

RTC Faculty Focus

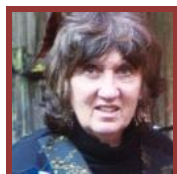
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Thanks to Instructional Improvement



Judith Frey

Due to the college budget cuts that were effective July 1, several RTC services were eliminated including the Office of Instructional Improvement which published the *RTC Faculty Focus*. The RTC Library is assuming the responsibility of the newsletter starting with this issue. We want to publically thank **Judith Frey** and assistant **Kimberly Loreen** for all their past work in creating a newsletter that was truly faculty focused.

Coping with Workplace Survivor's Guilt

RTC is not alone in coping with workplace layoffs and the unsettling feelings for those who are left behind. Here are a few websites about coping with survivor's guilt after workplace layoffs:

- <http://adman.ucdavis.edu/conference08/Coping%20wiith%20Job%20Transition.pdf>
- <http://msn.careerbuilder.com/Article/MSN-1847-Workplace-Issues-Layoff-Survivors-Guilt/>
- <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28196734/ns/health-behavior/>
- http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m4422/is_n5_v12/ai_16894819/

Plan Now for Sept. 17 Constitution Day

Federal law requires that RTC provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on September 17, observing the day that the U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787. The law applies to all institutions receiving federal funds of any kind. Because many of our students receive federal financial aid, every RTC program needs to have some type of Constitution-related activity **on or around September 17**. Here are some websites with more info and some programming ideas to help you meet this federal mandate:

EL Civics at RTC - Constitution Day

<http://webs.rtc.edu/ii/elcivics.html#ConstitutionDay>

National Constitution Center

<http://constitutioncenter.org/ConstitutionDay/>

National Archives Observing Constitution Day

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-day/>

Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands – Sunnylands Classroom

<http://www.sunnylandsclassroom.org/Default.aspx>

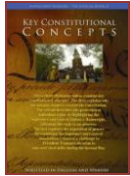
Education World® Lesson Planning – Constitution Day

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson347.shtml



RTC Library Has Constitutional Day Materials

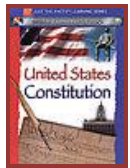
The RTC Library has books, videos and DVDs that you can use for Constitutional Day programming. For a list of valuable online sources that Media Librarian **Laura Staley** put together, visit the library website page at <http://www.rtc.edu/library/Constitution.htm> Here are a few of the many materials available in YOUR library!



Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, and Annenberg Public Policy Center. **Key Constitutional Concepts**. [Philadelphia, Penn.]: Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, 2006. (DVD – three 20-minute segments) RTC Library Call Number: **342.73029 KEY-CON 2006**



California Language Laboratories. **Citizenship, Interactive DVD: an Overview of the United States History and Government**. [Cupertino, CA]: California Language Laboratories, 2004. (DVD – 50 minutes) RTC Library Call Number: **323.623 CITIZEN 2004e**



Heimer, Greg, and Ned Rodgers. **United States Constitution and Bill of Rights**. Thousand Oaks, CA: Goldhil Video, 1999. (2 videos – 100 minutes) RTC Library Call Number: **342.73029 UNITED 1999s**



Mitchell, Tracy, and Andrew Schlessinger. **The U.S. Constitution & the Bill of Rights**. Wynnewood, PA: Schlessinger, 2006. (DVD – 23 minutes) RTC Library Call Number: **342.73029 US-CON 2006**

We Need Your Contributions and Suggestions!

As Judith Frey always reminded us, “The second word in our title is **faculty** and the focus is on items of interest in the technical college classroom. This includes what the faculty are doing well in their programs, timesaving tips, and proven resources.”



We hope to continue publishing this newsletter on a monthly basis but we need YOUR help to do so. Please let us know about things you are doing in your classroom that are working well so we can pass them along to our readers. In the next few months, we plan to feature information about tips for starting the new school year off right, understanding and working with student diversity and learning styles, motivating your students and ways to facilitate student learning. So if you have any tried and true tips or great websites on those topics, please [let us know](#). We also welcome your suggestions on how to make *Faculty Focus* even more meaningful and helpful to you. Please contact *Faculty Focus* newsletter editor, [Debbie Crumb](#), and let her know what you think. This is YOUR newsletter!

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