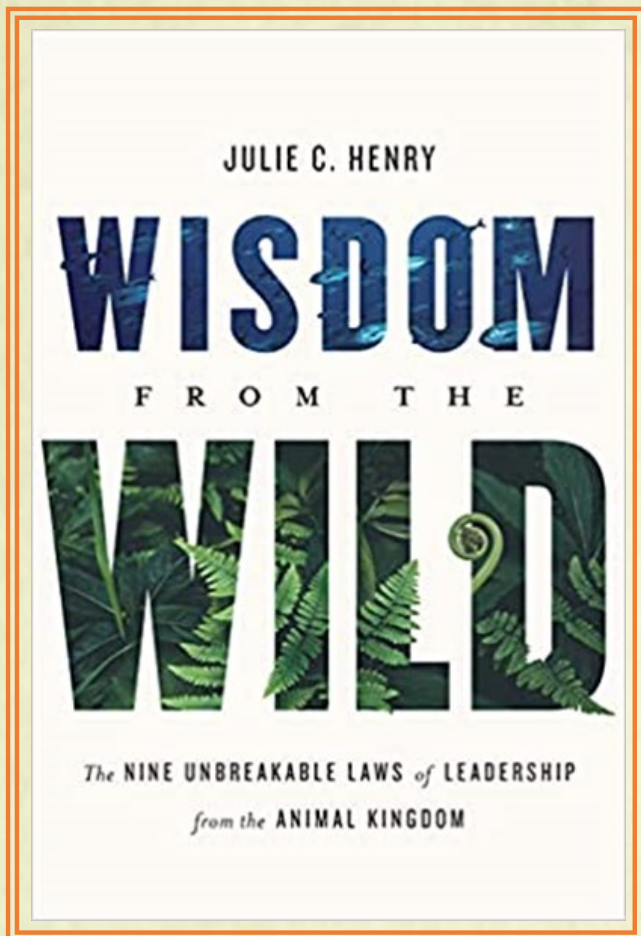


WISDOM FROM THE WILD

I have a number of books on leadership that I have read and gained insights from over the past decade or so. Through a synthesis of information from these sources, we developed a leadership framework that informs one of our CSI goals for the SWUC.





Recently, another book on leadership came across my desk that captured my interest—*Wisdom from the Wild: The Nine Unbreakable Laws of Leadership from the Animal Kingdom* (2021). Written by a former zoo and aquarium leader, the book focuses on how to learn from and be inspired by the wild-life and wild places all around you. The nine laws are categorized in three sections:

Section 1—Change

Unbreakable Law #1: Change is constant, but it doesn't have to be chaos.

Unbreakable Law #2: If you're distracted by fear, you'll miss the opportunity.

Unbreakable Law #3: When you can't see the finish line, let purpose be your guide.

Part 2—Teamwork

Unbreakable Law #4: There is no one-size-fits-all approach to teamwork.

Unbreakable Law #5: Surround yourself with people who are not like you.

Unbreakable Law #6: A team without a solid foundation is really just a group.

Part 3—Resilience

Unbreakable Law #7: Resilience is instinct in action.

Unbreakable Law #8: You are wired not just to survive, but to thrive.

Unbreakable Law #9: Even cheetahs slow down.

There are a number of parallels between this list and the SWUC framework. Do a comparison and see if you agree.

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