

SELECTED READINGS

Entrepreneurial Development Systems

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Background and Introduction

Recently we asked some of our “entrepreneurship friends” like Steve Radley and Erik Pedersen with NetWork Kansas, Chris Gibbons with Economic Gardening, Leslie Scott with Entrepreneurial Places LLC and Erik Pages with EntreWorks Consulting for their recommendations on studies, articles and books focused on entrepreneurial ecosystems. Here are their **Selected Readings** on entrepreneurial ecosystems and entrepreneurial development systems.

Questions and Additional Information

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Suggested Books

Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism. Muhammad Yunus. Public Affairs. 2007. Available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Energizing Entrepreneurial Communities: A Pathway to Prosperity. Donald Macke, Deborah Markley and John Fulwider. 2014. Available through the Center.

Ripples from the Zambesi: Passion, Entrepreneurship, and the Rebirth of Local Economies. Ernesto Sirolli. New Society Publishers. 1999. Available through Amazon.

Startup Communities: Building an Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. Brad Feld. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 2012. Available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, Indie Bound and Wiley.

Start Up Mixology: Tech Cocktail’s Guide to Building, Growing, and Celebrating Startup Success. Frank Gruber. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 2014. Available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Visit Wikipedia entries for “[Entrepreneurial Ecosystem](#)” and “[Entrepreneurship Ecosystem](#).”

Erik Pages suggests checking out the “Babson Ecosystem Project” at the Babson website [here](#).

Articles and Studies within Our Resource Package

The following resources are contained in our Entrepreneurial Resources Package:

“Creating Entrepreneurial Communities: Building Community Capacity for Ecosystem Development.” Deborah Markley, Tom Lyons and Don Macke. Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. Under review for publication in a special issue of *Community Development*, the journal of the Community Development Society.

“Entrepreneurial Community in Kansas City: From Fragmented to Collaborative?” Heike Mayer. Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. November 2012.

“Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Diagnostic Toolkit.” Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs. Aspen Institute. December 2013.

“Introducing the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem: Four Defining Characteristics.” Daniel Isenberg. Forbes.com. 2011.

“Leveraging Regional Assets: Insights from High-Growth Companies in Kansas City.” Yasuyuki Motoyama, Brian Danley, Jordan Bell-Masterson, Kate Maxwell, Arnobio Morelix. Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. July 2013.

“Local Competitiveness Fostered through Local Institutions for Entrepreneurship.” Martin Andersson and Magnus Henrekson. Research Institute of Industrial Economies: IFN Working Paper No. 1020. 2014.

“Supporting High Growth Entrepreneurs: The Network-Centric Approach to Entrepreneurial Assistance.” Rohit K. Shukla. Larta Institute. February 2012.

“Supporting Rural Entrepreneurship.” Leslie Scott. *Economic Development Journal*. Fall 2012: pg 19-25.

Leslie Scott also suggests checking out the writings of Nido Qubein, the founder of Great Harvest Bread Company.