



'no more empty buildings'



E-Blast

www.coolspacelocator.com

September 2006

· *Featured Neighborhood: Bellevue*

Cool Bellevue Tenant: Thinktank

After viewing cooperative writing communities in New York City, writer Tom Buell decided to bring back his inspiration in the form of Thinktank, a collaborative space for creative professionals. Buell envisioned a workspace that retained the “incubator-type atmosphere” of a coffeehouse and the professional necessities—a copier, fax machine, and generous electrical outlets—of an office. Here, members pay a small fee for a key to the space, where they can work anytime. The membership is not just limited to writers—anyone who wants a collaborative, creative environment is welcome to join.

Occupying the upper floor of the former G.C. Murphy variety store building, this space consists of an eclectic collection of cubicles, desks, tables, a few sofas, and chairs so members can choose a different space to work every time they enter. Large windows flank each of the exterior walls, letting the muted sounds of Bellevue remind members of the community outside. The openness of Thinktank’s layout, one of the space’s cool characteristics, encourages collaboration and inspiration among its members.



Thinktank Interior