

**LSC 5515 Collection Management in the Electronic Age
Module 7 5515 Selection Project
November 1, 2010**

School Library Information

Name: Mount Nittany Middle School
Address: 656 Brandywine Drive, State College PA 16801
Size of collection: ~2,200 titles in the 930-999 Dewey Collection

Description of Needs:

A. Rationale of Collection Management Plan

Books will be purchased that improve upon our nonfiction collection in the Dewey 930-999 section. Students in sixth grade do an independent study of countries and use the resources to complete projects that identify the location, culture, religions, people, landforms, history, and government of their chosen country. The collection needs updated AV materials in the form of DVD's and also 1-2 magazine selections to be added. Student material must be suitable for both high readers in sixth grade as well as offer materials for Learning Support and ELL students. Sixth grade teachers requested more lower reader resources and the media center has recently approved using online Culturegrams for the 2010-2011 school year, though hardcopies still exist. Due to the extensive collection already in place, a goal of improving the collection by 10-15 titles was set.

Process for Locating Resources and List of Tools Used

A. Process:

Mackin

When using Mackin, I chose the subject as "Asia", publishing year 2000-2010, format "Books", Dewey 930-999, class "non-fiction", interest level "Grades 4-7, language "English" and excluding OP (out of print materials). The best part of Mackin is the ability to refine a search by listing only those that have been reviewed. Under "Review Sources" I chose items that were reviewed by the following: *Library Journal*, *Library Media Connection*, *Multi-Cultural Review*, and *School Library Journal*.

Follett – When searching Follett's Titlewave I used the Search menu and looked at books published between 2008-2010. I also looked at reading levels for grades 3-6 and 5-8 to receive options that would meet the needs of lower readers as well as books that would support Social Studies research for 7th and 8th grade courses as well. Finally I searched by Dewey 10's to locate needed materials, doing independent searches for 930-939, 940-949, 950-959, and so forth. For the

fiction novel I searched for Korea, knowing that we had a limited selection in place for books concerning cultural South Korea. I also limited my search to 5-8 grade reading levels and English, fiction text. For the DVD for India I searched on the audiovisual tab for Dewey numbers 930-999, English, and nonfiction.

Bound to Stay Bound Bookstore- I used BTSB to find links to internet resources. I clicked the “Websites of Interest to Librarians”, and then “Library Index to the Internet”, then “resources by subject, then “regional and country Information”. I was hopeful that I would find websites that students could use when researching different countries. However, most links weren’t visually appealing and many offered only statistical data, official government data, and other sites geared towards the adult learner. I thought I had hit the jackpot when I found a website entitled “Ancient Aztecs”, only to find that it was a website created by students. In the end, I ended up using “Kathy Schroek’s Guide for Educators” as a resource. Despite my disappointment in BTSB, the “Collection Analysis” feature is something I’d like to use once I become a librarian.

Children’s Core Collection:

When using Children’s Core Collection, I chose the subject “China”, Dewey Decimal 930-999, Recommendation Level “Core Collection”, Grade Level 6. Then, to find a review, I went into EBSCO’s Academic Search Complete database and searched for the title, and found a review.

- B. Basic core lists and/or topical bibliographies used (list edition or year of publication of each)

Mackin -2010

BTSB (Bound to Stay Bound Bookstore)- 2010

Children’s Core Collection – 2010

Follett’s Titlewave – 2010

- C. Professional review journals used:

School Library Journal, Horn Book Guide, Library Media Collection, Booklist

Annotated List of 15 or more Titles

- A. **At least 1 audiovisual-**

World History – India, One Country, A Million Worlds (DVD)

ISBN: 1-59163-300-1

Cost: \$24.95

Dewey: 954

Interest Level: 5-8

Length: 50 min.

Reviewed: It is suggested that the media specialist review this prior to purchasing as no reviews are available.

This DVD focuses on the life and customs of India, as well as give the history of the country. This would be appropriate for whole class instruction

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or individual viewing. Use of this DVD would benefit auditory learners, learning support students who have difficulty reading, and students who have visual needs. The DVD is not closed-caption.

