Mentoring Resources: Books

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A Handbook for Training Peer Tutors and Mentors – Karen Agee and Russ Hodges

A must-read for postsecondary faculty and learning center professionals who hire, train, and supervise tutors and mentors. This Handbook is a publication of the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). The Handbook's 111 modules by 106 authors can also be used as an instructional training guide for tutor and mentor programs.

Big Questions, Worthy Dreams: Mentoring Emerging Adults in Their Search for Meaning, Purpose, and Faith – Sharon Daloz Parks

Building on the foundation she established with her ground-breaking book, The Critical Years, Parks invites us to take up responsibility for providing thoughtful mentorship and mentoring environments during the wilderness years of young adulthood. In this book, she provides concrete ways of employing a theory into different types of mentoring communities focusing on meaning-making and disciplinary learning through the context of stories and illustrations.

Creating a Mentoring Culture: The Organization’s Guide – Lois Zachary

In order to succeed in today's competitive environment, corporate and nonprofit institutions must create a workplace climate that encourages employees to continue to learn and grow. Written for anyone who wants to embed mentoring within their organization, Creating a Mentoring Culture is filled with step-by-step guidance, practical advice, engaging stories, and includes a wealth of reproducible forms and tools.

Mentoring 101: What Every Leader Needs to Know – John C. Maxwell

Ask the best leaders in any organization how they learned to be successful, and you often hear the same answer: they had a good mentor. John C. Maxwell gives the steps needed to effectively reproduce your success in someone else. He explains how to choose the right person to mentor, how to create the right environment for leaders to thrive and grow, and how to get started. As a mentor, you can create a legacy that will last.

Mentoring At-Risk Students through the Hidden Curriculum of Higher Education – Buffy Smith

Mentoring At-Risk Students through the Hidden Curriculum of Higher Education reveals how the institutional culture and social networks of universities and colleges influence the academic success of underrepresented students. This book offers an innovative mentoring model that illuminates how students can navigate the hidden curriculum of higher education. In addition, the book provides practical strategies on how to students can avoid academic minefields in order to thrive in college.
Power Mentoring: How Successful Mentors and Protégés get the Most Out of Their Relationships – Ellen A. Ensher and Susan E. Murphy

Written to reflect the realities of today’s business environment, Power Mentoring is a nuts-and-bolts guide for anyone who wants to create a connection with a protégé or mentor, or to improve a current mentoring relationship. The authors provide strategies for establishing power mentoring relationships and best practices, as well as offer insights from mentors and protégés in a variety of fields.

Students Helping Students: A Guide for Peer Educators on College Campuses – Fred Newton and Steven Ender

This practical guide is considered the standard for training the thousands of college students who serve as leaders, tutors, counselors, and advisors for their peers. Beginning with a fundamental discussion of student growth and development, and current research on the topic, the authors go on to provide learning objectives and exercises to help prepare peer educators for tasks such as tutoring, student orientation, residence hall advising, crisis intervention, coaching, and much more.

The Heart of Mentoring: Ten Proven Principles for Developing People to Their Fullest Potential – David A. Stoddard

The secret to living is giving. Mentoring involves life-to-life exchanges that help others discover and pursue their passions, as well as sort out their priorities. Through this process of mutual growth, you will learn that mentoring is a relational process. In The Heart of Mentoring, individuals will discover the importance of filtering decisions through one’s values, the power of having humility in a mentoring relationships, and the reassurance that it is never too early or too late to start the process of mentoring.

The Mentor Leader: Secrets to Building People and Teams that Win Consistently – Tony Dungy

“Your only job is to help your players be better.” That single idea had a huge impact on Tony Dungy when he heard it from one of his earliest mentors, and it led him to develop the successful leadership style so admired by players and coaches throughout the NFL. In The Mentor Leader, Tony reveals what propelled him to the top of his profession and shows how you can apply the same approach to virtually any area of your life.

Mentor: The Kid and the CEO – Tom Pace and Walter Jenkins

Tony has no direction in life and no hope for his future until he meets Malcolm; a businessman who has faced many of the same challenges. Because Malcolm is willing to share his knowledge and experience with Tony, they both become successful and significant. There are setbacks for both student and teacher, but with hope and action they overcome challenges and difficulties, and achieve significance. Inspired by actual events, this book shows anyone how to overcome challenges.

The Miracles of Mentoring: The Joy of Investing in Our Future – Thomas Dortch and Carla Fine

What could be more powerful and satisfying than changing the life of a child? With more than 10,000 members in eighty-two chapters in the United States, the Virgin Islands, and Africa, the 100 Black Men of America is one of the most highly recognized non-profit organizations in the African American community. Now, for the first time, the "100" shares the successful blueprint of its Miracles of Mentoring program, from which more than 100,000 kids of all colors have benefited.
The Monk and the Riddle: The Art of Creating a Life While Making a Living – Randy Komisar

What would you be willing to do for the rest of your life...? It's a question most of us consider, only hypothetically-opting instead to "do what we have to do" to earn a living. This fictional tale touches on the personal account of how Komisar found meaning not in work’s rewards, but in the work itself. The Monk and the Riddle illustrates what’s wrong with mainstream thinking that we should sacrifice our lives to make a living.

The Noticer – Andy Andrews

Like all humans on the planet, the good folks of Orange Beach have their share of problems—marriages teetering on the brink of divorce, young adults giving up on life, business people on the verge of bankruptcy, as well as the many other obstacles life brings. Fortunately, when things look the darkest, a mysterious man named Jones has a miraculous way of showing up. Jones speaks to that part in everyone that is yearning to understand why things happen and what we can do about it.

The Traveler’s Gift: Seven Decisions that Determine Personal Success – Andy Andrews

Only a few months ago, he was a successful executive. Now he’s a desperate man. But a divine adventure is about to unfold. Join David Ponder on an incredible journey that will help you discover the Seven Decisions for Success.

Tuesdays with Morrie – Mitch Albom

Maybe it was a grandparent, teacher, or a colleague. Someone older, patient, and wise who understood you when you were young and searching. They helped you see the world as a more profound place and gave you sound advice to help you. Maybe, like Mitch, you lost track of this mentor as you made your way and the world seemed colder. Wouldn't you like to see that person again? Mitch Albom had that second chance. He rekindled a relationship that turned into one final lesson: how to live.