New Items


Maker Cookbook: Recipes for Children’s and ‘Tweens Library Programs, by Cindy R. Wall, CURRMAT Z718.3.W35 2014.


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What Are They?

Curriculum materials help teachers & students in the learning process. They include:
- Textbooks
- Lesson plans
- Tests
- Activity sheets
- Videos
- Pictures
- Games & models
- Equipment & supplies

University libraries often have curriculum materials to support college students majoring in Education.

Finding Them

Penn State Harrisburg’s CMC is on the 3rd floor of the Library. They are grouped by “Library of Congress” subjects:
- B–J: Social Studies, History, Character Education, Life Skills
- L: “General” programs that cover many topics (especially Reading)
- P: Language Arts, Reading
- QA: Math
- Q, QB–QH: Science
- QP–R: Health

To search, use the CAT, http://cat.libraries.psu.edu
—First, click on the “Advanced Search”
—Then, type in your search words
—Next, go to “Location” & choose “Penn State Harrisburg—Curriculum Materials”
—Click on the “Search” button

Choosing the Best

Some questions to ask:
- Grade / age level?
- “Comprehensive” (covers all topics for the grade level) or “supplementary” (extra activities to extend or enhance basic lessons)?
- For one-on-one, small groups, or classrooms?
- What is the underlying educational theory, philosophy, or framework of ideas?
- Must teach in a certain order (sequence)?
- Used in real classrooms?
- Proven effective?
- HINT: ask the librarian for help in finding evaluations!
- Correlation to state standards?
- Correlation to other standards, such as NCSS, NCTE, NCTM, or NAS?
- Requires equipment or supplies? (common for science programs)