

The Bookshelf

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We start a new year with a different version of the Bookshelf column.

While some members read every article, others peruse or skim because the life of a facility manager is never dull or quiet (very long). To help those who never seem to have enough time to read a complete book review, I am introducing a column of shorter reviews of more books. This version of the column will alternate with the more traditional, longer reviews. My intent is to solve more than one problem and reach the busy reader as well as the busy writer. Now that a shorter review is possible, I hope fellow facility managers will come forward and provide a single paragraph on a book of interest. It will be a great way to become published, adding to your resumé, without requiring much time or effort. So don't let a busy workday keep you from reading or writing.

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A Whole New Mind: Moving from the Information to the Conceptual Age, by Daniel Pink, Riverhead Books, New York, 2005. 253 pages, \$24.95, hardcover.

Those who attended the 2002 APPA Forum in Phoenix may remember Daniel Pink speaking about the development of free agents and the advantages/challenges of striking out on one's own. His book, the *Free*

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Agent Nation presented the rationale and issues. In *Whole New Mind*, Pink breaks into new territory looking at what it means to 'think outside the box' and tackle problems from a completely different perspective from the linear process than many facility managers may use. Different from scenario planning, he suggests a more 'liberal' perspective, i.e., great books, great music; the sorts of things you might have missed if you did not get a traditional liberal arts education. Similar to some self-help books, *Whole New Mind* provides 'homework' to bring one to new opportunities at work.

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Access for Everyone: A Guide to the Accessibility of Buildings and Sites with References to ADAAG, by Arvid E. Osterberg and Donna J. Kain, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, 2005, \$24.95, softcover.

Updated and reformatted, *Access for Everyone* continues to provide the reader with essential and useful information to make facilities accessible through new construction or renovation projects. Changes include 8.5 x 11 format size, clearly identified chapters and sections, color, and a reference key on the inside front cover. The best elements of the origi-

nal edition were retained so the revised 2005 edition is more appealing. Continued thanks are extended to our facility management colleagues at the ISU Facilities department; just one more example of how APPA members are *global partners in learning*.

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The Oil Factor: Protect Yourself—and Profit—From the Coming Energy Crisis, by Stephen Leeb, and Donna Leeb, Warner Business Books, New York, 2004, \$24.95, hardcover.

Two summers ago, this column reviewed two books about the impending oil crisis; who would have thought it would be as bad as it was last October? Now facility managers everywhere are scrambling to find a solution to utility budgets that are ballooning by 25 to 50 percent in a single year. Also affected are construction costs and the availability of many modern materials. While *The Oil Factor* focuses on what investors need to do to protect their financial future, it can also be used by facility officers to identify potential solutions and/or opportunities that will be required in the future as oil prices approach triple digits! Of course, we would all like to find solutions and profit, from some of the advice appearing in *The Oil Factor*; therefore creative thinking by exploring all sides of the energy equation will be required. Here's one opportunity. Happy New Year! 🏠