Open Books, Open Minds      Hometown Book Club

Three Cups of Tea
By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Who: All interested READERS!
What: Read Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin and come together for conversation about this book
When: May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

From Booklist: American Library Association
On a 1993 expedition to climb K-2 in honor of his sister, Christa, who had died of epilepsy at 23, Mortensen stumbled upon a remote mountain village in Pakistan. Out of gratitude for the villagers’ assistance when he was lost and near death, he vowed to build a school for the children who were scratching lessons in the dirt. Raised by his missionary parents in Tanzania, Mortenson was used to dealing with exotic cultures and developing nations. Still, he faced daunting challenges of raising funds, death threats from enraged mullahs, separation from his family, and a kidnapping to eventually build 55 schools in Taliban territory.

Award-winning journalist, Relin, recounts the slow and arduous task Mortenson set for himself, a one-man mission aimed particularly at bringing education to young girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Readers interested in a fresh perspective on the culture and development efforts of Central Asia will love this incredible story of humanitarian endeavor.

Where: Enumclaw High School Library
How to Prepare: Purchase and read the book (Books are also available at Enumclaw Public Library)

Please come prepared with 2-3 excerpts (and page numbers) of the text that you feel strongly about (powerful writing, connects to their own personal experiences, etc.). Be prepared to discuss in a small group setting.