

Bob Tryanski's
Amazing List of
Organizations.
Publications.
and Fantastic Resources
for Teachers.
Activity Advisors.
and anyone else who
works with kids.



Awesome Resources for Activity Advisors

ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations have information that will keep you from being fired, sued, or institutionalized. Keep their numbers by the phone. Call in the event of an emergency; they're always available, weekdays, during regular business hours.

The National Association of Student Councils
P.O. Box 3250
Reston, VA 22090-1250
1-800-253-7746

The Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals
Jim Finnemeyer, Executive Director
North Penn High School
1340 Valley Forge Road
Lansdale, PA 19446
(215) 368-9800

Southern Association of Student Councils
Patti Ireland, Executive Director
1470 Stoneleigh Circle
Stone Mountain, GA 30088

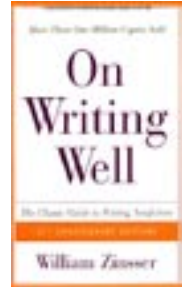
The Advisor's Store
c/o Tom Heethuis
theethuis@aol.com
(810) 792-2429

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
5600 Fishers lane
Rockville, MD 20857
301-443-4140

PUBLICATIONS

The Elements of Style
by William Strunk and E.B. White
Macmillan Publishing, 1979
ISBN 0-02-418200-1

On Writing Well
by William Zinsser
Harper and Row, 1985

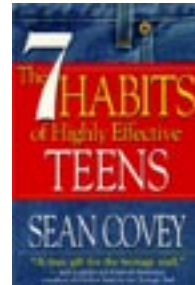


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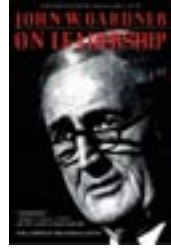
The ability to write well is the single most significant skill a student leader needs to succeed. Nothing impresses a principal more than a young person who can persuasively present his or her ideas **in writing**. Nothing irritates a faculty member, superintendent, or school board member more than a huge dance poster that contains a spelling error, a newspaper article that is incoherent, or an activity proposal filled with grammatical mistakes. Buy these three books for your student leaders as election victory gifts. Tell them you won't speak to them until they've read them. Keep extra copies in your student activities office at all times. Demand good writing from your students: no excuses, no exceptions. It's the most valuable thing you can do for a young person.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens
by Sean Covey
Fireside/Simon and Schuster, 1998
ISBN 0-684-85609-3



An excellent resource for today's teens, *Seven Habits* would work well as a textbook for a leadership class. "The Great Discovery!" exercise is a terrific tool to help students identify their strengths, clarify their interests and write a personal mission statement. Franklin/Covey will provide additional "Great Discovery" worksheets if you call 1-800-952-6839.

On Leadership
by John Gardner
The Free Press, 1990
ISBN 0-02-9113113



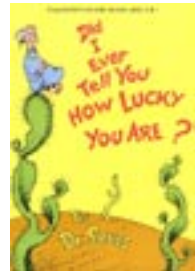
A classic from the former president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. A more academic explanation of leadership in theory and practice. Well-researched and well-written.

SPIRIT WORKS, Turn it on
& 99 Nuggets
by Bob Burton
www.spiritworks.com



THE SINGLE GREATEST SOURCE OF SCHOOL SPIRIT IDEAS EVER WRITTEN! Ideas for class competition, lunch time activities, pep rallies, homecoming, spirit days, and fund raisers. Bob Burton has used every one of these activities in his own school and he provides all the tips you'll ever need to generate the same enthusiasm, excitement, and positive energy that Fallbrook High School students have enjoyed over the years.

Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?
by Dr. Seuss
Random House, 1973.



Everybody's got a copy of *Oh the Places You'll Go!* I think this forgotten little book is an even better graduation gift. It delivers an equally significant message- "Do you appreciate the place from which you came?"

The Funny Times
\$23.00 for a one year subscription
www.funnytimes.com



The editors at Funny Times collect the best jokes, cartoons, quotes and essays from America's periodicals each month. It's the Readers' Digest of funny stuff. Subscribe, subscribe, subscribe! Bill your student activities account.

