

Curriculum Resource Center

Check It Out!

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Updates

The Curriculum Resource Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Jerome Library. Stop by and visit us any time! This special collection contains the following materials primarily in support of teacher preparation programs: Award-winning fiction and non-fiction literature for children and young adults, preK-12 textbooks and activity books for lesson planning, puppets, big books, pop-up books, primary source picture files, educational kits, games and manipulatives and children's magazines. The Libraries also subscribes to more than 20 education online databases which contain scholarly research literature, primary source documents, book reviews, ebooks, reading suggestions and more.

We have been busy in the Curriculum Resource Center (CRC) this summer getting ready for students and faculty to return. Here are a few changes you should be aware of:

- The CRC will close at 9:00 pm Sundays through Thursdays this semester. Please let your students know this so they can adjust their use of the Teaching Aid Area which contains the puppets, teaching aids, picture files, pop-ups, laminator, Ellison machine/die cuts & reserves.
- Check out our updated [CRC Website](https://www.bgsu.edu/library/crc.html) [<https://www.bgsu.edu/library/crc.html>].
- We have refreshed our [LIBGUIDES](#) which help students navigate our collection to find materials quickly and efficiently to complete projects. If you are interested in having one of these custom made for your class, contact Joe (ijprinc@bgsu.edu) or Colleen (cboff@bgsu.edu).
- If you would like to put materials on Reserve in the CRC for your students to access, contact Jess Mullins at jbmulli@bgsu.edu.

Spotlight on CRC Materials

New Books

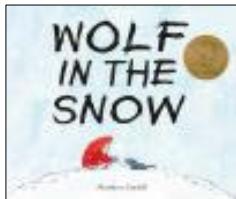
The CRC prides itself in collecting [award winning children's and young adult literature](#). Here are the recipients of the most recognizable awards which have recently been added to our collection:



Reneé Watson's [Piecing Me Together](#) took home the **Coretta Scott King Author Medal**, which is awarded to the most outstanding literary contribution by an African-American author about the African-American experience. *Piecing Me Together* follows high-schooler Jade who understands that, in order to take control of her life and be successful, she must escape her rough neighborhood.



This year's **Printz Medal**, awarded to the best book for young adult readers, went to Nina LaCour's [We Are Okay](#). In this quiet, contemplative novel, Marin must navigate the life she left behind and the loneliness she feels when her old friend, Mabel, comes to visit.



Matthew Cordell's [Wolf in the Snow](#) landed the **Caldecott Medal**, which is awarded to the most distinguished picture book for children. In this wordless picture book, a little girl and a wolf, both separated from their families, rely on each other in order to return to safety.



The **Newbery Medal** was awarded to Erin Estrada Kelly for her middle grade novel [Hello, Universe](#), a story told from the perspective of four characters: shy Virgil, deaf but lonely Valencia, self-appointed medium Kaori, and bully Chet, and the events leading up to a would-be tragic event.

Teaching Aids

Focus on: Science



- Early Childhood:
 - In elementary school, children learn about physical traits of living things. What better way to show children the exterior *and* interior of body parts, like the [ear](#) or [tooth](#), than with larger-than-life models? The CRC has cross-section models, made of durable foam, that are perfect for teaching these concepts to young learners. Each model comes with facts sheets and suggested activities. **Aligns with:** K.LS.1,
- Middle/High School:
 - Biology standards require instruction on cell structure and function. Some of the complex concepts associated with biology can be difficult to break down. Luckily, our [Mitosis Manipulatives Kit](#) is perfect for teaching concepts like anaphase and cytokinesis.

This kit, designed by teachers, comes with an instruction manual, foam chromosomes, and cell parts, and plastic nucleus halves. It contains 5 sets of smaller student manipulatives and teacher manipulatives for use on a magnetic dry erase board. **Aligns with: High School Bio Unit 2.**

CRC & Classroom Connections

Information Seeking Skills & Your Students

Would you like to see your students use better sources in their research assignments? Have your students been over to the CRC yet? We can help. Contact Joe Prince (jjprinc@bgsu.edu) or Colleen Boff (cboff@bgsu.edu) to request a library instruction session for your students. We can give them hands on experience with finding scholarly research articles or show them how to find children's literature, textbooks, teaching aids and more for their teacher education assignments. If you don't have time to spare in your syllabus for a library session, we can create content for you to embed in your Canvas course shell as well. We are also willing to meet individually with students.

Database Feature

- [TeachingBooks.net](#)

It's no surprise: teachers are strapped for time. With increasing demands of time, where can they turn for meaningful curricular help? TeachingBooks.net is a saving grace for language arts teachers looking for supplemental lesson plans for popular reading titles. With almost 22,000 books in its database, TeachingBooks.net offers a variety of options: guided lesson plans, book readings, trailers, multimedia resources, vocabulary lists, and more. With content pulled from both publishing companies and vetted lesson plan sites, language arts teachers can easily complement their own ideas with additional activities.

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