Portland Time Bank Bibliography

Titles:

Funny Money: In Search of Alternative Cash
Author: David Boyle

David Boyle introduces us to alternative cash and people who can conjure money – that is, spending power – out of nothing. Locally created money systems are being invented by communities for communities all over the world. They bypass banks and governments to develop a type of wealth – inflation-proof, non-taxable and inherently stable – which can promote social cohesion and individual empowerment.

Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age
Author: Michael H. Shuman
Publisher: Routledge, New York, 2000

“This book outlines a new brand of economics and politics that empowers local people to regain control over what happens to their communities.”
– Utne Reader

“A brilliant syntheses of a new economics based on local self-reliance, community control, and renewed cyclical flows of regional capital. Every city or community, rich or poor, should make Going Local required reading for their employees, elected officials and citizens.” – Paul Hawken

“Even in an age of globalized capital it may still be possible to build strong local communities that are able to protect themselves. Going Local offers strategies for those who believe preserving local communities is a more important social goal than creating cheap goods.” – Tikkun

Liberating Economics: Feminist Perspectives on Families, Work and Globalization
Authors: Drucilla K. Barker and Susan F Feiner
Publisher: University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, 2004

Liberating Economics draws on central concepts from women’s studies scholarship to construct a feminist understanding of the economic roles of families, caring labor, motherhood, paid and unpaid labor, poverty, the feminization of labor, and the consequences of globalization. Barker and
Feiner consistently recognize the importance of social location – gender, race, class, sexual identity, market relations, and the global economy. Throughout, they connect women’s economic status in the industrialized nations to the economic circumstances surrounding women in the global South. Rooted in the two disciplines, this book draws on the rich tradition of interdisciplinary work in feminist social science scholarship to construct a parallel between the notions that the “personal is political” and “the personal is economic”.

Money: Understanding and creating Alternatives to Legal Tender
Author: Thomas H. Greco, Jr.
Publisher: Chelsea Green Publishing Co.,
White River Junction, Vermont, 2001

This is an eye-popping, fundamental look at money, both the “legal tender” and the innovative forms that have been developed to promote local economies in communities around the nation and the world. Money explains the mysteries and realities of currency, interest, barter, and much more in clear and accessible prose, revealing the alarming fragility of our existing financial system. More than simply a radial critique of our existing financial system, it is also a practical and inspirational how-to manual for creating a vibrant and effective community currency system. Learn:

- The truth about how money is created, and what it actually represents;
- Why we’re all in debt;
- How the financial system is structured to inevitably transfer wealth from the poor to the rich; and
- How to start a financial revolution in your local community.

No More Throw-Away People; The Co-Production Imperative
Author: Edgar Cahn, J.D. Ph.D

Co-Production is a bold, pragmatic strategy that shatters limits on social change. This book exposes the Dark Side of money and market. It redefines economics by treating households and community as a separate economy. Placing that economy on a par with market generates a new exchange dynamic that empowers us all to;

- Become change agents who can shape the future
- Convert failing social programs into catalysts for social justice
- Enlist Throw-Away People as partners in a shared mission
• Create the world we want for our children

The Single Global Currency; Common Cents for the World
Author: Morrison Bonpasse
Publisher: Morrison Bonpasse, 2006

In a 3-G world with a single global currency managed by a Global Central Bank within a Global Monetary Union:
Annual transaction costs of $400 billion will be eliminated;
Worldwide asset values will increase by about $36 trillion;
Worldwide GDP will increase by about $9 trillion;
Global currency imbalances will be eliminated;
All Balance of Payments problems will be eliminated;
Currency crises will be prevented;
Currency speculation will be eliminated;
The need for foreign exchange reserves will be eliminated.

Buy and read this book, and then please buy two more and pass them on to others and encourage them to do the same. What the people of the world want is sound, stable money and the end to the obsolete multicurrency foreign exchange system. This is the only book in print about the single global currency.

Time Dollars; The new currency that enables Americans to turn their hidden resource – time – into personal security and community renewal.

Authors: Edgar Cahn, Ph.D, J.D., Johnathan Rowe
Publisher; Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA, 1992

This book provides step-by-step instructions for starting a Time Dollar network in your own community. It covers everything from planning the services and building and training a staff to generating civic interest and support. Anyone can do it. No matter where you are on the social scale, Time Dollars can fit into your life and improve every day of it through new friends and opportunities, more and better services, and increased self-esteem. The experts say there isn’t money to meet our social needs. Now there’s an answer. We can do it with Time Dollars.