

#### CHECK the SUBJECT GUIDE > Under EDUCATION

See the Course Guide

area on our website:

http://www.roberts.edu/library

Listed here are great resources for Finding:

Biographical Indexes on Authors & Illustrators

**Book Review Sources** 

Themed Book Selections

Ideas to use with Curriculum

Journals

Websites of Children's Literature



#### Children's Literature

Reference Guide



### THE BIG QUESTIONS in Starting a Book File

# How do I find good books that can be integrated into the curriculum?

- ? browse the shelves & grab anything that looks interesting.
- ! think about a subject topic... math, history, animals, science
- ! Use a Review sources' subject index to search for books on that topic.-(see website Biographical & Review Sources)
- ! Use Best book selection guides found in journals, books, library flyers, web sites.
- ! Choose books that have won awards such as the Newbery.
- ! Watch Children's educational shows such as: Reading Rainbow, CyberSpace, Arthur

## How do you write a good evaluation as you review the book?

- ? Copy the summary from the book sleeve or reviewing source? No,no!
- ! Use the Evaluating Tips for Children's Literature given to you as a start to critically analyze the writing & illustration of the book.
- ! Use those as examples, write the summary in a way that you will remember the various teachable angles of the book.
- ! Reading Review sources will give you a better understanding of how to analyze other books.

#### How do I find more books dealing with the same subject topic?

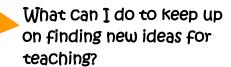
- ? Check if the author writes more on the same topic...maybe
- ! In public libraries, Non-fiction books on the same subject topic are shelved next to each other. Fiction is usually shelved by the author's last name.
- ! Inside a book's cover is a some Library of Congress bibliographic info. Look where it has Roman numerials. These are the subject headings used to catergorize the book. You can find more books by using those subject headings in the Library Catalog.
- ! Look at Themed Book sources especially A-Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books
- ! Always list 4-5 books relating to the subject so you have a quick resource for book display, additional reading or alternative reading levels.

#### How do I find more about the author or illustrator?

- ? Do you write the publisher. Yes, you can but author may not be connected with that publisher currently.
- ! Check the Biographical Sources on Authors & Illustrators from the handout Children's Lit. Biographical & Review Sources.
- ! Find out about their career background, books written, reviews & summaries on their books.
- ! You might find a web site about them. **Beware:** check the authorship to who has given the information. Choose Library or Publishing house web sites over personally created sites.

# How do you integrate books into learning activities that build on the curriculum?

- ! Check out books on activities for reading, art, drama, music, science, language arts, etc.
- ! Some libraries have a Working with Children Area check out the resources there for ideas of activities.
- ! Find Journals that provide ideas for classroom activities.
- ! Some Review sources have continuing learning activities included.



- ! Keep reading Journals to find what the profession is moving toward.
- ! Find a good Teacher mentor.
- ! <u>Make friends with your school librarian</u>they have the inside scoop on new literature and curriculum ideas.

More help is always available at the Reference Desk 594-6499