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## New Professional Materials in the Professional Library

### General

#### Assessing for learning.

Karen Appleton. Prairie Lakes AEA, 2009. R 371.26 ASS (183195)

#### Hosting a library mystery: a programming guide.

Elizabeth M. Karle. American Library Association, 2009. R 025.5 KAR (183104)

#### Inside, outside and online: building your library community.

Chrystie Hill. American Library Association, 2009. R 021.2 HIL (183105)

#### The new learning commons where learners win!: reinventing school libraries and computer labs.

David V. Loertscher and others. Hi Willow Research & Publishing, 2008. R 027.8 LOE (183115)

#### Privacy and confidentiality issues: a guide for libraries and their lawyers.

Theresa Chmara. American Library Association, 2009. R 344.73 CHM (183133)

#### Sequels: an annotated guide to novels in series.

Janet G Husband and Jonathan F. Husband. American Library Association, 2009. R 016.808 HUS (183106)

### Intellectual Freedom

#### Licensing digital content: a practical guide for librarians.

Lesley Ellen Harris. American Library Association, 2009. R 346.73 HAR (183103)

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## Learning Exchange highlights Iowa Core Curriculum and information skills



Colleen Anderson, Iowa Department of Education, shared information about formative assessment during the Learning Exchange, held Oct. 1 at Grant Wood AEA.

### by Melva Starr, GWAEA Media Specialist

Mary Cameron and Colleen Anderson, both from the Iowa Department of Education presented “Assessment for Learning and Information Literacy.” Participants engaged in an activity which demonstrated how the role of teacher librarians and information skills are embedded throughout the Iowa Core Curriculum. The Characteristics of Effective Instruction, which is part of the Curriculum Core, were also discussed. Mary and Colleen thoroughly covered formative assessment by defining it, providing the research for it, and going over the attributes of Assessment for Learning. They provided a toolkit of assessment resources and had participants use their own Information Literacy Curriculum to create a learning progression as a follow-up to presenting how learning progressions help when planning lessons.

The next Learning Exchange, “Effective Instruction in the Library,” is planned on Dec. 16. Presenters will be Mary Cameron, Iowa Department of Education and Jean Donham, Associate Professor of Library Studies, UNI.

## Upcoming Events

### 2009

**December 16** ..... Learning Exchange, “Effective Instruction in the Library,” presented by Mary Cameron, Department of Education and Jean Donham, Associate Professor of Library Studies, UNI

**December** ..... Read a New Book Month

### 2010

**January 15-19**..... ALA (American Library Association) Midwinter Meeting in Boston, MA

**April 11-12**..... IASL (Iowa Association of School Librarians) Conference in Des Moines at the Holiday Inn Airport



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# Atomic Learning

## New Look for 2009-2010

Atomic Learning has a new visual theme and interface. The intuitive interface was designed to streamline search and browse processes and incorporate high levels of customization.

## Assistive Tech Collection New for 2009-2010

All students and educators in the Grant Wood AEA service area have access to the new Assistive Technology Collection. This collection utilizes Atomic Learning's tutorial training approach to help special education staff, paraprofessionals, parents and others working with assistive technology devices to further understand the software, hardware, tools and devices that they may need to use on a daily basis. The Assistive Technology Collection includes tutorials on assistive technology devices, specialized software, and accessibility features of common software applications.

To access the online resources or for password assistance, curriculum integration assistance or product demonstrations for the Grant Wood AEA Online Resources refer to the directory at <http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/media/electronic.html>

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## New Professional Materials in the Professional Library

### Literacy

**Gentle reads: great books to warm hearts and lift spirits, grades 5-9.**

Deanna J. McDaniel. Libraries Unlimited, 2008. R 028.5 MCD (183116)

### Program Management

**Empowering learners: guidelines for school library media programs.**

American Association of School Librarians, 2009. R 027.8 EMP (183199)

### Technologies and Related Issues

**Blogs, wikis, podcasts, and other powerful web tools for classrooms.**

Will Richardson. Corwin Press, 2009. R 371.33 RIC (183197)

<http://www>



## Links of Interest

Here is a link to Kathy Schrock's site for assessment tools and rubrics :

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/assess.html>

## From the AASL (American Association of School Librarians) Website

- › [Top 25 Websites for Teaching and Learning](#)
- › [Landmark Websites for Teaching and Learning](#)
- › [Tools and Resources for School Library Media Specialists](#)



## GRAPHIC NOVELS CORE COLLECTION

## New Online Resource

We will have H.W. Wilson Graphic Novels Core Collection available for use through May 2010. It is listed with the other Wilson products on the Grant Wood AEA Online Resources page. It highlights approximately 2,900 titles with ratings for age appropriateness. You can search by author, title, subject, genre, and grade level.

