

spreadsheet to Microsoft Excel. LibMap can be downloaded free of charge at

www.users.bigpond.com/ggath/libmap.htm

NEW RESOURCES

Purchasing new resources should not be equated with a shopping spree. With ever shrinking library budgets, teacher-librarians are forced to consider selections very carefully before parting with scarce dollars. Your school board may have a selection policy for acquisitions that should be consulted prior to making purchases. As an example, last year when the Greater Essex County District School Board purchased 1 million dollars in library books, they settled on the following considerations when evaluating potential resources:

- ◆ Curriculum Linked
- ◆ Quality Materials (award winning, structure, glossary, index, etc., print, illustrations, content, binding, genre)
- ◆ Copyright date
- ◆ Reading Level (reluctant reader, emergent reader, teen issues)
- ◆ Diversity (gender, disabilities, race, religion, social issues)

- ◆ Canadian
- ◆ Popularity (topical, high interest)

Once considerations or criteria for selecting resources have been established, there are many useful Web sites that review and recommend resources for schools. Here are some to check out.

- ◆ Booklist
www.ala.org/booklist/
- ◆ CM: Canadian Review of Materials
www.umanitoba.ca/cm
- ◆ Library Journal Digital
www.libraryjournal.com
- ◆ School Library Journal
www.schoollibraryjournal.com
- ◆ Canadian Children's Book Centre
www.bookcentre.ca
- ◆ Children's Literature Web Guide
www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown
- ◆ Resource Links
www.resourcelinks.ca
- ◆ "If I Had a Million Dollars" Resource Page
www.tinyurl.com/2habs

- ◆ Elementary Library Resource Initiative
www.gecdsb.on.ca/sub/schools/elem/southwoo/elementary_library_resourc.htm

- ◆ The Teacher Librarian
www.teacherlibrarian.com

Happy shopping! ■