

Alice Hagar Curriculum Connection



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Curriculum Connection : connecting the Alice Hagar Curriculum Center with the UW-L School of Education. This is the second newsletter from the Curriculum Center. Find out what is happening in the center, the latest news, new books and resources, events coming up, services offered, a few historical fun facts, and especially what we can do to better serve and work with you, your students and anyone interested in education resources.

Collection Development

Every Saturday morning, I have a ritual. I make myself a cup of tea, have a look at the news and eventually settle in for my weekly email list of 'new books', scouting for interesting titles to order for our library. Collection Development is the shop talk for this. Subjects that were assigned to me are: Education, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Children's Literature, Student Affairs, Biology and LGBT. It's amazing to see how many new books appear every single week. We try and keep up with research, current affairs, and hot new takes on issues. Most of us at Murphy are generalists and not subject specialists. Shopping for books is therefore a thrilling but questioning affair. Titles that to us seem "must-have's" may not be checked out at all over a 5 year period. How do we know which ones to order? It is certainly not a science. If I have heard about research interests or seen a certain class syllabus or worked with an instructor, then I know what to look for. The rest is

taking an educated guess. Let us know what you'd like to see in our collection-- issues that are up and coming, authors you want to read, titles you'd like to use in class for assignments. Every department has a library liaison with money to spend too. [Here](#) are the liaisons for 2012-13. Let that person know, or send me an email. I'll put it on my radar. Our library collection is *our collective collection* and everyone has a say if they want to take it!

Don't hesitate to contact us: Teri Talpe, Curriculum Librarian: ttalpe@uwlax.edu office phone 5-8944 and Karen Lange: Library Advanced Curriculum Assistant klange@uwlax.edu office 5-8509.





Book Sale



Educational database subscription decisions

Our e-resource librarians are constantly negotiating with database vendors to obtain the best services for the best prices. We strive to seek a balance of meeting your research and curriculum interests and making fiscally responsible decisions.

After comparing indexed articles, full text articles and prices, the library decided to cancel our subscription to Education Full Text (via EbscoHost) and use our free access via [BadgerLink](#) for Education Research Complete. If you would like more details or have questions/concerns please contact our e-resources librarian Jen Holman

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Update on the ERIC digitization project

As you may have heard, there was extremely sensitive information revealed in many articles and documents that were recently digitized. ERIC radically modified its process and full text is not 100% available at this time. They have, however, created a team who is screening all articles for sensitive information at a fairly rapid pace, considering the sheer volume that needs to be combed. At this point they are saying that 65% of their full text articles are up. For more info, read the latest update from ERIC [here](#).

Murphy Book Sale

Our bi-annual book sale is fast approaching. Come to the second floor, room 270, of Murphy to browse the bargains! The sale starts Wednesday, Nov 14 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and continues Thursday, Nov 15 (same hours) and ends Friday, Nov 16 when you can fill a bag for \$5.00. The sale consists of books that have been recently weeded from our collection and donations that we elect not to catalog. There are books on all subjects including a large collection of children's books, easy readers and Young Adult--videos and DVD's, local school textbooks plus a special collection corner!