



Alice Hagar

CURRICULUM CONNECTION

Murphy Library

Spring 2016

Volume 4, Issue 1





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.



A N N U A L

STEM Teacher Resource Day

Monday, April 18, 2016 8 am - 6 pm
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 8 am - 11:30 am

@The Institute for Campus Excellence,
Room 150, Murphy Library, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse





The first STEM Teacher Resource Day Event team - Stefan Smith, John Jax, Dr. Tim Gerber, and Karen Lange.



2015 STEM Teacher Resource Day Event team - Dr. Tim Gerber, Karen Lange, and John Jax.

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.

Live Book Talks With Local Storytellers

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.

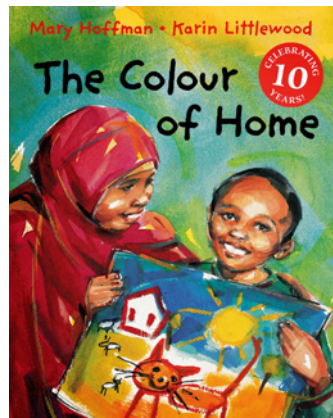
Michael Scott will be reading at 10 am Tuesday, April 19; an exact starting time has yet to be confirmed.

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



Michael Scott will be reading at 10 am Tuesday, April 19.

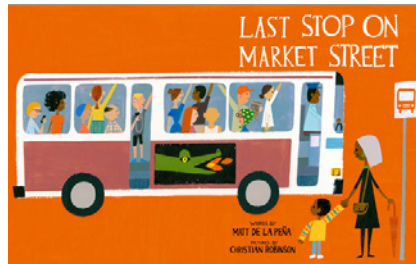
Children's Book With a Social Justice Focus



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..."

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?

The Alice Hagar Curriculum Connection is published for the School of Education and users of the Alice Hagar Curriculum Center at Murphy Library, UW-L by [Teri Holford-Talpe](#).

Teri Holford-Talpe
Academic Engagement
and Curriculum
Librarian



608.785.8944
tholford-talpe@uwlax.edu