

# The Field Files

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## Are You in Need of Resources to Supplement Your Teaching?

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**Did you know that Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) – the nation's top rated library system – offers a variety of unique support materials and services for our local educators?**

For starters, CCPL offers special Educator Cards that carry benefits only available to teachers. Those benefits include a very healthy borrowing limit of up to 150 items at a time, exemption from overdue fines for most of the items in its collection and an email notification service to help you keep track of the items you have borrowed.

There is no charge to get an Educator Card and you can apply in person at any one of CCPL's 27 branch locations. Be sure to bring verification of your status as an educator with you when you apply. On the CCPL website they provide a list of the different forms of verification they will accept, from school employee ID badges to teaching certificates to a copy of a Letter of Acknowledgement of Participation in a Home School. However, it is recommended that you call your local branch ahead of time to ensure that you bring everything you need to complete the application. A quick phone call could save you from having to make a second trip.

Many area teachers take advantage of CCPL's collection of "bookable" materials to enhance their students' reading experiences in the classroom. **"Book-ables" is a term Library staff use to describe story kits that you can "book" and have delivered to the branch of your choice on a specific date.** CCPL offers book-ables for students of all grade levels and reading ability. Book-ables cannot be ordered online like other library materials. To reserve a Book-able you will need to visit or call your local branch and fill out a brief Booking Request Form. Library staff will walk you through the relatively simple process.

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## Cuyahoga County Public Library "Bookables"



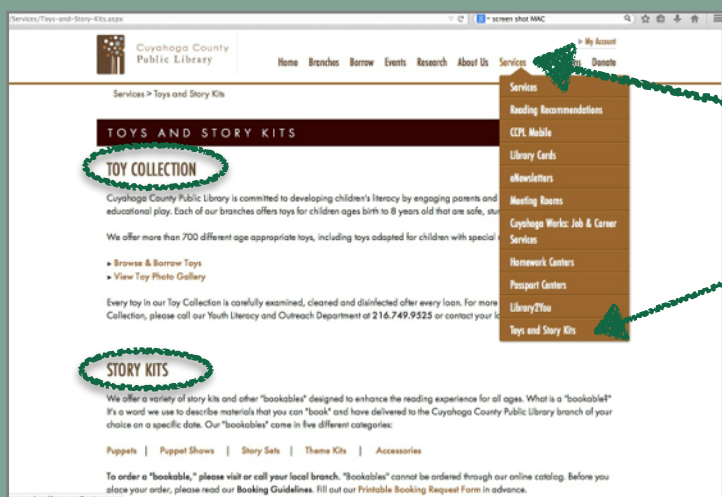
### Bookable Categories

1. Puppets
2. Puppet Shows
3. Story Sets
4. Theme Kits
5. Accessories



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## Interested in Checking Out a Bookable? Get Started by Reviewing the Online Catalog!



1. Visit the CCPL website [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org)
2. Locate the **Services** tab
3. Select **Toys and Story Kits**
4. Explore the Toy Collection
5. Explore the Bookables/Story Kits- 5 categories of free borrowable items
6. Don't neglect booking guidelines at the bottom of the page

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CCPL offers book-ables in five categories: Puppets, puppet shows, story sets, theme kits and accessories. Puppets range from finger-size to oversized (some are almost 3 feet long) and they come in singles, pairs and multiple sets. Puppet show sets come with a book, character puppets, props and a printed or recorded script. Additional accessories can be borrowed separately. The Library's puppet sets are a favorite of early childhood educators "in the know," and are typically used to enhance story time. Theme kits and story sets based on modern and classic children's literature are excellent learning tools for the classroom. The contents may vary, but all include a book, props and activities designed to engage students.

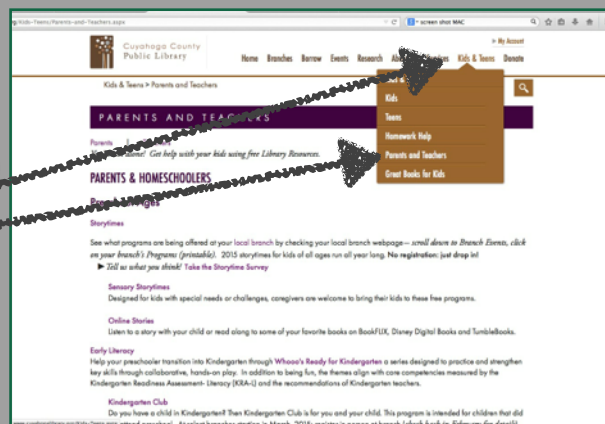
**For older students CCPL offers Project READ and Teen READ sets that include multiple copies of high quality books and support materials.** These sets are ideal for lesson plans. While you can't book them online (you have to call your local branch), you can preview them in the Library's online catalog. When available, CCPL includes Lexile® level and Accelerated Reader information

for each set, plus a synopsis of the book, the number of copies in the set and other useful details.

Many area educators simply do not realize how many terrific support services and resources Cuyahoga County Public Library has to offer them. What we have shared with you in this short article is just the tip of the iceberg. **We urge you call your local branch and take advantage of these wonderful free resources in your classroom.** You will be glad you did.

## Project READ and Teen READ Sets Are Also Available: See What Books Are in The Collections

1. Visit CCPL website [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org)
2. Find the *Kids & Teens* tab
3. Select *Parents and Teachers*
4. **Scroll down for Project READ and**



Free Borrowable Resources

# Michael Schwartz Library Curriculum Collection

## Curriculum Media Available



Over 40 hand puppets are available for free checkout. Many go along with popular children's stories.



The curriculum collection includes story kits to help increase student engagement during lessons.

The Curriculum Collection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the CSU library provides resources and materials that **CSU students can borrow for free.** Many of the educational guides and books are dated, but they are filled with ideas and resources that are relevant today.

The large curriculum collection is made up of 3 smaller collections.

1: Juvenile books (for the kids)

This is a collection of fictional works and non-fiction books that range in age appropriateness from K – 12. These may be checked out to read aloud or use in lesson support.

Collection 2: Curriculum Materials (for the teachers)

Although this is not common core updated, there are many textbook series available that are as new as 2010. Don't dismiss a textbook that is not common core aligned. You will still be able to possibly find ideas from the teacher's resource guides to create a Common Core focused lesson.

Collection 3: Curriculum Media

This is a great place to play around with ideas for Hook, Closure, Differentiation, and engagement. Anything found in the Curriculum Center that is not a book is housed in this part of the Collection. Collection 3 includes items such as:

- 1) storytelling kits
- 2) finger puppets
- 3) science kits
- 4) flip books
- 5) corkboards and flannel boards
- 6) pocket charts
- 7) posters
- 8) big books

All of these items are catalogued and can be viewed online to check for availability. They can be checked out for a 2 week time frame.



