

Collection of Children's Books - Shoshanna Tenn

This semester I used a CARE grant of \$100 to purchase a basket and a wonderful selection of new and used picture books and Young Adult novels for use in my English 28 class. The purchased books include (in no particular order):

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston

Used-up Bear by Clay Carmichael

Crocodile Blues by Coleman Polhemus

Annie on My Mind by Nancy Garden

Parrot in the Oven by Victor Martinez

Hip-Hop Speaks to Children, a celebration of Poetry (collection + CD)

Almost Zero by Nikki Grimes

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

Students borrowed these books in a couple of cases for group presentations, but also to use for their "Profile a Young Reader and develop an Annotated Bibliography" projects, many of which were absolutely wonderful. I've attached the assignment, as well as a photo of the basket of books (some were with students at the time though) and links to a couple of class projects.

Students really appreciated having the basket of books right there in the classroom, and also the relaxed "take it/bring it back when you're done" approach. It made the college classroom more of a "living room" where we could pass around books and talk about them, and a student could take one home whenever, no pressure or deadlines.

