“Since my family did not own many books, or have the money for a child to buy them, it was good to know that solely by virtue of my municipal citizenship I had access to any book I wanted from that grandly austere building downtown...No less satisfying was the idea of communal ownership, property held in common for the common good. Why I had to care for the books I borrowed, return them, unscarred and on time, was because they weren’t mine alone, they were everybody’s. That idea had as much to do with civilizing me as any I was ever to come upon in the books themselves.”


What’s New...

Protecting Small Town America: Issues and Challenges of Rural Responders is the latest DVD from the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute’s Live Response series. This is the November program that focuses on the challenges of preparedness and emergency management in rural areas and runs for sixty minutes. This item can be found at DVD 363.32 PRO. Please stop by if you are interested in borrowing this DVD.

As a result of the merger with PDTD, the library has received an influx of additional materials. There are too many titles to list here but the subjects of these resources range from leadership to teambuilding to emotional intelligence to instructional design and more. If you think any of these subjects might be of interest, I will be happy to help find what you’re looking for.

Being ‘Gender Intelligent’ – Women in Policing

A 30-year, recently retired female police officer writes about how gender differences enable new police leaders. She makes the case that we need to acknowledge that there are real differences in male/female brain function, physiology and psychology. Once that is understood, then those differences can be leveraged and used to common advantage.
Quote:

To make matters even more confusing, in a male-dominated profession like law enforcement, some women have had to become what Gurian and Annis call “the third sex.” In essence, they need to be more male in their leadership traits than even a man. This can eventfully lead to frustration and resentment in the female employee.

The law enforcement workplace doesn’t need to be equal — it needs to be “gender intelligent.” We need to understand differences in brain function, physiology, and psychology.

See the ‘Academy Director’s Forum Bulletin Board’ under the ‘Supervisor and Administrator Training’ topic heading (full article published on NLEARN).

Checkout Reminder

Please keep in mind that users should sign out any materials they wish to borrow from our collection. Books, magazines that can circulate, fun reading, DVDs and videos, etc. all require proper checkout. In the event that I am not in my office or at the checkout area, please contact me by phone or e-mail to tell me which materials you removed from the library. Better still, give me a call before you come by to make sure I am there to help you find and sign out what you need.

Administrative Professional Today

In case you may have forgotten, the library subscribes to Administrative Professional Today, a monthly publication that is filled with lots of useful information about managing time, managing staff, software, websites, etc. Since the library only receives one copy, the latest issue can’t be borrowed (unless you want to copy an article) but back issues may circulate for one week.

The name of the publication is somewhat misleading because everyone in the agency can benefit from the information included in these issues. Come by and take a look!

If You are Interested...

I have the following items that are free to the first person who sends me an e-mail:

- When Teams Work Best: 6000 Team Members and Leaders Tell What it Takes to Succeed—LaFasto
- A Guide to Preparing for and Responding to Prison Emergencies—Schwartz
- Tools of the Trade: a Guide to Incorporating Science into Practice
- Fit and Well: Core Concepts and Labs in Physical Fitness and Wellness—Fahey

ProQuest Anyone???

If you’re new to PCTC or if it slipped your mind, the Library subscribes to a database called Criminal Justice Periodicals Index (CJPI), one of the many products from ProQuest. This database indexes over 200 journals in the area of criminal justice and can offer journal article abstracts as well as full-text articles. You can locate CJPI at
the following URL: http://proquest.umi.com/login.

Searches can focus on publications, author, title, or subject/keyword.

I am available to provide a tutorial on the database and how to search it. If you or your students would benefit from learning more about this database, please let me know.

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ZOMBIES?!?!?!

CDC outlines zombie apocalypse plan: Residents told they can prepare for an onslaught of ravenous monsters in the same way they would for a hurricane or pandemic, by Homeland1 Staff

Could the zombie apocalypse be approaching? The Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention has issued guidance in the event of a zombie outbreak in the United States.

In a Monday blog posting, "Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse," Assistant Surgeon General Ali Khan writes, "There are all kinds of emergencies out there that we can prepare for.

"Take a zombie apocalypse for example. That's right, I said z-o-m-b-i-e a-p-o-c-a-l-y-p-s-e. You may laugh now, but when it happens you'll be happy you read this, and hey, maybe you'll even learn a thing or two about how to prepare for a real emergency."

The rise of zombies in pop culture has given credence to the idea that a zombie apocalypse could happen, Khan added.

"In such a scenario zombies would take over entire countries, roaming city streets eating anything living that got in their way," he wrote. "The proliferation of this idea has led many people to wonder 'How do I prepare for a zombie apocalypse?'"

Radiation leaks
CDC spokesman Dave Daigle told Fox News that the idea behind the campaign stemmed from inquiry they received in the aftermath of the Japan earthquake and whether zombies would be a concern following radiation leaks.

"It's kind of a tongue-in-cheek campaign," Daigle told Fox News. "We were talking about hurricane preparedness and someone bemoaned that we kept putting out the same messages."

The CDC hopes the post — which has quickly become the most popular ever story on the blog — will help raise awareness among the public of the need for emergency preparedness. It includes a range of tips and guidance for emergency plans.

"Perhaps surprisingly, the same steps you'd take in preparation for an onslaught of ravenous monsters are similar to those suggested in advance of a hurricane or pandemic," Khan wrote.

"First of all, you should have an emergency kit in your house. This includes things like water, food, and other supplies to get you through the first couple of days before you can locate a zombie-free refugee camp (or in the event of a natural disaster, it will buy you some time until you are able to make your way to an evacuation shelter or utility lines are restored)."

*excerpted from Homeland1 Newsletter, May 19, 2011, Week 157

Enjoy the long, hot summer!!!