This multi-media resource list, compiled by Jill Munson of the Chouteau County Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary “Libby, Montana” that premieres on August 28th, 2007 at 10 PM (check local listings at www.pbs.org/pov/).

Nestled below the rugged peaks of the Northern Rockies in Montana — as iconic a representation of America’s “purple mountain majesties” as one can find — lies the worst case of community-wide exposure to a toxic substance in U.S. history. In the small town of Libby, many hundreds of people are sick or have already died from asbestos exposure. “Libby, Montana” takes a long working day’s journey into a blue-collar community, and finds a different reality — one where the American Dream exacts a terrible price.


Carroll, Stephen J. Asbestos Litigation: Costs and Compensation. Santa Monica, CA: Rand Corporation, 2005. This study is a comprehensive look at the dimensions of asbestos litigation today. Carroll walks the reader through the courts and the costs of this controversial subject.


**ADULT NONFICTION**


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**FILMS/DOCUMENTARIES**


“P.O.V.: Fenceline.” A film by Slawomir Gronburg. Log TV, 2002. (52 min.) Explores the environmental struggle between Shell Oil Company and the people of Norco, LA, juxtaposing misconceptions about the role of industry in polluting the environment against scientific facts. www.logtv.com

**NONFICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS**


“Matewan.” A film by John Sayles. Lion’s Gate, 1987. (142 min.) Coal miner’s struggle to form a labor union against a corrupt mining operation. www.amazon.com

“Norma Rae.” A film by Martin Ritter. MGM, 1979. (117 min.) Naive textile worker begins to stand up for her rights against the company that wants to crush her rebellion. www.amazon.com

“Silkwood.” A film by Mike Nichols. MGM, 1983. (131 min.) Fact-based drama about employee-turned-activist Karen Silkwood and her battle to expose the wrongdoings of her employer, Kerr-McGee’s Cimarron Nuclear Plant. www.amazon.com