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## *A Message to Symposium Participants:*

When we embarked on our journey to investigate Character Education, we discovered that there was a wealth of resources to support our need to learn more about the topic. We decided to put together this compendium of resources for the benefit of our teachers and Symposium participants. It is by no means exhaustive.

Please note that we are not endorsing these resources in any way primarily because we have not had the opportunity to conduct a critical review or evaluation of all of the websites or books on the list.

Through our research, we have also discovered a variety of perspectives on the issue, be they secular or religious. Some would not be applicable within a public education milieu. Nevertheless, the perspectives do converge on the notion that there are many universally desired attributes which cut across socio-economic, gender, racial, religious and other lines.

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# Character Education Resources

## Websites

www.charactercounts.org  
www.teachvalues.org/icce  
www.youthdevelopment.org  
www.goodcharacter.com

www.josephsoninstitute.org  
www.character.org  
info.csd.org/staffdev/chared/characterplus.html  
www.giraffe.org

www.kidcite.net  
www.agcunited.com  
www.CharacterEducation.com

## Reading for Those Wishing to Study or Implement Character Education

\*\*\* Selections you could begin your study with.

## Books for School Leaders

Carter, Stephen L., (1998), *Manners, Morals & the Etiquette of Democracy*, Harper Collins Canada Ltd.

Dean, Sandra, (2000), *Hearts & Minds: A Public School Miracle*, Penguin Books of Canada Ltd.

DeRoche, Edward F. and Williams, Mary M. (1998) *Educating Hearts and Minds: A Comprehensive Character Education Framework*. Corwin Press, Inc.

Gauld, Joesph W. (1995) *Character First. The Hyde School Way and Why It Works*. Rocklin, CA: Prima Publishing

Hargreaves, Andy (1997) *ASCD Yearbook: Rethinking Educational Change with Heart and Mind*. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Hoffman, Judith, and Lee, Anne R. with Vincent, Dr. Philip, Editor. (1997) *Character Education Workbook for School Boards, Administrators and Community Leaders*. Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Publishing.

Kingwell, Mark, (2000), *The World We Want: Virtue, Vice & the Good Citizen*, Penguin Books of Canada.

\*\*\*Lickona, Thomas. (1992) *Educating for Character. How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility*. New York: Bantam Books.

Reed, Nancy. (2001) *The Operating Manual for Character Education Programs*. Available from Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Group.

\*\*\*Sergiovanni, Thomas J. (1992) *Moral Leadership. Getting to The Heart of School Improvement*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers.

Sergiovanni, Thomas J. (1999) *The Lifeworld of Leadership: Creating Culture, Community, and Personal Meaning in Our Schools*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers.

Stirling, Diane; Archibald, Georgia; McKay, Linda and Berg, Shelley. (1999) *Character Education Connections for School, Home and Community. A Guide for Integrating Character Education*. St. Louis, MO: PREP.

Vincent, Philip Fitch (1998) *Rules and Procedures for Character Education: The First Step Towards Civility, Second Edition*. Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Publishing.

## Books for Classroom Teachers

\*\*\*Abourjilie, Charlie. (2000) *Developing Character for Classroom Success. Strategies to Increase Responsibility, Achievement, and Motivation in Secondary Students*. Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Publishing.

Broome, Sadie Allran and Henley Nancy W. *Teaching Character . . . It's Elementary: 36 Weeks of Daily Lessons for Grade K-5*. Available from Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Group.

Brown, Deb. (1997) *Lessons From the Rocking Chair: Timeless Stories for Teaching Character*. Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Publishing.

Brown, Deb. (1999) *Lessons From the Beach Chair: Nature's Lessons for Teaching Character*. Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Publishing.

Delisle, Deb and Delisle, Jim. (1996) *Growing Good Kids: 28 Activities to Enhance and Promote Self-Awareness, Compassion and Leadership*. Free Spirit Publishing, Inc.

Fralick, Katharine. (1997) *Character and Citizenship: An Annotated Bibliography of Children's and Young Adult's Literature*. Teaching K-8.

