

Resources for Media Education

Whether we're working with teachers or students, taking a leadership role or providing support in the background, one of the realities of our lives as teacher-librarians is that we're always looking for resources to use, share, and suggest. This article will give you some starting points and suggest some resources for media education.

Associations

The Association for Media Literacy
www.aml.ca.

This Canadian organization has an international membership and the Web site is a good starting point for anyone interested in media literacy. Check out "About Us" for speakers and workshops. The names on this list of speakers provide a good starting point for searches for books and articles. Although membership is required to access the resources, you can sign up for a free temporary membership. Check it out and then decide whether you want to sign up for a real membership.

Readings

The Jesuit Communication Project: Promoting Media Education in Schools Across Canada

http://interact.uoregon.edu/MediaLit/JCP/Index.html

See both the Media Literacy Review: Article Collection (in the Site Index) and the list of JCP articles (scroll down past the mission statement).

Orbit (volume 35, number 2, 2005), OISE/UT's magazine for schools.
www.oise.utoronto.ca/orbit

Check out the Media Education issue. *Orbit's* Web site provides the table of contents and a sample article, which just happens to be a major article by Barry Duncan. If you don't have this issue of *Orbit*, you might want to consider buying it. You should at least print this article!

Telemedium: The Journal of Media Literacy

www.ced.appstate.edu/departments/ci/programs/edmedia/medialit/telemedium_journal.html

This journal has just enough on-line content to make you wonder whether a subscription might be a good idea.

Language Arts (volume 84, number 1, September 2006), from the NCTE
www.ncte.org/pubs/journals/la/contents/123465.htm

Check out this issue on Multimodal Transformations. Although only abstracts are available on-line (unless you're a subscriber), you can always search for the full-text articles in the databases to which you have access (e.g. school/board subscriptions, OLA members only, Knowledge Ontario).

On-line Resources

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While the work of the Jesuit Communication Project will be of particular interest to teacher-librarians in Catholic schools, the JCP's work is of broad interest and value and this Web site should not be missed. Scroll down the page past the mission statement for a great collection of articles, resources, and links!

Media Awareness Network

www.media-awareness.ca
This bilingual Web site is

a Canadian educational resource for all those interested in media and Internet education for children and teens. MNet has a wealth of resources!

MediaLiteracy.com

www.medialiteracy.com
An American portal site for anyone interested in media literacy, this Web site has lots of resources on-line and even offers a teachers section for teacher-librarians (called "Library Media").

Celebration and Advocacy

And finally, don't forget to celebrate! November 19–24, 2006 marked Canada's very first *National Media Education Week*. Begin planning early for 2007. Check it out at www.mediaeducationweek.ca.

While this is by no means a comprehensive or exhaustive list of media education resources, you should find enough here to get started and to help educate not only yourself, but also the teachers and students with whom you work. ■

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