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As Athletic Directors, we may be looking for additional ways to pursue professional development at our own pace and fit it into our busy schedules. One of my favorite ways to do that is by reading a wide range of books that provide guidance. This range can include leadership books, coaching books, autobiographies, business books, and more. Every issue, I plan to pick a particular theme and provide some books that fit the theme and (hopefully) offer insights to help us do our jobs even better. If you have any suggestions to share, please do not hesitate to do so—the more, the merrier!

This month's theme is LEADERSHIP, and here are five of my recommendations with a thumbnail sketch of each.

- **1, Dare to Lead by Brene Brown** Looks at the opportunities behind leadership and how it can benefit both the leader and those who are being led. It's an encouraging read for those who might be feeling overwhelmed in their position of leadership.
- **2. Change Your World by John Maxwell** One of Maxwell's many books on leadership, this title focuses on the idea of leadership through transformation, both personally and collectively. This shows how different "amounts" of change can be of benefit to the situation.





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