



Dr. Faye Pappalardo

Great Readers, Great Leaders

We are delighted to feature book recommendations from Dr. Faye Pappalardo.

Dr. Pappalardo's Bio

We are honored to feature book recommendations from Dr. Faye Pappalardo, President of Carroll Community College, a position she has held for 15 years. Under her leadership, Carroll Community College (CCC) has nearly doubled in enrollment. Today, CCC offers over 40 career transfer programs, including Engineering, Physical Therapy, Teaching, and Accounting.

Since 1999, CCC's extensive campus expansion has included the theater building, business training center, Nursing and Allied Health Building and two classroom buildings, as well as the Mt. Airy College Center for Health Care Education, a partnership with neighboring community colleges.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Pappalardo has developed CCC into a significant center for workforce development. CCC implemented a nursing program which graduated its first class of registered nurses in 2005. The college has a robust continuing education and training program; in addition, it provides a wide range of training and consulting services designed to support small businesses through its Miller Center for Small Business, working in close partnership with the Carroll County Department of Economic Development.

Dr. Pappalardo first joined CCC in 1988 as Director of Student Affairs. At that time, the college was affiliated with Catonsville Community College. She was instrumental in developing the case for an independent community college in Carroll County, which was established in 1993.

Dr. Pappalardo was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the *Daily Record* and Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year. She serves on the Carroll County Economic Development Commission, is Chair of the Scouting Advisory Committee, and served on the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Carroll Hospice.

Dr. Pappalardo received a Bachelor of Science degree from Mt. St. Mary's College, a Master of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University, and a Doctorate in Higher and Adult Education from Columbia University. She completed Harvard University's Institute for Management of Lifelong Learning and received a certificate in French Studies from L'Institute Catholique de Paris.

Passionate about providing top notch education to her students and lifelong learning opportunities to the community, Dr. Pappalardo has transformed CCC into a much-loved institution and source of community pride, hosting important community events, including the annual Penguin Random House Book Fair, the Starry Night Gala, summer camps for children and an annual Civil War Symposium. Dr. Pappalardo will be retiring in June 2014. She can be very proud of her superb achievements. Carroll County is the fortunate beneficiary of her vision and commitment. We wish her a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement with time to enjoy lots of good books!

Dr. Pappalardo's Reads

[Dances with Luigi: A Grandson's Search for His Italian Roots by Paul E. Paolicelli](#)

Book Description: The author, a veteran television journalist, moves to another country to discover his ancestors. Luigi, his guide and friend, accompanies the author to many parts of Italy to study the impact of World War II on the country where his roots were founded.

Why Dr. Pappalardo Loves This Book: *My grandparents are from Italy, so this book is very nostalgic for me. It is so warm and touching to read about this grandson who wants to learn more about his heritage. I feel something in common with the character in this book.*

[Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson](#)

Book Description: The biggest manhunt in the history of the United States may have been for the murderer of Abraham Lincoln. John Wilkes Booth, the assassin, caused a wild 12-day chase through Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. The book chronicles the aftermath of one of the darkest days in Presidential history.

Why Dr. Pappalardo Loves This Book: *This book is a chilling narrative of how Booth was premeditated in his actions. He was chased throughout familiar Maryland places, which made me picture how the events unfolded in a very realistic fashion.*

[The Broker by John Grisham](#)

Book Description: A last-minute pardon is granted to a federal prisoner, but no one knows the background behind the pardon.

Why Dr. Pappalardo Loves This Book: *The writing is vivid; the characters are true-to-life and are very believable.*

[A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy](#)

Book Description: In a small, west coast town where neighbors are close, the main character becomes interested in an old mansion overlooking the ocean to turn it into a restful, holiday destination.

Why Dr. Pappalardo Loves This Book: *The characters are engaging, almost like your friends. I found myself wishing that I could go on this holiday.*

[The Sicilian by Mario Puzo](#)

Book Description: The author describes the Italian national culture as he examines what he calls "the two Italies."

Why Dr. Pappalardo Loves This Book: *I have an affinity for Sicily. The characters in this book are likeable because it is hard to remember they are criminals when they speak so lovingly of their families.*

[Late Have I Loved Thee: Selected Writings of Saint Augustine on Love by Augustine of Hippo](#)

Book Description: This is the first collection of Saint Augustine's creative writings on love. The author describes the human ability to love, the choices about what and how to love, and the commandment to love God first.

Why Dr. Pappalardo Loves This Book: *This is a very reverent and warm accounting of St. Augustine and his convictions within the Catholic faith. The book describes St. Augustine's beautiful journey through life.*

[Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back by Todd Burpo](#)

Book Description: A little boy survives life-saving surgery and returns to consciousness with amazing stories of his knowledge of heaven.

Why Dr. Pappalardo Loves This Book: *The main character in this book has an amazing spiritual encounter during a near death experience. To his parent's astonishment, the young boy recounts many true details from the past.*

[Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife by Dr. Eben Alexander](#)

Book Description: Dr. Eben Alexander is a neurosurgeon who at one time argued that near-death experiences were not real. After he develops a rare illness, he has an experience with the afterlife and makes a case for the authenticity of the experience.

Why Dr. Pappalardo Loves This Book: *Once a skeptic about the afterlife, the main character in this book has a major change of heart when he has a personal experience. This book causes the reader to think more deeply about the veracity of the concept of life after death.*

