

Buzzeo, Toni. *Collaborating to Meet Standards*. Columbus, OH: Linworth Publishing, 2007. 246 p., pbk. \$39.95. (ISBN: 1-58683-302-2)

Buzzeo is well-known among teacher librarians and media specialists for her many publications for library professionals as well as her picture books for emerging readers and young adults. In this second edition of *Collaborating to meet standards*, each chapter has been updated to include new resources, impact of NCLB, new evidence based practices, and more.

The entire book is well-organized and easy to follow, and contains a treasure trove of information and practical activities. The opening “matrix of learning activities by content standard” will be used and appreciated by new educators as well as short-timers that need a jump-start or new idea. Each chapter builds on the previous one, ensuring that classroom and library educators can move forward at their own speed and ability. Every chapter includes a half dozen or more call-outs with quotes, testimonials, and practical examples from media specialists that have put words into action. The Four-Blocks® Literacy Model is woven into introductory chapters, allowing practitioners to adapt the model into their own classroom or library teaching plans.

Best part of the whole book? It has to be the collaborative units as organized by Buzzeo in cooperation with a host of library media specialists. Encompassing more than half of the book’s content, each unit includes a variety of worksheets, checklists and bibliographies that allow teachers and librarians to get a quick start on great activities like a History Fair, a unit on SuperBugs, or creating a pathfinder for EBSCO databases. Highly recommended for teacher librarians, media specialists and school librarians serving grades K – 8.

Dodie Ownes, Stacks
Information Services Consulting