

Teacher Resource Center

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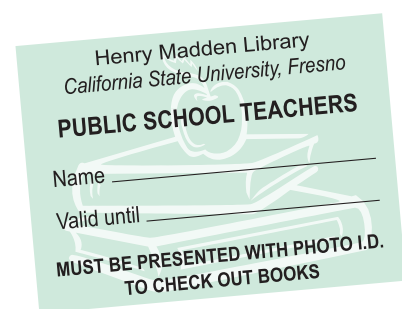


Introduction

The Teacher Resource Center (TRC) is a heavily used collection of teaching materials for pre-kindergarten through grade 12 classrooms. Fresno State teachers-in-training use the materials to create lessons and units for teacher education coursework and field experiences. Local schoolteachers and residents may also use the collection.

Every teacher is better when he/she draws upon a full spectrum of curriculum materials. The top priority at the TRC is to have teachers-in-training make use of the many different types of curricula available. Teachers-in-training who go beyond the textbook are more likely to excel as a professional educator. They tend to create lessons that are more standards-based, effective, engaging and fun.

Learn more about the TRC at: www.library.fresnostate.edu/find/teacher-resources



Free Borrower's Cards for Public School Teachers (PreK-12)

PreK-12 fulltime, certified public school teachers are eligible for a free Madden Library Teachers Borrower's Card. Cardholders may borrow items from almost all of the Library's collections, including its main books stack, the Teacher Resource Center, Music & Media, maps and government information (publications) and more. Up to 30 items may be borrowed at a time. Other non-affiliated community members have to pay a yearly fee to borrow up to six items at a time.

For more information, go to: www.library.fresnostate.edu/info/material-loan-policy

Where and When

The TRC is on the east end of the third floor in the Library's North Wing, directly above the Starbucks. More than 90% of our collection, including textbooks, activity books, children's literature and all types of media are located in our open shelving area and available during normal Library hours.

Hands-on teaching materials and tools are located in the TRC Heiskell Reading Room and are available during the following hours:

Fall and Spring Semester

Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

If the Reading Room is closed but the Library is open, visit the Circulation Desk (first floor lobby, North Wing) or contact them at 559.278.2251. Let them know you want to check out Reading Room items.

Contact Information

We welcome your suggestions. Please contact Mike Tillman at 559.278.5788, miket@csufresno.edu or stop by his office (3103B, third floor, North Wing, east end).

Did you know?

Big Books

Big books are oversized (up to 23" x 21") versions of children's fiction and nonfiction with strong visual appeal. Most of them are geared towards students in preschool through grade 3. The TRC has 458 heavily circulated big books.

Fresno State teachers-in-training use these to create lessons and units for teacher education coursework and field experiences. For instance, a Fresno State education professor has her students present an entire lesson built around a nonfiction big book.

California State Adopted Textbooks

The TRC collects California state adopted textbooks. It usually acquires teacher's editions used by Fresno Unified since they are the largest local school district. Last year, the TRC purchased math books. This year, it will purchase English language arts (ELA) books.

Before Fresno Unified decided which ELA series to purchase, they did a test pilot with *California Journeys* and *California Wonders*. Hundreds of teachers used these textbooks in their classroom. *California Wonders* won the competition because it received a higher rating from practicing classroom teachers.

Heiskell Reading Room

The TRC has a classroom (the Heiskell Reading Room) available to teacher educators. Meeting in the classroom facilitates in-class use of our extensive collections. Let us know if you would like to reserve the Room. Contact Mike Tillman at 559.278.5788 or miket@csufresno.edu.

Be a Better Teacher. Access Mango Languages!

The Madden Library provides access to more than 100 databases. Most of these are designed to meet the information needs of college students and faculty. But some of these, such as Mango Languages, can help you become a better preK-12 teacher.

If you teach in the Central Valley, you will become a better teacher if you learn Latin American Spanish. Movies are what set Mango Languages apart from other second-language acquisition programs. Their lessons are built around authentic content, like movies, which is more effective. Because movies include a lot of dialogue, they accelerate the development of practical conversational skills.



A voice comparison feature also allows learners to record their voice and compare it to a native speaker. Audio and visual comparisons help users refine their pronunciation and articulation.

If you are a Fresno State student, faculty or staff member, access Mango Languages via the Library website at: <http://libguides.csufresno.edu/MCLL> (This link may not work from a mobile device)

Mango Languages Online Videos

Tutorial

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FuwcMdwY

Learn a Foreign Language Through Film

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gp4JQ2eyKM4



Classroom Sets and Kits

The TRC has classroom sets for up to an entire preK-12 class. For instance, it has 30 decks of cards, 30 magnifying glasses and 30 multicultural musical instruments. The TRC also has classroom kits for up to an entire preK-12 class. Each kit covers a particular topic; for example, life cycles, bridge building or fossils.



