

Murray, Janet R. *Achieving Educational Standards Using the Big6*. Columbus, OH: Linworth Books, 2008. xii. 168p. \$39.95 (ISBN: 1-58683-301-4)

Author Janet Murray, a school media specialist, has been presenting and publishing materials about teaching information literacy using the Big6 and other research tools since 1992. She has also developed an online college course utilizing the Big6 in student instruction.

In *Achieving Educational Standards Using the Big6*, Ms. Murray aids the instructional media specialist in combining the educational standards with the Big6 method of research with ease. Ms. Murray notes in the introduction that although the Big6 method is twenty years old, this method of research helps "...students acquire the skills they will need and achieve the standards delineated by state and national educational organizations." Big6 can be utilized with any source of information including those, like the web, developed after the creation of the Big6 method. Big6 is "...applicable whenever people need and use information.", and it is a method that aids students after their formal education while they continuing in their life-long learning quest.

Ms. Murray devotes over 120 pages to strategies for the school library media specialist to use Big6 skills in covering content and literacy standards. Sample units are presented utilizing various content areas and elementary, middle school and high school grade levels.

Three appendices supplement the book's information. AASL Standards for the 21st-Century Learner and The ISTE National Educational Technology Standards and Performance Indicators for Students are included. The last appendix offers web sites for the national content standards and state content standards.

The work is well documented and offers many referenced sites for further study. It could easily be used in conjunction with other books, such as *Using the Big6 to Teach and Learn with the Internet*, *The Big6 in Middle School* and *The Super3: Information Skills for Young Learners*. *Achieving Educational Standards Using the Big6* would be a valuable addition to any school professional collection where the Big6 method of research is utilized or is in the process of being implemented. It could be used by the librarian and the classroom teacher in their collaborative efforts of teaching.

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