Message from the Media Librarian

The air is crisp and the burning bushes are starting to turn flaming red, an indication that another busy fall semester is well underway. Carpeting of the lower level was completed just as the semester started. Educational Resources Collections (ERC) is back in full service and all of the music books will soon be back in their permanent location in the lower level southwest corner. Also, if you have not already discovered this, the University Libraries web pages have a new look. The conversion of the Libraries’ web site from Vignette to SiteCore has been completed. From the Libraries’ home page, ERC can be located by clicking on “Collections and Departments” in the right hand column. Also, in this column is access to “Essential Links For...” This is where you’ll find a link to services for faculty as well as links for other library users. Elsewhere in this newsletter there are articles about new materials and equipment in ERC. If you have questions or specific needs, let us hear from you. I can be reached at 5-5333.

New Circulating Digital Equipment

Several new types of equipment have been added to the circulating digital equipment collection. First is the hand-held SD video camera, Panasonic SDR-S50. Features include a 78X enhanced optical zoom, long recording mode, and hi-speed USB for data transfer. Second is the Canon PowerShot SX20 IS digital camera featuring 12.1 mega pixels and 20X wide zoom. Finally, a Lacie 1 TB external hard disk is available that is compatible with both Windows and Mac OS systems.

Unique Musical Instruments

Teaching music? Setting up a display? Educational Resources Collections has instruments from numerous origins and countries. Among the most recent additions are boomwhackers in the colors of the rainbow, a hand-painted Australian didgeridoo, and a 20-note brightly colored handbell set intended for teaching music to children. There are also autoharps, maracas, claves, Indian drums, thumb pianos, tambourines, castanets, an Irish harp, a lyre, and many more. An advanced search on CardCat choosing Realia as the format and using the key words “Musical Instruments” will provide a broader list of selections. Or use the Mega Media Finder to set up your search. Instruments may be checked out for 2-weeks with the possibility of 2 renewals.
News from the Educational Resources Collections

Viewing Booths in ERC!
Need to watch a video? There are eleven viewing booths available in the Educational Resources Collections (ERC) with equipment for various formats. Make yourself at home watching a DVD, Blu-ray disc, VHS tape, 16mm film, or even a laser disc. Wireless headphones and 42-in. plasma screens are available in three booths, 32-in screens are installed in two booths and 22-in flat panel monitors in five others. The larger booths comfortably hold up to six people and the smaller ones will accommodate two. Educational Resources personnel are ready to assist you as needed.

Meet Jerry Pinkney, 2010 Caldecott Medal Winner
A self described storyteller at heart, Jerry Pinkney, is an awarding winning illustrator. In addition to the 2010 Caldecott Medal for The Lion & the Mouse, he has received multiple Caldecott Honor Awards, Coretta Scott King Awards, and many other accolades. In the ERC collection, there are over 30 titles that represent Jerry Pinkney’s work. Browse the collection for his outstanding illustrations found in youth books such as Noah’s Ark, The Ugly Duckling and John Henry.

What’s New?
Examples of recent acquisitions:

DVD Video
Inquiry circles in elementary classrooms [videorecording]: new strategies for comprehension and collaboration / [video producer, Margaret Broucek]. DVD VIDEO 6441

Curriculum Guides

Reading essentials [videorecording] / producer, Diane Dimoff; script writer, Diane Dimoff; a Films for the Humanities & Sciences presentation. Films for the Humanities & Sciences, c2010. DVD VIDEO 8242

A place out of time the Bordentown School / Hudson West Productions ; directed by Dave Davidson ; produced by Dave Davidson, Amber Edwards. Distributed by PBS Distribution, c2010. DVD VIDEO 8240

For an up-to-date look at nutrition, check out ERC’s new 3-D food pyramid model.

Food for Thought...
For a nutrition model visit the ERC collection.

New Audiobooks!
2-week Loan, plus 2 renewals

Featuring Award Winning Illustrator, Jerry Pinkney

Youth Books

The red pyramid / Rick Riordan. Disney/Hyperion Books, c2010. 800 R585RE