It has been ten years, and UWL’s STEM Teacher Resource Day is growing stronger every year. Come and celebrate this 10th anniversary at Murphy Library.

Ten years ago, in 2006, thanks to the generous funding of the Paul Stry Foundation, a team from UWL’s Murphy Library (John Jax and Karen Lange) and the Biology Department (Dr. Tim Gerber) were able to transform an inspired idea into an educational achievement.

Every year, the Curriculum Center team studies the major sources of award-winning STEM materials that have been recognized by K-12 educational science experts. The team selects the very best of those to be added to the Curriculum Center collections and to be featured at the STEM Teacher Resource Day.
The Murphy Library STEM resource collection for K-12 pre-service and in-service teachers has been recognized throughout the UW System as well as the state of Wisconsin, including a Governor’s Commendation for innovative development of STEM resources.

This year’s program marks ten years of teachers and students in the La Crosse area being exposed to the best STEM publications, books, multimedia, and kits of the year. By attending the STEM Teacher Resource Day, area educators and school media specialists can get a hands-on familiarity with the new STEM materials, network with event organizers and other area specialists, and make the best choices for their own collections. That means informed choices for tight budgets.

We would be happy to see you drop in, bring your class, or encourage your students to stop by.

This year, science and naturalist author Sy Montgomery will be our featured author. Sy has written several award-winning books for both children and adults. Her writing has been described as “Equal parts poet and scientist” (The New York Times), and “Part Indiana Jones and part Emily Dickinson” (The Boston Globe). Some of her books span reading levels and ages on the same topic, making her a great example of how to create displays, lessons, and promote science literature in the classroom.

As an added bonus to this year’s STEM Teacher Resource Day, Murphy library has invited La Crosse storytellers Terry Visger and Michael Scott.

On Monday, April 18, at 3:45 pm, Terry Visger will be reading science books out loud, giving some book talk tips, and answering questions for those wishing to improve their book talk talents.

Michael Scott will be reading at 10 am Tuesday, April 19; an exact starting time has yet to be confirmed.

Terry Visger will be reading at 3:30 pm on Monday, April 18.

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**Children’s Book With a Social Justice Focus**

**Colour of Home**
by Mary Hoffman  
Call number: ordered

This remarkably moving picture book follows first-grader Hassan through his first few days at school. Hassan has only recently arrived in the United States after he and his family were forced to flee Somalia, and he deeply misses the colorful landscape of his former home in Africa.

**Last Stop on Market Street**
Words by Matt De La Peña  
Images by Christian Robinson  
Call number: E Del

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don’t own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn’t he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them.

**What Does Peace Feel Like?**
by Vladimir Radunsky  
Call number: ordered

What does peace really mean? Ask children from around the world, and this is what they say....

**My Daddy Is in Jail:**  
Discussion Guide and Small Group  
by Janet M. Bender  
Call number: 362.8 B46

“My Daddy is in Jail” is a long overdue resource for helping children cope with the incarceration of a loved one. It includes a read-aloud story, discussion guide, caregiver suggestions and optional small group counseling activities.

**Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen**
by Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan  
Call number: E Dis

“A straightforward fictional view of an urban soup kitchen, as observed by a boy visiting it with his ‘Uncle Willie’, who works there every day....”

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**Did you know...**

- As a member of the UWL community, you have access to a collection of high quality, award winning, and hand picked children’s books?
- You can schedule a customized library instruction for your class?
- The STEM Teach Resource Day won the 2007 Governor's Commendation?
- We are adding children's books on Social Justice themes?
- You have a faculty library liaison, Ahmed Ali who communicates directly with the collection development librarian and who can facilitate your book and resource requests?

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