More activities lined up for One Book

Before long, everyone on campus will be talking about Full Body Burden: Growing up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats. Kristen Iversen’s account of living in the Colorado town known as “the most contaminated site in America” is Sacramento State’s One Book (www.csus.edu/onebook) for 2013-14.

The One Book Program introduces the same book to all facets, disciplines and class levels to spark discussion and debate. Many instructors will incorporate it into their curricula, and a number of activities are scheduled surrounding the book, including a visit by the author Nov. 12-13.

Iversen combines a coming-of-age recollection with investigative journalism to create a memoir/exposé that tackles issues such as plutonium contamination, childhood cancer and alcoholism.

Iversen has appeared on C-SPAN and National Public Radio, and her works have appeared in The New York Times and The Nation, among other publications. Full Body Burden was named one of the best books of 2012 by Kirkus Review and American Library Association.

Three free movie screenings hosted by the Multi-Cultural Center (www.csus.edu/mcc) are scheduled as part of the One Book Program.

Arid Lands, a documentary about the nuclear cleanup at the Hanford nuclear site in the Columbia River basin, will be screened Tuesday, Sept. 24. Gasland, a movie that explores the practice of “fracking,” used to extract oil and natural gas from the earth, will be shown Tuesday, Oct. 22. Return of a Navajo Boy, which explores radioactivity problems on the Navajo reservation, will be screened Tuesday, Nov. 19. All three showings are at noon in Library 1010.

Library officials are working with the Physics Department on an exhibit for the Library. That’s expected to open later in the fall.

The program doesn’t end with autumn, though. The One Book Campus Tour Exhibits in April feature a variety of programs and departments across campus that have created posters or other items for exhibit.
And “The Amazing 30 Days Race” will encourage students to explore out-of-the-way places on campus to view exhibits and help them learn more about the campus.

*Full Body Burden* is available at the Hornet Bookstore and the University Library’s User Service’s Desk, and accessible formats are available through Services to Students with Disabilities ([www.csus.edu/sswd/](http://www.csus.edu/sswd/)) and [www.bookshare.org/](http://www.bookshare.org/).

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