Message from the Media Librarian

Spring Break is over, the daffodils and forsythia are putting on a glorious show, and students are wrapping up projects while preparing for final exams. Departmental budget cuts across campus make our existing collections and resources that much more valuable. Educational Resources Collections are full of terrific resources to help your students shine during those projects and presentations. Brief articles about the video cameras, games, as well as the plush toys and puppets that support children’s literature and many other subjects taught in the classroom follow this letter. There is also a short review of the newest Newbery award winning youth book. See the March issue of the Library Insider for an informative article on the Cardinal Scholar Repository and how it enhances options for the distribution of BSU research publishing. I hope you find something of interest to help the end of the semester wrap up with extra excitement.

Camcorders - It’s all about choices!

Zoom in with your favorite digital camcorder from the Educational Resources Collections. Video recording is a popular activity driven by both professional endeavors and personal interests. Our camcorder collection started a couple of years ago with a few Sony PD170 models. With the recent addition of Samsung Flashcam and Kodak Zi8 pocket camcorders, now it’s all about choices. The sophisticated user who wants advanced features as well as superior picture and sound quality may still opt for the Sony. Remember to bring your own Mini DV tape.

If a compact model is more your style, the Samsung Flashcam is a good choice for ease of use and clear shots. This model has 16GBs of internal memory, but bring along a Secure Digital (SD) card to expand the memory.

For high definition, try the sleek Kodak Zi8. It is known for being You-Tube compatible and also records to an SD card.

All camcorders check out for 6 hours (no overnight loans) with the option of 2 renewals.

Books, toys and more!

Bring a story to life! Educational Resources Collections has accompanying puppets and plush toys for many classic children’s stories such as Where the Wild Things Are, Curious George, and Cat in the Hat. Using 3-D materials along with a youth book is a sure way to make the imagination soar.
Review of Newbery Winner, *When You Reach Me*

*When You Reach Me* written by Rebecca Stead is the Newbery Winner for 2010. Main character Miranda receives cryptic notes from someone in the future stating that he/she is trying to save her friend’s life. In order for the messenger to do so, Miranda must write him a letter about what’s currently going on in her life. Despite the evidence the sender provides her, she finds it hard to believe the cryptic notes. A fine introduction into science fiction and easy to follow, this book is available in the youth collection along with other Newbery winners.

Let the Games Begin!

What better way to immerse students into learning than by playing an interactive educational game? The Educational Resources Collections has games galore covering almost every subject imaginable. Explore history with *Professor Noggin’s Medieval Times Card Game*, increase math skills with *Niktu: a game of algebraic thinking*, or expand vocabulary with *Word Sweep*! Choose from a wide array of games that circulate for 2 weeks. Find them listed in CardCat by doing an advanced search and selecting “Games” as the format.

What’s New?

**Examples of recent acquisitions:**

- **DVD Video**
- **ADHD & LD** [videorecording]: powerful teaching strategies and accommodations: response-to-intervention (RTI) in the classroom / [presented by] National Professional Resources, [2008] 1 videodisc (54 min.). Call number: DVD VIDEO 5563

**Curriculum Guides**


- **Learning in motion: 101+ sensory activities for the classroom** / Patricia Angermeier, Joan Krzyzanowski, Kristina Keller Moir ; illustrated by Catherine Krzyzanowski. Future Horizons, c2009. Call number: 372.21 A1 L43 2009

- **RTI [videorecording]: create your own response to intervention** / [a Forum on Education production in association with Elephant Rock Productions ; Indiana University]. c2007. 2 videodiscs (195 min.). Call number: DVD VIDEO 6036 DISC 1-12

**Young Books**

- **My people** / Langston Hughes ; photographs by Charles R. Smith Jr. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2009. Call number: 811.54 H893MY


- **The ultimate guide to your microscope** / Shar Levine & Leslie Johnstone. Sterling Pub., c2008. Call number: 578 L665UL