## Review This

### Follett Digital Reader

During the 2008-2009 school year Follett informed us that you need to download and install their FREE Follett Digital Reader onto computers in your buildings in order for students to be able to read the e-books available for check out from the Grant Wood AEA Media Center. Follett Customer Service representatives are available at 888-511-5114, Ext. 1103 to help you transition.

### RSS Feed

You are able to subscribe to an RSS Feed from our Grant Wood AEA Online Catalog. Once you click on Online Catalog from Grant Wood AEA's homepage you will see "New Feature!" at the top of our catalog home screen. You are able to subscribe at that point OR a second way is to locate Subscribe beneath Search Catalog in the Our Collection column located below the "New Feature!" information. Here are the steps to subscribe from either place:

Select Click here to subscribe to RSS Feeds

Select the Resource Area you want to receive from the next screen (teacher librarians could select School Library/ Instructional Media)

Select which RSS feed you want (Elem., Junior, Senior, Professional)



### New Feature!

Sign up for curricular interest areas and be notified by e-mail or RSS feed when new materials are added to the Grant Wood AEA Media Center collections.

[Click here to subscribe to e-mail updates!](#)

[Click here to subscribe to RSS feeds!](#)

Contact Customer Service for more information at (319)399-6754 or 1-800-642-4107.

### Online Catalog

Welcome to our Online Media Catalog and Reservation System. The links below provide 24 hour access to GWAEA's catalog and media reservation.

On the next screen you may select Subscribe to this feed OR copy the URL and open an RSS Feed reader you already subscribe to and past the URL in the box provided and select ADD

If you choose to select Subscribe to this feed from the Online Catalog page you will get a pop-up box saying, "When you subscribe to a feed it is automatically added to the Favorites Center and kept up-to-date. It will be created in Feeds." You have the option to check a box to have it added to your Favorites bar.

Repeat for additional feeds you want to subscribe to

## Student Books

Our Student Book Collection (the individual titles) is now able to be reserved. Please remind your staff.

## Book Links and Booklist

*Book Links* is now a quarterly supplement to *Booklist* rather than a stand-alone publication. It will continue to connect high-quality literature to curricular topics. As in the past, it will also continue to focus on a theme in each issue. Upcoming themes will be multicultural literature in January 2010, language arts in March 2010, and science in June 2010. All *Book Links* articles may be found electronically on *Booklist Online* and the free e-newsletter *Booklist's Quick Tips for Schools and Libraries* (formerly Quick Tips).



## Online Resources Webinars Calendar of Events

Webinars for the Online Resources are now posted on the Online Resources page at <http://www.aea10.k12.ia.us/media/electronic.html>

The following are currently posted:

### December 4, 2009

World Book – World Book Web for Schools

### January 14, 2010

etTrekker 21st Century Learning Skills

### January 27, 2010

netTrekker Basic

### February 18, 2010

netTrekker Beyond the Basics

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## TIP

With the need for staff development and time being difficult to put together try sending one or two URLs for sites that enhance student learning for teachers to click on and investigate. This can be nicknamed Desktop Staff Development. Once staff has tried a site they can send feedback which can be posted through whatever means works well in your building (using Google, a wiki, a blog, or a link on your library home page). This may lead to collaborative projects and new student learning.

# H.W. Wilson Nonbook Materials Core Collection

by Charlotte Haddy  
GWAEA Media Supervisor

One of the newer products being offered this year by the GWAEA Media Center is H.W. Wilson's Nonbook Materials Core Collection. Regardless of which Wilson product you select, the interface will be the same and you may have to select the product you wish to use.

The nonbook product includes annotated descriptions of nonprint materials that are available to address both the quality and content of materials. Included in the database are also review excerpts as well as information on awards for thousands of other nonbook items. In addition to nonbook materials, this database helps with the review process by listing titles that are recommended or highly recommended.

If you have not had an opportunity to spend time with this database, here is an explanation of the basic features.

### Search Options

There are two search options – Basic and Advanced. The default for the GWAEA page is the Advanced Search so if you want to use the basic search feature, it will need to be selected.