Illusions

by **Richard Bach**

Dell Publishing, 1977

ISBN 0-440-20488-7

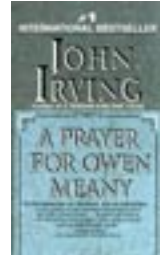


A terrific little novel that contains all the advice you'll ever need summed up in only 191 pages. Richard Bach tells a great story. You can read it in an evening but the wisdom between these pages will stay with you for a lifetime.

A Prayer for Owen Meany

by **John Irving**

Anyone who has ever worked with kids should read this novel at least once. If you don't have the time to plow through 500+ pages, then at least check out the movie *Simon Birch* on video. It's almost as good as the book.

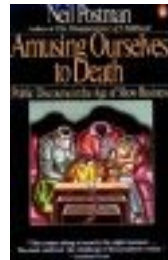


Amusing Ourselves to Death

Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business

by **Neil Postman**

Penguin Books, 1986.



Think your students watch too much TV?

Does it bug you when they turn you off after 30 minutes, or less? Are you convinced that surfing the net is frying their brain, or yours? Postman has a lot of significant things to say about living in the television age and unlike most critics, he offers some interesting and compelling suggestions as to how to withstand the media onslaught.

The Rainbows of Leadership

A Place to Stand

by **Dr. Earl Reum**

PSD, Ltd.

3021 Mackland Ave. NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

Outstanding collections of resources for student leaders. Great inspirational quotes, practical organizational tips, raises questions about the nature of leadership, one's values and personal beliefs. Both of these are classics.

GREAT BOOKS ON CREATIVITY

The Artist's Way

by **Julia Cameron and Mark Bryan**
Putnam Publishing, 1992



A twelve-week course devoted to “discovering and recovering your creative self.” Cameron’s book provides an inspirational approach to overcoming creative blocks. I know a number of writers and teachers who have found *The Artist's way* to be enormously helpful in developing new approaches to their work. The exercises and activities are innovative and fun. I highly recommend it.

The Creative Spirit

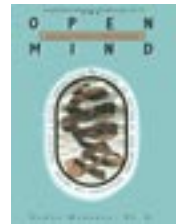
by **Daniel Goleman, Paul Kaufman, Michael Ray**
Penguin Publishing, 1992
ISBN 0-525-93354-9



This is the companion book to the PBS television series of the same name. It’s a great collection of “stuff” about creativity. I wasn’t able to track down a citation for the video series but I’m sure it’s available from PBS video or the Book of the Month Club.

Open Mind

by **Dawna Markova**
Conari Press, 1991
ISBN 0-943233-12-7



This revolutionary book, by the author of *The Art of the Possible*, shows that there are six unique patterns of perception. Each one determines how an individual with that pattern absorbs, organizes, remembers and expresses information. Markova shows how understanding their own perceptual style can help readers increase their self-esteem and relate to others who never seem to understand them.

Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain

by **Betty Edwards**
St. Martin's Press, 1989



I’m convinced this book can teach anyone how to draw. If you are artistically challenged, creatively impaired or just plain incompetent when it comes to art, this is the book for you.

A Whack on the Side of the Head
by Roger von Oech
Creative Think Publishing, 1992
ISBN 0-911121-00-5



A great little book filled with puzzles, anecdotes, exercises, metaphors, cartoons, questions, stories and tips to unlock your creative potential. Also available with a deck of activity cards packaged together with the book in a “Creative Whack Pack”. Would make a great text/curriculum for a unit on creativity in a leadership class.

OTHER GREAT RESOURCES

US Toy and Constructive Playthings
www.ustoy.com

Oriental Trading Company
www.oriental.com

Great sources for novelties, art supplies, decorations, and other specialty items.

Motivational Media Assemblies
2000 W Magnolia Blvd Suite 207
Burbank, CA 91506
(818) 848-1980
www.momedia.org

High impact, multi-media assembly programs feature three large projection screens, popular music, celebrity interviews and hollywood movie clips to reinforce messages that promote positive self-esteem and encourage responsible decision-making.



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