Dominoes (classroom set)



Playing Cards (classroom set)



Magnets (classroom set)



Dr. Seuss (classroom set)



Magnifying Glasses and Fossils (classroom set)



Dice (classroom set)



Multicultural Musical Instruments (classroom set)



Bridge Building (classroom set)



Dry Erase Board (classroom set)



Life Cycles (classroom kit)



Parachute (classroom kit)



Hinged Mirror Math (classroom set)



Data Collection Tools and Instruments (classroom kit)



Video (classroom kit)



Puppets (classroom set)



Read-Alongs and Audiobooks (classroom set)

Socially Awkward Students in PreK-12 Classrooms



Socially Awkward: How to Adapt and Thrive When the Words Don't Flow leads to a better understanding of why:

- Biological systems influence social performance more than thought patterns and the environment.
- Social awkwardness is almost always permanent and a net-positive.
- Accepting the consequences of what you are improves who you are.
- Poor social performance and related negative evaluation often causes social anxiety.
- Small talk and friendship need to be redefined.
- Adapting to social awkwardness, via a holistic, realistic plan of action, leads to thriving with social awkwardness.
- Ignoring the consequences of being socially awkward can lead to dire consequences.

While on sabbatical, TRC librarian Mike Tillman wrote the first draft of his book, *Socially Awkward: How to Adapt and Thrive When the Words Don't Flow* (book description below).

During the seven years Tillman spent in preK-12 classrooms, he learned socially awkward students are perhaps the most underserved school population. Their affliction can lead to substance abuse, depression and suicide. These students are tormented by bullies, yet their needs are all but ignored. As head librarian for the TRC, Tillman actively acquires and makes available items specifically for these underserved students.

Socially Awkward: How to Adapt and Thrive When the Words Don't Flow — by Mike Tillman

Are you constantly thinking about what to say next? Do you make others feel uncomfortable?
Are you socially awkward?

If you are socially awkward, your brain does not function like those more socially able. Your mind doesn't provide guidance about what to say during social interactions. The words don't flow, and you usually have to think about what you're going to say next. Interaction isn't automatic and effortless. It's hard work.

When you get ready for school, you don't have to think about what you are going to do next. Wouldn't it be frustrating if you had to think about what happens after putting toothpaste on your toothbrush? Getting ready would be stressful and exhausting. Not knowing what to do next is the same obstacle you encounter during social interactions.

Build a Better Lesson with Free Websites!

Smithsonian TweenTribune www.tweentribune.com

Smithsonian TweenTribune provides access to high-interest nonfiction news articles. Each article is written at several different Lexile levels and each student reads the same article at their appropriate level. All articles include a critical thinking challenge question. Students answer the question online. Educators decide whether or not individual answers are posted on a class-wide blog. Spanish text and lesson plans are available.

Online Video Tutorial

How to Use TweenTribune www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-a-aLUqCOK

Newsela www.newsela.com

Newsela provides access to high-interest nonfiction news articles. Each article is written at five different grade levels (2nd through 12th). Every student reads the same article written at an appropriate grade level. This enables the entire class to read and discuss the same content. Trackable quizzes and Spanish text are available. Newsela is available in free and premium versions. The free version offers significant value.

Online Video Tutorials

Newsela Tutorial www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxpYoVQZL60

Newsela Tips and Tricks www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnf0sZzdKsk

Jeopardy Rocks www.jeopardy.rocks

Everybody loves Jeopardy. This user-friendly interface facilitates the creation of Jeopardy games for up to four teams. Teachers can also access Jeopardy games created by other educators.

Online Video Tutorial

Jeopardy Rocks 101 www.youtube.com/watch?v=nA2oMbf-icY

Edueto www.edueto.com

Edueto is a teaching tool that allows educators to quickly access or create customized assignments and tests in a wide variety of formats, such as multiple choice, matching, sorting, equations, sequencing, surveys and more. Teachers can track individual and group progress.

Online Video Tutorial

How It Works www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rqg0_D_iQu0

Photos for Class www.photosforclass.com

Teachers can search, download and use age appropriate images with automatic citations. The photos are licensed by Creative Commons for public use.



Currently, the TRC has 361 *I Can Read!* books. At the time this article was written, 36 of these books were checked out. Sample titles listed below:

I Can Read!

Leveled readers facilitate independent reading and improve fluency and confidence. Readers experience the joy of reading independently.

I Can Read! leveled readers feature award-winning authors and illustrators and familiar characters; including, Pete the Cat, Amelia Bedelia, Fancy Nancy, Batman, Pinkalicious and more.

The *I Can Read!* website also provides printable activities, the free ebook *100 Tips for Beginning Readers* and a blog for educators. Explore this and more at: www.icanread.com



Amazing Sharks!
Amelia Bedelia Sleeps Over
The Best Teacher in Second Grade
Blast Off: Poems About Space
Chang's Paper Pony
The Dark Knight Rises: Batman Versus Bane
Dirk Bones and the Mystery of the Haunted House
Fancy Nancy and the Mean Girl
First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers
How Many Fish?
Juan Bobo: Four Folktales from Puerto Rico
Pete the Cat and the Bad Banana
Pinkalicious: Soccer Star

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