

Fresno State's Teacher Resource Center Newsletter

Mission

The Teacher Resource Center provides collections, services, and programming in an active learning environment designed to make a major contribution to Fresno State teacher education programs and the Central Valley education community.

Librarian's Note

Students, staff, faculty, school teachers, parents, children, book lovers, game lovers...all are welcome in the Teacher Resource Center!

We have been serving all these users in the Central Valley for many years. Our collaborative space allows for play, study, exploration, learning, creativity, and escapism. With our growing collection of children's and YA books, hands on kits, educational games and activities, we have something for everyone! We can assist you with lesson planning, classroom activities, children's literature research, and much more. You can visit our center inside the Fresno State Library. We are eager to support you!

– Taylor Smith, Teacher Resource Center Librarian

Positive Impact

This past year the Teacher Resource Center was successfully impacted by students and patrons who shared our space and resources. Here is a look at how the TRC has been impacted in the last year.

Engagement

The TRC strives to create a welcoming and resourceful space full of resources and curriculum for both our students and staff. Our librarian Taylor Smith offers informative in-person classes that provide a better understanding of all the TRC has to offer. To schedule an appointment please scan the QR code at the end of this newsletter.

| Engagement Type | Count | Percentage |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Displays | 40 | 54.1% |
| Exhibits | 1 | 1.4% |
| Instruction | 5 | 6.8% |
| Interactive Tours | 8 | 10.8% |
| Room Bookings | 20 | 27% |

\$7,000.00 in Donations (Thank You)

The TRC is extremely grateful for donations that go towards expanding our collection. These generous donations give the TRC opportunities to expand the variety of educational resources we offer to students, staff, and public school teachers.

LibStats

We love answering your questions! We have received several different questions that include finding books, directions, events, research questions, how to contact TRC staff, and reserving the TRC reading room.

| | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| # of Questions | 13 | 71 | 60 | 32 | 8 | 16 | 15 | 42 |

Circulation

Our circulation is maintained and impacted by students, staff, and in-house use from classes that use the TRC for educational exploration and hands-on activities.

| Type | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. |
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| Patrons | 276 | 594 | 510 | 570 | 216 | 314 | 365 | 802 |

Collections

This year we were able to weed our collection to make way for updated and new titles. We received 356 new titles and resources last year.

- Acquired: 356 (60.4%)
- Weeded: 233 (39.6%)

This allows the TRC to expand the number of resources we offer and provide a wider selection of diverse and inclusive items for everyone.

Call for collaborations

Who:

Faculty in the Kremen School of Education and Human Development who assign lesson planning assignments to their students.

What:

The Teacher Resource Center would like to update our teaching guides associated with our collection materials and we think students in KSOEHD would be a perfect partner.

Here's how it will work:

Your students will create teaching guides/lesson plans for our books and kits, which will be included with the items as supplemental material. Other students, teachers, and library users who check out these materials will then be able to benefit from your students' lesson plans. We hope to be able to digitize these guides so that students can share their work with others and add to their professional portfolios.

Why:

This collaboration will benefit the TRC by allowing us to add low-cost supplemental materials to our collections in a meaningful way while also benefiting students in KSOEHD by highlighting their hard work and allowing them to gain experience in the field of education. Additionally, this project will benefit each library user who uses these materials as they will have a breadth of supplemental materials to inspire usage in the classroom or with their children.

Please contact the TRC Librarian, Taylor Smith, to express your interest in this collaboration.

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Newly Noted

The TRC has recently added additional resources to our collection in hopes to better accommodate our educators. Here are just a few we have added.

- **TeachingBooks** is an online resource that supplies resources for grades K-12. They offer a diverse collection of books, activities, and free access to lesson plans that provide a K-12th grade student a fun way to enjoy reading.
- **Clixo** are a fun new way for kids to enjoy STEM by creating and building flexible and magnetic shapes.
- *Librarian's Choice*: The **Froggie DissectionLab** is a kid friendly way to learn about the internal workings of a frog.

To find the TRC full collection please visit the Fresno State's Library Search page. The Fresno State Library Search QR code can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Worth A Look

- Central Valley author Yecenia E. Mariscal Tinajero will be displaying her inspirational children's books in the TRC's display case located near the M.K. Gandhi center on the third floor.
 - AUGUST 26th-27th: The TRC will have an information booth inside the Fresno State Kremen Building to answer any questions students and staff might have.
 - Current Exhibit: Come view the creative artworks of Sanger Unified's Fairmont Elementary School in collaboration with the TRC.
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Staff Picks

We asked our staff to pick one of their favorite reads from the TRC. Here are their responses.

Tomae Hernandez (Student Assistant)

My favorite K-12 book is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins! This book offers young people the space to grapple with themes of resistance, survival, and societal critique. Its strong, female protagonist, Katniss Everdeen, fights against systems of oppression, making this story both engaging and relevant to historic and contemporary struggles for justice.

Emma Baeza (Student Assistant)

One of my favorite books at the TRC is *Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan. A fictional book that centers around three kids from different cultures as they try to navigate growing up in the turbulent times of World War II. One thing ties them all together: a magical harmonica that will help them on their journeys. A moving story of hope, faith and perspective, this novel teaches that we must overlook racial and cultural differences to see what we truly are: the same.

Taylor Smith (TRC Librarian)

I like too many books to choose one favorite. *How do I feel?*: a dictionary of emotions for children because it is an amazing resource for kids to understand their feelings and emotions. I have actually referred to this book as an adult when I've had big feelings about something.

Denise Nunez (Administration Assistant)

I love *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* by Judy Blume. This book addresses items related to life, growing up, and adolescence. I remember my favorite teacher, Mrs. Katie Ude, reading the book in class. It takes me back to simpler times.

Abigail Arredondo (Resource Specialist)

Bathe the Cat by Alice McGinty. I was-enticed by the colorful illustrations that this book presented and came to discover the joyful story of a family cat who attempts to do anything and everything to avoid a bath. It is a light-hearted read-out-loud that everyone can enjoy.

Just For Fun

Answers can be found at the end of this newsletter.

“We the People : The United States Constitution Explored and Explained” by Aura Lewis & Evan Sargent.

- NASA Astronauts can vote from space? True or False

“Inside Animals” by Barbara Taylor & Margaux Carpentier.

- How many Hearts does an Octopus have? Two or Three or Four?
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Answers: NASA astronauts can vote from space? True. How many hearts does an octopus have? Three.