

RTC Faculty Focus

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Cooperative/Collaborative Learning

This month we are focusing on cooperative and collaborative learning. Here are some great websites that Media Librarian **Laura Staley** recommends on this topic:



Professor Turns to Facebook as Collaborative Learning Tool for Students, Faculty. Why not leverage our students' online skills to help the educational process? This press release is a description of how a Kansas State University professor turned Facebook into a collaborative learning tool. <http://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/aug10/facebookarch82610.html>

Doing CL. Tips and techniques for effective group learning, from the National Institute for Science Education at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. The section on groups – how to choose them, group roles, hints for better learning groups - is very useful.

<http://www.wcer.wisc.edu/archive/cl1/cl/doingcl/groups.htm>

Assessment in and of Collaborative Learning. Evergreen State College produced this guide to creating collaborative learning environments. The section on assessing student learning in the collaborative learning environment is recommended. The articles are written by Washington instructors, with Washington state examples, many from community colleges. We recommend that you print this out, rather than try to read it on screen, as there may be some problems with the display on certain computer screens.

<http://www.evergreen.edu/washcenter/resources/acl/index.html>

Laura also recommends these free collaborative learning tools on the web:

- **Zoho** – <http://www.zoho.com/> - Share documents, plan projects, create wikis and more.
- **Delicious** - <http://www.delicious.com/> - Create lists of useful websites with Delicious.
- **Jing** – <http://www.techsmith.com/jing/> - Students can make movies demonstrating tasks or procedures.

Critical Thinking in Nursing

RTC nursing instructor **Nancy Cusick** has written an article on “Nurses and Thinking” that was recently published by the Faculty Association of Community and Technical Colleges in the 2010 issue of their online newsletter *FACTC Focus*. Access article at <http://www.factc.org/pdf/2010factcfocus.pdf> and scroll down to page 20 to find the article.



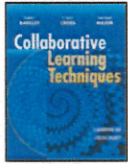
Popcorn and Previews



Popcorn and Previews presents **Social Media: Reduce the Risk** on **Thursday, January 13, 2011** from **3:00 -4:00 PM** in the Library Conference Room **C-203**. We love our social networks. But what we put on Facebook or Twitter can get us in trouble at work. This 22-minute DVD focuses on ways to mitigate the risks of involved with social media and covers ethics, codes of conducts, harassment and more.

RTC Library Has Materials about Cooperative/Collaborative Learning

Call the RTC Library at ext. 2331 or visit <http://rtc.edu/library> for more info about these and other materials.



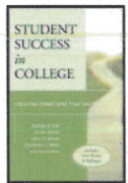
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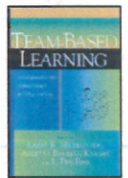
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We Need Your Contributions and Suggestions

In the next few months, we plan to feature info about **assessment, testing, grading, and dealing with student problems**. Contact newsletter editor, [Debbie Crumb](mailto:Debbie.Crumb@rtc.edu), with your tips, websites and suggestions. To access past issues, go to the Library's website at <http://rtc.edu/library>, click on **Services and Information**, then **Library Publications**, then **Recent issues published by RTC Library**, and finally on the desired format (**PDF** or **Word**).



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