

Summer 2106 Reading Suggestions

When do we have time to read during the academic year? Summer is a great time to catch up on the literature. Below are six books that mix in a little leadership, a little personal development, and a little forethought to fall program development.

Godin, S. (2010) *Linchpin*. New York, NY: Penguin Books

This marketing guru has some great books. This book carries the question on the cover, “Are you indispensable?” This book could help you see your own value and the brilliance you bring to your college or university. We often forget that as programmers, advisers, student affairs professionals we are also leaders.

Hewlett, S. A. (2013). *Forget a mentor, find a sponsor*. Boston, MA: Harvard Business School Publishing Corporation

This book is another great resource for career and personal development. Mentors are great to have, but we might need to move one step forward. Hewlett explains the value of fostering relationships with our sponsors. These sponsors are the people that are willing to pick up the phone and make that crucial call that helps place you in your next career position. The care and development of this sponsoring relationship is very important.

Kellerman, B. (2012). *The end of leadership*. New York, NY: HarperCollins

Kellerman is a brilliant scholar and presenter. This book is a great read for leadership programmers, advisers, scholars, and practitioners. She presents a history of leadership and followership and how the *industry* has changed. Has leadership been reduced to a fad and just attending one of the many training programs, classes, or reading a book can make it all happen? Check out what Barbara Kellerman has to offer our field.

Mackenzie, A., & Nickerson, P. (2009). *The Time Trap* (4th ed.). New York, NY: American Management Association

There are many suggestions and guides to help with the art of time management. This book offers some tips and methods to help with taming your calendar and making the most out of your productivity time. There is a section on time wasters and ideas about reducing and/or eliminating them all together.

Seemiller, C. (2014). *The student leadership competencies guidebook*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Check out Corey’s book on developing programs and using leadership competencies. She did a ton of research to back up this book and suggestions. This book and resource is a perfect way to take a look at the work you are doing on campus. Whether you are planning new programs or doing a refresh on the older one’s this book will be invaluable. It can also help you when working with the faculty and the departments/colleges on campus.

Seemiller, C., & Grace, M. (2016). *Generation Z goes to College*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass

Hot off the presses this year. Check out another great resource by Corey Seemiller and Meghan Grace. This book will help you to understand and prepare for the students showing up on campus and in our programs. The culmination of research directly with Gen Z students combines with the literature make this book both timely and comprehensive. This is a definite for your summer reading list.