### Basic Search

To get to the Basic Search page, you will need to make that selection from the Advanced Search page. On the Basic Search screen, users will need to type in their search in the search box. Once the search is returned, users may narrow their search by Author; Subject; Date of Creation or Document Type.

### Advanced/All-Smart Search

On the Advanced Search screen terms can be entered and it will be searched within the various categories. The All-Smart Search can be narrowed to Subject; Title; Author or others. The Advanced Options allow the user to further narrow their search by recommendation level; how new the item/s are; and the type of media. Search results include various types of materials including electronic resources.

### How materials are displayed

Brief display is the default display showing

the title with a cover image (if available), the publisher; and the copyright. The title, when clicked on is hyperlinked to Amazon.com.

Full display shows the full record with the abstract; subjects and other pertinent information. The subject headings are hyperlinked so the user can search for similar titles. The full display has the option to customize the display results by relevance, date, etc. The WilsonLink which is located right under the picture in both the full and the brief display takes users to another screen where they can do a Google book search.

### Browse

The Browse tab returns a list of topics/titles pertaining to whatever term has been entered into the "subject" field. The number of results is listed to the right of the search term. Subject is the default term and there are other terms that can be checked.

### Thesaurus

The Thesaurus contains a list of suggested subject headings and related terms found in the databases' controlled vocabulary.

### Search History

This feature produces a review of what the user has searched on. Each search is numbered and there is a check box next to the search. At the bottom of the page, there is a choice of Boolean terms "And", "Or" "Not" that can be used to combine the search. At the top, across from *Search Information*, there is a selection of Clearing Search History of Print Search History when finished.

### Exporting

Once records have been identified, there are several options for printing, e-mailing, saving and exporting.

For more in-depth instructions on any of the functions click on *Help* at the top of the screen.

If you are looking for a variety of materials on different subjects, the Wilson Nonbook Materials Core Collection offers users a variety of ways to search for materials. We hope if you have not used it, you will take some time to try the various features.

Usage of this product along with the other Wilson titles will be important as we look at how they are being used throughout the year.

# Grant Wood AEA Online Catalog Information: How to generate a personalized catalog



Have you ever wished that you could have a printed catalog of all of the materials

for your curriculum area or a topic you will be teaching from the Grant Wood AEA Media Center? You can! Follow the instructions below and create a personalized catalog containing your own selection of titles from within the Grant Wood AEA Media Center's Online Catalog. This catalog can be easily shared via e-mail or paper. The file may also be saved on a computer for future reference.

## Media Catalog Search

Enter one or more words (Examples: forest, solar system, computer\*) and/or one or more menus and click **Submit**. Detailed [HELP](#) available.

100 items ▾ Simple search ▾ Keyword ▾ Brief multi-pick ▾  
 Format ▾ Audience level ▾ Multimedia ▾ Language ▾ Collection ▾  
 Year ▾ Acquisition date ▾ Mediagraphy ▾

Click  to make multiple selections (e.g. format).

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[Search Subjects](#) | [Order Form](#)

For further information, contact us by e-mail at [Info@media2.aea10.k12.ia.us](mailto:Info@media2.aea10.k12.ia.us), phone (319) 399-6754, 1-800-642-4107 or fax (319) 399-6457.

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Go to the Grant Wood AEA Media Center Online Catalog at:

<http://medten.aea10.k12.ia.us/Media/>

- Click on "Search Catalog."

## Media Catalog Search page

- Enter your search term/s and parameter/s.
  - ▶ Select the titles you would like to appear in the catalog by either selecting "check all" or clicking on boxes at the end of the titles.
  - ▶ Click on "select checked."
  - ▶ If you have not signed in, you will now be prompted to login with your client code and password.

## Order form page

- When finished, press "export titles."
  - ▶ Hint: Use "resume search" or "new search" and add more titles to the order form. Continue this process to build your desired list.

## Export titles page

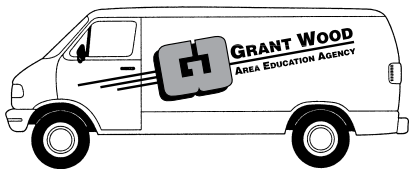
- By default, the catalog only option will be selected. Include a subject index by selecting "E-mail PDF catalog with index."
- Optional: Add a title which will show at the top of each page of the catalog.
- Verify your e-mail address. (You may also put in a colleague's e-mail address if you would like to send them a copy of the catalog.)
- Press "submit" and you will receive an e-mail with the catalog within one hour.
- Remember to logout when you are done.

