

Center on Community Philanthropy
Recommended Reading List

Book Title / Author	Synopsis
Effective Philanthropy – Organizational Success through Deep Diversity and Gender Equality - Mary Ellen S. Capek & Molly Mead	In <i>Effective Philanthropy</i> , Mary Ellen Capek and Molly Mead offer strategies for strengthening organizations through a commitment to diversity and gender equality. Capek and Mead’s research shows that institutionalizing a more nuanced understanding of what they call “deep diversity” allows organizations to make full use of all the resources they have available, both inside and outside their doors.
Making The Nonprofit Sector in the United States – David C. Hammack	An outstanding and timely collection of essential readings for students, researchers and practitioners, carefully edited and introduced by one of the leading historical authorities on the nonprofit sector. This text explores the astonishing growth and periodic growing pains of America’s nonprofit sector.
Better Together – Restoring the American Dream Robert D. Putnam and Lewis M. Feldstein w/Don Cohen	<i>Better Together</i> examines how people across the country are inventing new forms of social activism and community renewal. Robert Putnam and Lewis Feldstein tell the inspiring stories of people who are reweaving the social fabric by bringing their own communities together or building bridges to others.
The State of Black America 2006 National Urban League	<i>The State of Black America 2006</i> report was compiled and analyzed against the backdrop of one of the most catastrophic events to ever befall our nation. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the tragically slow government response exposed, in the starkest and most depressing terms imaginable, the race and class gaps.
Notable American Philanthropists/Biographies of Giving and Volunteering – Robert T. Grimm, Jr.	<i>Notable American Philanthropists: Biographies of Giving and Volunteering</i> provides substantial profiles of individuals and families who made significant contributions to the American Philanthropic tradition from the seventeenth century to today. This biographical encyclopedia defines philanthropy as a reciprocal relationship in which strategic voluntary association, voluntary giving, and voluntary action are directed toward an individual’s or group’s definition of the social or common good.
Charity, Philanthropy, and Civility in American History – Lawrence J. Friedman and Mark d. McGarvie	By demonstrating that philanthropic activities have often involved efforts by both individuals and groups to create a society modeled on their own values and vision, the contributors have provided a provocative analysis that will transform the very meaning of philanthropy. This is a major contribution to both American history and the history of philanthropy.
The Non-Profit Sector/A Research Handbook – Walter W. Powell and Richard Steinberg	<i>The Nonprofit Sector</i> provides a novel, comprehensive, cross-disciplinary perspective on nonprofit organizations and their role and function in society. This new, updated edition keeps pace with industry trends and advances as well as with the changing interests and needs of students, practitioners, and researchers
Voluntarism, Community Life, and the American Ethic – Robert S. Ogilvie	Ogilvie contends that the ethic generated through participation in voluntary institutions is necessary for sustaining community life and essential to the well-being of a democratic society. He shows how volunteer programs such as the Partnership promote ethical development in and among participants, and details the aspects of the Partnership that inspire high levels of participation in its volunteers.

<p>Rambam’s Ladder A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give Julie Salamon</p>	<p>Maimonides, the philosopher and physician known to his followers as Rambam, pondered issues of righteousness and obligation. With insights gained from foundation presidents, social workers, philanthropists, and the homeless who poured out of one shelter on 9/11, Rambam’s Ladder reminds us that we are measured not by what we have but by what we give. Author Julie Salamon explores the contemporary world of giving, and inspires every reader to get a toehold on the Ladder and start climbing.</p>
<p>Challenges for Nonprofits and Philanthropy – The Courage to Change ‘Three Decades of Reflections’ Pablo Eisenberg</p>	<p>For nearly three decades, Pablo Eisenberg’s speeches and articles have provoked thoughtful, and at times contentious, debate in the nonprofit world. Intellectually vigorous, rigorously honest, and unstintingly courageous, he has addressed the questions and challenges facing philanthropy today. The works collected here include the best of Eisenberg’s published and unpublished pieces on American and Global Philanthropy.</p>