Argentina (Countries Around the World). Schlessinger Media, 2005. 13 min.
ISBN # 9781417108695

Cost: \$19.95

Dewey 982

Interest level: 2-5 Grades 2-5

Length: 13 minutes

Reviewed: *Video Librarian* (March/April 2008), *School Library Journal* 2008

Since the collection needs updated AV materials in the form of DVD's, this should complement curricular needs and help meet the goals of the library program. According to *Video Librarian* (March/April 2008), "this series would make a fine supplement for geography curriculums...Recommended." *School Library Journal* (Jan 2008) suggests that the series "does an outstanding job of giving youngsters a quick but complete introduction...fascinating, well-organized..."

B. **1 magazine** –

National Geographic Kids

Cost: \$24 annual fee

Dewey: 910

This monthly magazine appeals to reluctant readers and students with inquiring minds. This long-standing, respected magazine, focuses on travel, adventure, science, and the importance of environmental issues. The free website that accompanies the product offers many links and resources that teachers and students will find helpful.

C. **1 fiction title**

Park, Linda Sue. *Archer's Quest*. Clarion Books, 2006. 167p.

ISBN: 0-618-59631-3

Cost: \$13.60

Dewey: Fic

Reading Level: 5-8

Reviewed: *School Library Journal*, May 2006.

Park's book Archer's Quest takes the reader on an unexpected journey through the culture and history of South Korea. Students will become engaged in the fictional tale of a reknowned king of South Korea and then also become interested in learning more of the main character's lineage and customs. This book fills the need for fiction books that could be used both independently by readers as well as by classroom teachers as a read-aloud in either Social Studies or Reading class.

D. **At least 2 free web sites**

Machu Picchu <http://www.peru-machu-picchu.com/> This site offers a virtual tour of Machu Picchu with 360 degree tour of many areas of the site. It offers a map of the Inca Trail, information on of the Royal Tomb, the Funerary Rock, and other important sites such as the Sacred Rock, the Condor Temple, and Intiwatana. Attention is given to the animals that live within the ecosystem of the site. Students will find this visually interesting since the 360 degree camera gives the viewer and “up close and personal” tour, along with informational content that sparks interest in the beauty and mystery of Machu Picchu.

Peruvian Ice Mummies <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/icemummies/> NOVA Online, produced for PBS. This site would appeal to 6th graders studying Peru. It offers links to historical, archeological, and anthropological examinations of the discovery of ice mummies discovered in the Peruvian mountains. This site offers ind-depth information on the 1996 Peruvian expedition and studies on the examination of the ancient burial site. It also accesses original documentation of the discovery expedition, speculation around the daily life of the Lost Empire, sacrificial ceremonies, high altitude archaeology, and burial artifacts.

E. **ELL or Spanish Text**

Barglio, Eva. *Egipto*. Parramon, 2005. 31p.
ISBN: 84-342-2612-X

Cost: \$11.90

Dewey: 932

Reading Level: 5-8

Reviews: It is suggested that the media specialist or ELL instructor review this book prior to purchasing as no reviews are available.

This book is translated into Spanish for ELL learners. It provides information relating to the specific research areas of Economics, People, Culture, History, and Places. The illustrations will also allow our ELL readers to visualize the locations and people.

F. Reference –optional

G. **At least 8 Remaining Nonfiction Texts:**

1. Hinds, Kathryn. *Life in the Middle Ages* : Benchmark Books, 2009. 80p.

ISBN# 9780761439134

Cost: \$ 39.84

Dewey 940.1

Interest Level: 5-8 Reading Level 8

Reviewed: (Horn Book Guide 2001; School Library Journal 2001 Booklist 2001)

This book is “generously illustrated with archival artwork” (*Horn Book Guide*).

Since the faculty has requested picture books, the visual nature of this resource

should appeal to students who are inspired by illustrations and art. It comes highly recommended.

2. Woods, Michael. **Seven Wonders of Ancient Asia**: Twenty First Century Books, 2009. 80p.

ISBN # 9780822575696

Cost: \$29.93

Dewey 930

Interest Level 5-8 Reading Level 6.2.

