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With materials ranging from the purely academic to the patently absurd, an adjunct professor's donations to the UD School of Education and Allied Professions' Louis Faerber, S.M., Curriculum Materials Center are helping students, alumni and area educators to be better teachers.

The 4,484 items contributed in the past seven years by Stacia Smith, superintendent of the Clark County Educational Service Center in Springfield, Ohio, are a veritable treasure trove of both content and methodology for educators, said Ann Raney, director of the Curriculum Materials Center, which is on the first floor of Chaminade Hall. On June 18, Raney presented Smith with a plaque of appreciation.

"I do not have a large budget for acquisitions, which makes this donation all the more beneficial," Raney said.

A few notable titles from the most recent installment:

- *Language, Context, and Text: Aspects of Language in a Social-Semiotic Perspective*
- *From Literature to Literacy: Bridging Learning in the Library and the Primary Grade Classroom*
- *The Stupids Step Out*
- *Rainbows, Head Lice, and Pea-Green Tile: Poems in the Voice of the Classroom Teacher*
- *The Frog Principal*
- *Grossology: The Science of Really Gross Things*

Smith, who teaches methods and reading courses to graduate students in UD's teacher education department, built her collection while teaching in the Columbus Public Schools and earning her doctorate in literacy from Ohio State University.

"I work with students in the graduate programs here, and when I see where a student has checked out something from my collection, that really feels good," Smith said.

Smith, an associate superintendent in the Dayton Public Schools for five years, was one of the first Ohio teachers to gain National Board Certification in 1997. She received a 10-year renewal in 2007 and helps other teachers to prepare for it.

The Curriculum Materials Center is a lending library of education books, children's and young-adult literature, elementary and secondary textbooks, teaching aids, software, audio-visual materials, standardized tests, records, and information files. They're available to UD employees, students, alumni and friends of the library. They also circulate through OhioLINK to other state universities and public libraries and through interlibrary loan to libraries throughout the United States and to foreign countries, Raney said.