

Miller, Pat. *Stretchy Lesson Plans: August/September (Series Book 1)*. Upstart Books: Fort Atkinson, WI. 2007. 77p. \$15.95. (ISBN: 978-1-932146929)

This set of lessons is written by one of the contributing editors to *Library Sparks Magazine*, Pat Miller. She is an active school librarian and it shows in these lessons. Each lesson is full of practical ideas that can be implemented from the smallest school libraries to the largest. Included are lesson planners for those who have yet to find one that works for them. This is the lead title in an entire series of books that will cover the school year.

Each lesson gives the objectives, grade level, materials, what is needed to set up for the lesson, the directions for the lesson, and black line masters for some of the props. Some units also include the titles of books used in the lesson or that could be used in the lesson. Answers keys are also provided. There is even a lesson for those schools who use the Accelerated Reader program that is designed to help support the program. Whenever there is a prop that is needed that cannot be easily reproduced, the author lists companies that can provide the prop. Additionally, website URLs are provided for authors in some of the lessons. There is a bibliography of titles included not only at the end, but also in the lessons. References are made to past columns in *Library Sparks*.

The thing I like about the book is the fact that each lesson has been tried not just once, but several times in a variety of situations and libraries. The lessons are fun, full of excellent book choices and complete. I've already taken steps to own the entire series. It is a great asset to a librarian's professional collection.

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