Catastrophe:
Man, Nature, and Climate Change*

363.73874 Lomborg, Bjorn

*Cool It: The Skeptical
Environmentalists' Guide to
Global Warming*

363.73874 Rothschild, David de

*The Global Warming Survival Handbook: 77 Essential Skills to
Stop Climate Change--Or Live Through It*

641.0973 Kingsolver, Barbara

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life
This title is also available on CD and as an eBook.

643.7 Venolia, Carol

*Natural Remodeling for the Not-So-Green House: Bringing
Your Home into Harmony with Nature*



FOR LISTENING

BCD 363.73874 Flannery, Tim F.

The Weather Makers: How Man is Changing the Climate and What it Means For Life on Earth

This title is also available as a book and a downloadable audiobook.

BCD 363.73874 McElroy, Michael B.

Global Warming: Global Threat

This lecture course offers a comprehensive overview of essential environmental issues.



FOR VIEWING

DVD 363.7 *SOS Planet*

Realistic animation depicts the plight of the Earth and its changing environments.

DVD 363.73874 *Global Warming: The Signs and the Science*

Profiles people living with the grave consequences of a changing climate and those inventing new approaches for the future.

DVD 363.73874 *Hot Times in Alaska*

Alaska is heating up—permafrost is thawing, glaciers are melting. Alan Alda talks with scientists working to discover what the future may hold.

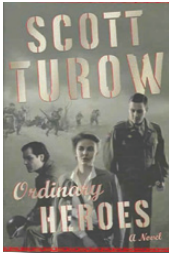
DVD 629.2293 *Who Killed the Electric Car?*

An investigation into the birth and death of the electric car, as well as the role of renewable energy for the future.

DVD 631.584 *What Will We Eat?: The Search for Healthy Local Food*

A look at the sustainable agriculture and organic farming movement in West Michigan.

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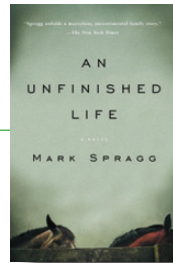


2007

Ordinary Heroes
by Scott Turow

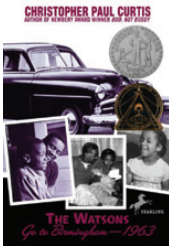
2006

An Unfinished Life
by Mark Spragg



2005

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963
by Christopher Paul Curtis



2003

*How the García Girls
Lost Their Accents*
by Julia Alvarez



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