

## Additional Reading

**The following are a few of the books read during my odyssey at St. John's:**

Bolker, J. (1998). Writing Your Dissertation in Fifteen Minutes A Day. Henry Holt & Co.

*The most important piece of advice gleaned from this book is the need to work on one's research every day. It discusses how to pick a dissertation advisor, getting started on the first draft, revising, and dealing with multiple drafts. I read this book three years ago when I started my coursework. This book does not seem to be very realistic.*

Boynton, B. & Boynton, C. (2005) Preventing and Solving Discipline Problems. ASCD

*This book is developing and implementing effective classroom and building wide discipline practices. It advocates a proactive approach to discipline which should certainly be embraced by all educators. This is a must read to help in formulating ideas.*

Chappell, T. (1993). The Soul of a Business: Managing for Profit and the Common Good. Bantam Books

*Tom Chappell is the founder and CEO of Tom's of Maine. This book is about the founder's transformation into an individual who cares more about health and spirituality than the bottom line figure. This is a great book and will help individuals understand that one should stick to good convictions and they will pay off in the end.*

Cook, W. (1996). The Urgency of Change The Cambridge Group

*This book serves as a wakeup call to all schools in America. We can either change or our very existence is in jeopardy. Dr. Cook weaves the principles of strategic planning throughout. Although over 10 years old, this book is still revelent.*

Covey, S. (2004). The 8<sup>th</sup> Habit – From Effectiveness to Greatness. Free Press.

*This is a self improvement book that will help inspire you to find your inner self. The four needs of individuals according to Covey are life, love, legacy, and learn. He also sees this as the needs that exist in an organization. This book goes a long way in helping one empower themselves*

Covey, S. (1989). The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Free Press.

*This book was originally introduced to me by a minister who used it as the basis for his text. The book will inspire you to do backward thinking, that is start with the end and work yourself back to the beginning. As with his 8<sup>th</sup> Habit, this is a must read.*

Friedman, T. (2005). The World is Flat. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

*It took fearless individuals to prove that the world was round but it took Tom Friedman to prove that it really is flat. This marvelous book looks at real situations that*

*are occurring in the world today and paints a picture of the directions we have gone and where we may be headed. This is truly a remarkable book.*

Hughes, J. Taylor-Dunlop, K. (2006). Mentoring for Success.

*This analysis of the Jones-Zimmerman Academic Mentoring Model provides an explanation of how the model was used over a three year period in two Connecticut middle schools. Academic mentoring helps children to improve and this model also helped boost the pool of students choosing teaching as a career. This is a model that can be replicated..* Marzano, R., Waters, T., McNulty, B. (2005) .School Leadership That Works. ASCD & McRel.

Miles, M. & Huberman, A. (1994). Qualitative Data Analysis. Sage Publications.

*This text is invaluable to anyone performing qualitative research. There is much information on the theories and approaches to organizing data. It covers the history, biases, assumptions, advantages and disadvantages of conducting qualitative studies.*

Mueller, J. (2003). Frontpage 2003 for Dummies. Wiley Publishing, Inc.

*This book was invaluable to me as I attempted to construct my web site. It covers in a clear and concise manner everything you need to know to accomplish this. I found it to be a must read.*

Ogden, E. (2002). Completing Your Doctoral Dissertation or Master's Thesis in two semesters or less. Scarecrow Education.

*This was a suggested book by a few of my cohort members. It deals primarily with organizing your time and schedules in order to accomplish this feat. For individuals who are already organized, this is not needed. I am sure that some will find this book informative.*

Reese, D. (1997). Angels Along the Way Putnam

*This is an inspirational book that leads us to view people that help us in a different light. Della Reese in this book refers to them as angels. The book is very uplifting and you are sure to leave it changed.*

Sagor, R. (1993). At-Risk Students. Watersun Publishing Company, Inc.

This book covers approaches to help all students to learn. Sagor refuses to leave any student behind. There are techniques described within to assist all children in learning. Written before NCLB, it is none-the-less still informative.

Senge, P. (2006). The Fifth Discipline: The Art & Practice of the Learning Organization.  
Doubleday.

*The job of an organization is to provide the enabling condition for people to lead the most enriching lives they can. Learning organizations should have disciplines which allow individuals to master their creative tensions. Senge indicates that self actualization and self respect are higher needs of individuals.*