

Wanamaker, Karen A. Farmer. *Instant library lessons: first grade*. Fort Atkinson, WI : Upstart Books, 2005. 150 p. \$16.95. (ISBN: 1-932146-12-1)

Take one copy of *Instant library lessons: first grade*, add the suggested children's books and activities, and your lesson plans are set for the year! Using her expertise as an award-winning elementary school library media specialist, Wanamaker has created a useful resource containing everything a librarian needs "for a year of library instruction for the littlest library learners."

The 36 1-hour lessons cover both fiction and non-fiction titles in children's literature and address six key learning areas: library skills, literature appreciation, techniques of learning, comprehension, writing experiences, and oral language. Each lesson includes a featured book, lesson learning and ideas, materials needed, a "before class task to complete" check off list, and a lesson plan. Wanamaker also provides worksheets and pictures to either color or cut out and glue.

An introduction explains how to use the book, suggests library floor-plan layouts, and songs (with hand motions) to sing at the beginning of the lesson to help settle and focus the children. Information on ordering materials, such as videos, puppets, shared reading packs, teaching models and Big Books, is available in the back of the book.

"*Instant library lessons: first grade*" presents fun-filled, activity packed lessons centered around three delightful topics: Focus on frogs; Quilt me a story; and Bug out over books. Wanamaker's *Instant library lessons* series is ideal for any librarian in need of fun, fresh, easy to assemble lesson plans for teaching children library skills. The best part is, utilizing her approach and resources, the children pick up on the "fun" part while subconsciously learning valuable library and literature appreciation skills.

Wanamaker has over twenty-five years' experience as a library media specialist, with a B.S. in Elementary Education and Educational Media, and a master's degree in Storytelling and Reading. Other titles in her series include "*Instant library lessons: kindergarten*" and "*Instant library lessons : second grade*." Visit her website at [www.keepthestorygoing.com](http://www.keepthestorygoing.com).

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