Reviewed: *Library Media Connection* 2009; *Booklist* 2008; *Voice of Youth Advocate* 2008.

Since the “double-page photographs and boxed highlights . . . provide specific data” and since it uses “unpretentious language that will appeal to a wide range of readers” (*LMC*), this book should meet the needs of the faculty who requested books be ordered that appeal to lower-level readers. In addition, “the text offers a history of each place, explaining its origins within the context of the society that constructed it. With good writing and a nice design, this book offers a fine introduction to some historically significant places that are not well represented in American libraries” (*Booklist*).

3. Taylor-Butler, Christine. **Sacred Mountain: Everest**. Lee & Low Books, 2009. 48p.

ISBN: 978-1-60060-255-9

Cost: \$19.95

Dewey: 954

Reading Level: 5- 8

Reviews: *The Horn Book*, 2009; *MultiCultural Review*, 2009,; *School Library Journal* 2009.

This is cultural history of Mount Everest highlights the spirituality of the Sherpas and their connection to their environment. Contains photos and maps. Geography and mountain-climbing expeditions are also explored. “The informative text is amply illustrated with well-chosen black-and-white and color photographs” (*SLJ*).

4. Newman, Sandra. **Europe**. Children’s Press, 2009. 48p.

ISBN: 0-531-16867-0

Cost: \$18.20

Dewey: 940

Reading Level: 5-8

Reviews: It is suggested that the media specialist review this prior to purchasing as no review is available.

Instructors have requested more information on both Europe and the United Kingdom as student interest in both of these locations has increased over the years. This book offers facts about Europe, national features, plants, animals, and people. It has full color maps and photos along with other illustrations.

5. Mortimer, Gavin. **United Kingdom**. Barron’s Educational Series, 2009. 64p.

ISBN: 0-7641-6168-7

Cost: \$10.96

Dewey: 941

Reading Level: 5-8

Reviewed: Horn Book, Fall 2009.

Filling the need for more specific information pertaining to the United Kingdom, this book offers information on the countries that are included in the United Kingdom, the people of the area, facts, and sights to see.

6. Hardyman, Robyn. **Germany**. Chelsea Clubhouse, 2009. 32p.

ISBN: 1-60413-2663

Cost: \$27.96

Dewey: 943

Reading Level: 6-9

Reviews: It is suggested that the media specialist review this prior to purchasing because there is no review available.

Offering up to date information about Germany, one of the most quickly sought after countries, this book fills the need for more information in the 943 section of the collection.

7. Walters, Tara. **South Korea**. Children's Press, 2008. 48p.

ISBN: 0-531-168557-7

Cost: \$18.20

Dewey: 951.95

Reading Level: 4-7

Reviewed: Library Media Connection, October 2008.

This book will be a solid addition to the 951 collection in the media center. The book offers facts and information about South Korea, the culture traditions, social life, work, and history of the country. Teachers and students can use this along with the fiction book that was previously recommended.

8. Shields, Charles. **Argentina**. Mason Crest, 2009. 63p.

ISBN: 1-42220-631-9

Cost: \$21.95

Dewey: 982

Reading Level: 6-8

Reviewed: School Library Journal, July 2009.

Students and teachers have requested more information regarding countries in South America and the 980's of the Dewey catalogue. This book offers information on Argentina's history, geography, and society, as well as a calendar of events. Students will appreciate the recipe section if they choose to complete an additional project on the food of their country.

9. Kagda, Falag and Magdalene Kho. **Hong Kong**. 2nd ed.: Marshall Cavendish Benchmark, 2008. 144p.

ISBN: 9780761430346

Cost: \$42.79

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Dewey 951

Reading Level 5-8

Review: *School Library Journal* 1998

With the rise of China as a world power, a 2nd edition of this book is timely: an important addition to the school library. This will appeal to lower-level readers since it has visual interest. According to Marton of this book is an appealing resource for reports, especially since includes chapters on the “geography, history, government, economy, people religions, language, arts and leisure, and festivals and food” of Hong Kong. It has an inviting layout, with high quality illustrations/photos on each page. This will not only appeal to students who are finding sources for their assignments, but it would appeal to browsers, as well (*School Library Journal*).