Gibbs, Jeanne. (1995) *Tribes: A New Way of Learning and Being Together*. Irwin Publishing

Hester, Joseph P. (1995) *Thinking and Reasoning for Character Development - A Teacher's Notebook*. Claremont, N.C.: Hester Learning Press.

Innerchoice Publishing (1999). *50 Activities for Teaching Emotional Intelligence*. Torrance, CA. There are three books available: one for grades 1-5, one for grades 6-8 and one for grades 9-12.

Keim, Will. (1994) *The Education of Character: Lessons for Beginners*. Harcourt, Brace and Co.

Kessler, Rachael. (2000) *Helping Students Find Connection, Compassion and Character at School*. Alexandria, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Kilpatrick, William. (1992) *Why Johnny Can't Tell Right From Wrong*. New York: Simon and Schuster.

\*\*\*Lickona, Thomas. (1992) *Educating for Character. How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility*. New York: Bantam Books.

Murphy, Madonna, Ph. D. (1998) *Character Education in America's Blue Ribbon Schools: Best Practices for Meeting the Challenge*.

Parke, Elaine. (2001) *Join the Golden Rule Revolution: Practice One Habit . . . Each Month of the Year*. Caring Media International.

Ryan, Kevin, and Karen Bohlin. (1999) *Building Character in Schools. Practical Ways to Bring Moral Instruction to Life*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Sadlow, Sarah. (1998) *Advisor/Advisee Character Education. Lesson for Teachers and Counselors*. Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Group

Scully, Jennifer L. (2000) *The Power of Social Skills in Character Development. Helping Diverse Learners Succeed.* Dude Publishing.

Wiley, Lori Sandford. (1998) *Comprehensive Character-Building Classroom.* Longwood Communications.

Wynne, Edward A., and Kevin Ryan. (1993) *Reclaiming Our Schools: A Handbook on Teaching Character, Academics, and Discipline.* New York: Merrill Press.

\*\*\*Vincent, Philip Fitch. (1994) *Developing Character in Students – A Primer for Teachers, Parents and Communities.* Chapel Hill, NC: New View Publications

## Books for Parents and Community Members

\*\*\*Covey, Stephen R. (1989) *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Restoring the Character Ethic.* New York: Simon and Schuster.

Devine, Tony, Seuk, Joon Ho, and Wilson, Andrew (2000) *Cultivating Heart and Character: Educating for Life's Most Essential Goals.* Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Publishing.

Godfrey, John F. and McLean, Rob (1999) *The Canada We Want: Competing Visions for the New Millennium.* Stoddart Publishing.

Goleman, Daniel. (1994) *Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ.* New York: Bantam Books.

Hoffman, Judy, and Anne Lee. (1997) *Character Education Workbook for School Boards, Administrators & Community Leaders.* Chapel Hill, N.C.: Character Development Group.

Josephson, Michael S. and Hanson, Wes, Editors. (1998) *The Power of Character: Prominent Americans Talk About Life, Family, Work, Values and More.*

Kaufman, Barry N. (1994) *Happiness is a Choice.* Fawcett.

Lantieri, Linda and Patti, Janet. (1996) *Waging Peace in Our Schools.* Beacon Press.

LeGette, Helen R. (1999) *Parents, Kids & Character. 21 Strategies to Help Your Children Develop Good Character,* Chapel Hill, N.C: Character Development Press.

\*\*\*Lickona, Thomas. (1994) *Raising Good Children.* New York: Bantam Books.

Reuben, Dr. Steven Carr. (1997) *Children of Character. Leading Your Children to Ethical Choices in Everyday Life. A Parent's Guide.* Santa Monica, CA: Canter and Associates, Inc.

Schulman, Michael and Mekler, Eva. (1985) *Bringing Up a Moral Child: A New Approach for Teaching Your Child to Be Kind, Just, and Responsible.* Reading, Massachusetts: Addison Wesley.