## Success!

- When the catalog e-mail arrives, open the attachment to display your personalized catalog in Adobe Acrobat Reader.

To access step-by-step instructions for creating a "Personalized Catalog" go to [http://media2.aea10.k12.ia.us/Media/doc/tut\\_minicat.htm](http://media2.aea10.k12.ia.us/Media/doc/tut_minicat.htm)

If you have any questions or need assistance with your client code and password, contact customer service at 1-800-642-4107 or (319) 399-6754 or via e-mail at [reservations@aea10.k12.ia.us](mailto:reservations@aea10.k12.ia.us)



# GWAEA Van Delivery Guidelines



## Snow related late starts

GWAEA van drivers will make every effort to deliver to schools that are open or have a late start. If the van is unable to reach the school, Media Center staff will contact that school and alert them to the fact that they will not be receiving delivery. Items due to be returned will be picked up on the next van delivery date.

## Snow related school closings

Videos and DVDs will be cancelled and rescheduled for the first available date.

## Late Fees

Late fees are not charged for materials that are not returned on days that districts have late starts or weather related closings.

If an item was late prior to a snow day, the late charge will be in place up to, but not including the snow day. Materials must be returned on the next van.

For more information about late fees, please contact the Media Center supervisor.

## Calendar Changes

If one building is closed and the remainder of the buildings in the district is open, arrangements should

be made to have materials picked up and delivered to one of the other buildings.

Calendar changes due to snow days should be reported to Charlotte Haddy by the superintendent or their designee. Call 1-800-332-8488, Ext. 6750 or e-mail chaddy@gwaea.org.



# World Book Web

## New features for 2009-2010

In addition to the outstanding World Book Web resources you have had access to in the past including World Book Kids, World Book Student, World Book Advanced and a basic Spanish encyclopedia, your World Book Web access has expanded.

## New World Book Web resources for the 2009-2010 school year

World Book Discover offers engaging reference resources for students reading below grade level because of language or learning difficulties, including reluctant readers, ELL, and ESL students. The collection includes reference articles, text-to-speech capabilities, learning and life skills activities, research and translation tools, multimedia, and interactive video to draw students into curriculum-related topics and subjects relevant to older students.

Gran Enciclopedia Hispanica is a comprehensive Spanish-language encyclopedia that includes nearly 100,000 articles, along with thousands of images, maps, videos, animations, sounds, and interactive media. It is designed for native Spanish speakers, bilingual students, and ESL/ELL program participants.

L'Encyclopedie Decouverte Online offers World Book's editorial content and rich media in French. Thousands of encyclopedia articles written by expert contributors offer changes to wide-ranging coverage of student research needs. World Book's French-language site

also offers a visual dictionary, bilingual features that allow users to toggle between English and French, and two interfaces that make content accessible to all levels.

World Book Digital Libraries offers an online, interactive complement to World Book's newest print reference sets. Each library features all of the content from the print set as well as videos and animations, interactive activities, Web sites, lesson plans, curriculum correlations, and links to encyclopedic content.

- ◆ Living Green Digital Library examines pollution's causes and consequences, major ecosystems, and green issues in food production.
- ◆ Early Peoples Digital Library examines the history of the world's most influential ancient cultures.
- ◆ Inventions and Discoveries Digital Library includes an examination of inventions and discoveries in a variety of fields including mathematics and the arts.

To access the newest World Book brochure featuring all of the new World Book resources, go to Iowa AEA Online at <http://www.iowaaeaonline.org/> and click on the "Educator's" tab at the top of the page. Under "Product Literature" click on "World Book Web."

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# GWAEA Webinars!

## Date(s):

November 17..... NetTrekker..... Course # 9500-09-01  
December 9 ..... Google Docs..... Course # 9501-09-01  
January 12..... Digital Images in  
the Classroom ..... Course # 9502-09-01  
February 18 ..... Twitter..... Course # 9503-09-01  
April 22 ..... Moodle..... Course # 9508-09-01

**Time:** 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Location(s):

Your computer! It's a webinar! :-)

## Presenter(s):

GWAEA Technology Consultants

## Target Audience:

Teachers, GWAEA Staff, Administrators

**Credit: / Feesl:** NA

## Registration Information:

Visit GWAEA's website to register on-line:  
[www.gwaea.org/apps/ProfDev/user/signon.cfm](http://www.gwaea.org/apps/ProfDev/user/signon.cfm)

**Registration Deadline:** No deadline

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