

TRC CONNECTIONS

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE TEACHING RESOURCES CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
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SPRING SEMESTER 2009

TRC BEGINS WEEKEND HOURS



In response to students' requests for weekend hours, and a large increase in circulation, the Teaching Resources Center will soon begin opening on Sunday afternoons from 4:00—8:00 p.m. The new hours will begin on Sunday, February 1. The TRC has reorganized employee's schedules so that there will be no extra cost for staffing the additional four hours each week.

TRC HOURS

Monday—Thursday—8:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.

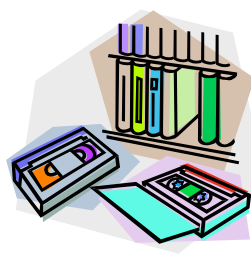
Friday—8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday—4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

- **21,069** -The number of items in the TRC
- **12,027** - The number of items circulated in the TRC in 2007—2008
- **11,988** - The number of times students used computers in the TRC in 2007—2008
- **552** -The number of students from **25** classes who came for tours of the TRC this fall
- **62** - The number of PRAXIS study guides
- **18** - The number of bibliographies available on the TRC website located at www.uncg.edu/soe/trc

DR. PAM BARRON DONATES OVER 1,700 ITEMS TO THE TRC



Dr. Pam Barron, a former Professor from the Department of Library and Information Studies, donated books, DVDs and videos to the TRC before retiring from her position this summer. The donations include many award-winning K-12 resources as well as professional titles for pre-service teachers and librarians.

CONGRATULATIONS

Two women who have played major roles in the success of the TRC were recognized this past year for their outstanding service to UNCG. Marge Michel received the 2008 SOE



Distinguished Service Award. The Michel Family Foundation provided a generous endowment to establish the Teaching Resources Center in 2002. Cindy Slater, cataloger at the Jackson Library, received the 2008 University Libraries Staff Service Award. Cindy has served as the cataloger for the TRC since it opened in 2002.

Congratulations to Marge and Cindy!

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NEW COLLECTIONS

PRAXIS Study Guides - Additional PRAXIS I and PRAXIS 2 study guides have been purchased for the TRC. These guides are now shelved in a special collection in Room 248 Ferguson.

Deaf Education Resources - A variety of materials, such as American Sign Language DVDs and books, have been purchased to support the Education for the Deaf program at UNCG.

Interactive Books - These electronic books on CDs have read-along features and engaging graphics and animation. They are also available in bilingual versions. Great for reluctant and ESL readers!

Playaways.—The TRC now has the latest in audiobooks—MP3 players loaded with novels and short stories. Titles include *I am Rosa Parks* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

Kits and Manipulatives - Fossils, sponges, clocks, globes, puppets, and more are available in this popular TRC collection.

TOURS OF THE CENTER

This fall, over 552 students in twenty-five classes visited the TRC for tours and to use the Center's resources. If you are interested in bringing your class to the TRC this semester, please contact:

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Request for Materials

Please list below any suggestions you have for materials to be purchased for the Teaching Resources Center. If possible, please attach the vendor catalog or order form to this page. You may return your completed form to Karen Gavigan's box in the mail room or to 247 Ferguson. Thank you for your suggestions.

NEW SOFTWARE FOR PRAXIS SUPPORT



The Jackson Library website now provides access to instructional online courseware for students to use to prepare for the PRAXIS tests. This Learning Express Library courseware is a vital tool for anyone working towards professional certification on the PRAXIS tests.

The courseware is directly aligned to the PRAXIS tests. It allows students to take two simulated tests in each of the following subjects:

- Praxis I: Pre-Professional Skills Test
- Praxis II: Early Childhood Content Knowledge Test
- Praxis II: Elementary Education Content Knowledge Test
- Praxis II: Middle School Content Knowledge Test

