COMMON READING INITIATIVE

The purpose of the Common Reading Initiative (CRI) is two-fold: first, to introduce new students to academic discourse prior to the start of classes; and second, to engage the entire GGC community in a common intellectual experience through year-long programming. The common reading program also provides students with an enjoyable and positive reading experience, to reinforce the message that reading is an integral part of the college experience, to foster a sense of community among other students, faculty and staff; and to help students make connections between classroom and out-of-classroom experiences.

The Office of Student Involvement and the Student Center will provide FREE books to students and faculty who wish to make the CRI a part of their class requirement. The book selection for this semester is The Thinking Life.

If you are interested in the CRI or if you have any questions regarding the CRI, please contact the faculty coordinator Dr. Vickie Williams or Dr. Maria Arvelo Lumpkin, Director of Student Involvement and the Student Center at 678.407.5582 getinvolved.ggc.edu. We appreciate your partnership. The CRI Committee and Faculty-Staff Partners for this 2013-2014 is as follows:

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THE THINKING LIFE
How to Thrive in the Age of Distraction

P. M. Forni
St. Martin's Griffin

How do we turn off the noise of daily life, turn on our brains, and begin to engage in that fundamental human activity known as thinking again? P.M. Forni, America's civility expert has given some thought to how we can successfully think our way through a greatly distracting world and live a better life. In The Thinking Life, he looks at the importance of thinking: how we do it, why we don't do it enough and why we need to do more of it. In twelve short chapters, he gives readers a remedy for the Age of Distraction, an age fuelled by social networking overload, compulsive texting and an omnipresent stream of cellphone calls. He shows how to put aside time each day to improve:

Attention, Introspection, Self-control, Positive thinking, Proactive thinking, Decision making, Creative thinking and Problem solving

Just as Forni did with civility, he puts the importance of good thinking front and center in a book as lucid and profound as his earlier works.