

Messner, Patricia A. and Copeland, Brenda S. *A Year in Picture Books: Linking to the Information Literacy Standards*. Libraries Unlimited: Westport, CT. 2007. 176p. \$35.00 ISBN: (978-1-59158-495-7.)

This is a great addition to a librarian's shelf of tricks and lessons. The book is broken down by the months of the year and the traditional things that are covered in each month, i.e., September is library orientation. It is broken down even further into grade levels. Each lesson provides the objective, the AASL Standard being addressed, the skills being taught, grade level, materials needed, how to prepare those materials and closure. All patterns are provided within the lessons so you have them immediately available. The stories included are a blend of old and new titles, leaning toward the newer titles. At the end of each month, there is a bibliography of resources needed for the month.

What I liked about the book is that the activities are varied. One lesson may be a hands-on searching activity, while the next might be answering a variety of questions pulled from a box. There are games, matching activities, and even puppet activities. There is an Appendix that lists the titles used by standard, a bibliography, index and web site resources.

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