We’ve been busy over the summer adding to the Learning Commons, CEC collection of professional resources, available to WCDSB Staff. Here are just a few of the great titles you can request by emailing Resource.Bookings@wcdsb.ca:

**Content Curation: How to Avoid Information Overload**  
Steven W. Anderson (2015)  
From Twitter hashtags to online communities, this handy guide will help you to find, store, and share the best information and resources found on the web today—and teach your students to do the same.

**What Connected Educators Do Differently**  
Todd Whitaker, Jeff Zoul, Jimmy Casas (2015)  
Examines how being a connected educator--by using social media to connect with peers across the country and even across the globe--will greatly enhance your own learning and your success in a school or classroom.

**Helping Children Succeed: What Works and Why**  
Paul Tough (2015)  
Shares research showing that personal qualities like perseverance, self-control, and conscientiousness play a critical role in children’s success.

**Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance**  
Angela Duckworth (2015)  
Pioneering psychologist Angela Duckworth shows that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls grit.

**Hacking Your Education**  
Offers valuable advice on creating learning opportunities for yourself and how to design your own curriculum - inside or outside the classroom.

**Originals: How Non-Conformists Move the World**  
Adam M. Grant (2015)  
Grant explores how parents and teachers can nurture originality in children and how leaders can fight groupthink to build cultures that welcome dissent.
Off the Clock: Moving Education from TIME to COMPETENCY
Fred Bramante; Rose L. Colby (2012)
This text for educators, policymakers, parents, and community members provides a comprehensive approach to implementing a large-scale competency-based reform initiative.

Overloaded and Underprepared: Strategies for Stronger Schools and Healthy, Successful Kids
Denise Pope; Maureen Brown; Sarah Miles (2015)
Filled with practical suggestions and exercises that can be implemented easily, as well as advice on how to approach long-term change, Overloaded and Underprepared is a clear and compelling roadmap for teachers, school administrators and parents who believe that we owe our children a better education.

The Sketchnote Handbook: The Illustrated Guide to Visual Note Taking
Mike Rohde (2012)
The Sketchnote Handbook explains and illustrates practical sketchnote techniques for taking visual notes at your own pace as well as in real time during meetings and events.

Learn Like a Pirate: Empower Your Students to Collaborate, Lead and Succeed
Paul Solarz (2015)
In Learn Like a PIRATE, teachers will discover practical strategies for creating a student-led classroom in which students are inspired and empowered to take charge of their learning experience.

New staff resources are posted as they arrive on the VLC’s Staff page (http://vlcguides.wcdsb.ca/home/staff)

For more great suggestions, please see the staff in your school’s Learning Commons.