Somerville, Margaret (2000) *The Ethical Canary: Science, Society and the Human Spirit.* Penguin Books

\*\*\*Steiner, Claude. (1997) *Achieving Emotional Literacy. A Personal Program to Increase Your Emotional Intelligence.* New York: Avon Books.

Somerville, Margaret A. (1999) *Do We Care? Renewing Canada's Commitment to Health*. McGill-Queen's University Press.

Somerville, Margaret A. (2000) *The Ethical Canary: Science, Society and the Human Spirit*. Penguin Books of Canada

Urban, Hal (1997) *Life's Greatest Lessons*. Great Lessons Press.

Urban, Hal (1992) *Twenty Things I Want My Kids to Know*. Thomas Nelson Press.

## Books for Students

Bennett, William, Editor (1997) *The Book of Virtues for Young People*. New York, New York: Simon and Schuster.

\*\*\*Covey, Sean. (1998) *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers*. Distican

Covey, Sean (1999) *Daily Reflections for Highly Effective Teenagers*. Fireside.

Delisle, Jim. (1991) *Kidstories: Biographies of 20 Young People You'd Like to Know*. Free Spirit Publishing, Inc.

Lewis, Barbara. (1997) *What Do You Stand For? A Kid's Guide to Building Character*. Free Spirit Publishing.

Waldman, Jackie. (2000) *Teens with the Courage to Give. Young People Who Triumphed Over Tragedy and Volunteered to Make a Difference*. Berkley, CA: Conari Press

## Videos and other Resources

Acgunitedlearning.com. Video sets on the following: [Getting in Character Series](#) (Integrity, Kindness, Respect and Responsibility), [Do the Right Thing Series](#) (Big Shot [Leadership], Good Better Best! [Work Ethic], Making Wrongs Right [Accountability], and Without Mirrors [Self-Acceptance]), [Conflict Resolution Series](#) (Abuse in Relationships, Anger alternatives, Bullies, Criticism, Parenting Adolescents [for parents], Peer Pressure and Teachers Effective Communication [for teachers])

Aranha, Mary C. ( ) *Leadership: The Character Education Imperative*.

Choosing Community: Classroom Strategies for Learning and Caring. (1995) Four videos and a facilitator's guide.

Character Way: A Video-Based Learning Program for Elementary School Children. Three video set for grades 1/2, grades 3/4 and grades 5/6. Includes a teacher video, teacher's guide and cooperative games cards.

Giraffe.com *Giraffe K-12 Heroes Program*. This resource is a story-based program that uses books, videos and a whole-school approach.

Goleman, Daniel. (1996) *Emotional Intelligence. A New Vision for Educators*. Video.

Goleman, Daniel; Gardner, Howard; and Csikszentmihaly, Mihaly. (1998) *Optimizing Intelligences, Thinking, Emotions, and Creativity*. Hosted by Peter Saloney. Video.

Glasser, William. *Building a Quality School: A Matter of Responsibility*. Video.

In Search of Character: A Character Education Video Series for Grades 6-12. (10 video set on 10 different virtues). Produced by Elkind+Sweet in association with Character Counts!

Kagan, Dr. Spencer. (1999) *Building Character Through Cooperative Learning*. (There is a companion book, *Cooperative Learning*, also available)

Lickona, Dr. Thomas. (1996) *Character Education: Restoring Respect and Responsibility in Our Schools*. Video.

Lickona, Dr. Thomas and Lewis, Catherine. (1997) *Eleven Principals of Effective Character Education*. Video.

Lisy-Macan, Lynn and Harris, Pat. (1998) *Character Education: Application in the Classroom*. There is an elementary school version and a secondary school version.

Right Choices. Tampa, FL: Worldview Publishing

Vincent, Philip Fitch. *Rules and Procedures for Character Education: The First Step Towards Civility*. Video.

### A More Extensive List of Books

Bernardo, Rudy, Frye, Linda, Smith Deborah and Fov, Genieve. *Building Character Schoolwide: Creating a Caring Community in Your School*. Chapel Hill, NC: Character Development Group.

