

Library Media Center Anoka Technical College

New ways of thinking about teaching and learning –

Book recommendations from 2008 & 2009 ALD days.

Bonk, Curtis & Ke Zhang. *Empowering Online Learning. 100+ Activities for Reading, Reflecting, Displaying, & Doing.* LB1028.5 .B597 2008

Offers "practical" activities for online instructors to help deliver learner-centered instruction. Includes an index if you want to look up something specific, such as Google Earth, YouTube, chats, simulations & games, etc.

Collins, James C. *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...and Others Don't.* Collins, 2001. HD 57.7 .C645

"Five years ago, Jim Collins asked the question, "Can a good company become a great company and if so, how?" In *Good to Great* Collins, the author of *Built to Last*, concludes that it is possible... his team of researchers began their quest by sorting through a list of 1,435 companies, looking for those that made substantial improvements in their performance over time. They finally settled on 11--including Fannie Mae, Gillette, Walgreens, and Wells Fargo--and discovered common traits that challenged many of the conventional notions of corporate success... At the heart of those rare and truly great companies was a corporate culture that rigorously found and promoted disciplined people to think and act in a disciplined manner." --Harry C. Edwards
~Amazon Review

Crawford, Mathew B. *Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work.* HD4824 .C72 2009

Explains the careful thinking and pleasure involved in the manual trades and explains the appeal of working with your hands. Recommended by Anne Weyandt on administratively led day 2009.

Florida, Richard L. *Flight of the Creative Class: The New Global Competition for Talent.* Collins, 2007. HD 53 .F65 2007

"Professor Florida makes an impassioned plea... for the U.S. to retain its stature as an open and welcoming home for talent. ...an incredible quantity of quality statistics ... Who now has the lead in developing new ideas in consumer electronics? Note the decreasing numbers of Nobel Prizes awarded to U.S. citizens. How do we solve the problem?" *Barbara Jacobs*
~Booklist

Gergen, Christopher and Gregg Vanourek. *Life Entrepreneurs. Ordinary People Creating Extraordinary Lives.* HD53 .G47 2008

Discusses the application of personal creativity, vision, talents, and energy to your entire life and the transformation of people as leaders.

Goleman, Daniel. *Social Intelligence: The New Science of Human Relationships*. Bantam Books, 2007. HM 1106 .G66 2007

"In this companion volume to his bestseller, *Emotional Intelligence*, Goleman persuasively argues for a new social model of intelligence drawn from the emerging field of social neuroscience. Describing what happens to our brains when we connect with others... sexual attraction, marriage, parenting, psychopathic behaviors and the group dynamics of teachers and workers. Goleman frames his discussion in a critique of society's creeping disconnection in the age of the iPod, constant digital connectivity and multitasking. ...reveals the positive effects of feel-good neurochemicals that are released in loving relationships and in caregiving. ...examines how our brains are wired for altruism, compassion, concern and rapport... " ~ *Publisher's Weekly*

Hallowell, Edward M. *CrazyBusy: Overstretched, Overbooked, and About to Snap*. Ballantine, 2007. BF 637 .C5 H296 2007

"Hallowell... explains how to turn "the rush, the gush, the worry, and the blather (which also includes clutter)" into allies, so that one can have the things one wants with the speed, volume and emotional energy of the crazy-busy lifestyle." ~ *Publisher's Weekly*

Klaus, Peggy. *The Hard Truth about Soft Skills*. HD30.3 .K584 2007

Explains how to manage your workload, handle criticism and office politics, and adjust your communication style.

O' Harrow, Robert. *No Place to Hide*. Free Press, 2005. HM 851 .O4 2005

"... personal data collected on ordinary citizens has grown steadily..., and after 9/11, corporations that had been amassing this information largely for marketing purposes saw an opportunity to strengthen their ties with the government. But what do we really know about these data collectors...? O'Harrow, a Pulitzer finalist... tracks the explosive growth of this surveillance industry, with keen attention to... "inevitable mistakes"... victims of identity theft... travelers detained at the airport because of the similarity of their names... This is a thought-provoking, comprehensive account..." ~ *Publisher's Weekly*

Pink, Daniel H. *A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future*. Riverhead, 2006. BF 408 .P49 2006

"'Abundance, Asia, and automation.' ...take these words into serious consideration... [the] former chief speechwriter for former vice-president Al Gore, has crafted a profound read packed with an abundance of references to books, seminars, Web sites, and such to guide your adjustment to expanding your right brain... According to Pink, the keys to success are in developing and cultivating six senses: design, story, symphony, empathy, play, and meaning." *Ed Dwyer ~Booklist*

Sousa, David. *How the Brain Learns*. Corwin Press, 2006. LB1057 .S65 2006

A brain scientist gives teaching strategy advice in a book that is a mix of theory and practice. A facilitator's guide is available to order for in-service workshops.

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