Bolton, Bruce. (1997) *Their Best Selves. Building Character Education and Service Learning Together in the Lives of Young People*. Washington, D.C.: Council of Chief State School Officers.

Brooks, B. David and Goble, Frank. (1997) *The Case for Character: The Role of the School in Teaching Values and Virtue*. Studio Four Productions.

Character Education Resources. 11 books which have lessons, activities and strategies from grades K to 12. Argus Publishing.

Charney, Ruth S. (1997) *Habits of Goodness: Case Studies in the Social Curriculum*. Northeast Foundation for Children.

Charney, Ruth S. (1992) *Teaching Children to Care: Management in the Responsive Classroom*. Northeast Foundation for Children.

Christesen, Mirka and Wasilewski, Susan. (2000) *Character Kaleidoscope: A Practical, Standards-Based Resource Guide for Character Development*. Dude Publishing.

Creative Teaching Press. (1996) *Character Education Charts*. Creative Teaching Press.

Colborne, R. Garnet; Ramsden, J. R. and Gambell, Trevor J. (1997) *Character Building : Drama Activities for the Middle and Secondary Years*. ITP Nelson.

Dotson, Anne C. (1997) *Teaching Character: Teacher's Idea Book*. Character Development Publishing. There is also a Parent's Idea Book available.

Etzioni, Amitai; Berkowitz, Marvin W.; and Wilcox, W. Bradford. (1997) *Character Building for a Democratic Civil Society*. Washinton, DC: The Communitarian Network 1994 The Communitari

Etzioni, Amitai. (1998) *The New Golden Rule: Community and Morality in a Democratic Society*. HarperCollins Canada, Ltd.

Hargreaves, Andy and Michael Fullan (1996) *What's Worth Fighting For? Working Together for Improvement*. Scholarly Book Services.

Heidel, John and Lyman-Mersereau, Marion. (1999) *Character Education: Grades K-6 Year 1*. Incentive Publishing.

Heidel, John, Janke, Jennifer E. and Lyman-Mersereau, Marion. (1999) *Character Education: Grades K-6 Year 2*. Incentive Publishing.

Heidel, John and Lyman-Mersereau, Marion. (1999) *Character Education: Grades 6-12 Year 1*. Incentive Publishing.

Heidel, John and Lyman-Mersereau, Marion. (1999) *Character Education: Grades 6-12 Year 2*. Incentive Publishing.

Huffman, Henry. (1993) Character Education Without Turmoil. *Educational Leadership* 51, No. 3

Integrity! Encinitas, CA: KidCite/Teel Institute (An entire curriculum. Staff development is also provided.)

Kohlberg, Lawrence. (1981) *Essays on Moral Development Vol. 1, The Philosophy of Moral Development*. New York: Harper & Row

Leming, James. (1993) In Search of Effective Character Education. *Educational Leadership*, 51, No.3.

Lickona, Thomas; Schaps, Eric; and Lewis, Catherine. (1995) *Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education*. Washinton, DC: Character Education Partnership.

Mitchell, Michael and Wotring, William E. (1996) *Speaking of Character: Great Quotations That Teach and Inspire*. Myrtle Beach, SC. OPS International

No Putdowns Program Guides. Includes a program guide for each grade level (K-6), a program guide for support staff and a student motivational Rap video (28 minutes).

Piaget, Jean. (1965) *The Moral Judgment of the Child*. New York: Free Press.

Stirling, Diane; Archibald, Georgia; McKay, Linda and Berg, Shelley. (1999) *Character Education Connections for School, Home and Community. A Guide for Integrating Character Education*. St. Louis, MO: PREP.

Vincent, Philip Fitch, Editor. (1996) *Promising Practices in Character Education: Nine Success Stories From Around the Country*. Chapel Hill: Character Hill Development Group.

Vincent, Philip Fitch, Editor. (1999) *Promising Practices in Character Education, Volume 2*. Chapel Hill: Character Hill Development Group.