

# NEWS@IRU

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## eSources for Professional Learning!



The Instructional Resources Unit (IRU) is pleased to offer digital books, or *eBooks*, as a new professional learning resource for Manitoba teachers and educators. eBooks offer many opportunities and advantages over traditional resources. As they are accessible anytime, anywhere, from the Internet, they extend the physical boundaries of the library. IRU hopes to facilitate access to a wide variety of electronic collections in order to optimize long-term digital library resource services to all Manitoba educators and teachers.

According to a survey recently conducted by ebrary.com, "eBooks rank among the top resources students consider trustworthy, along with print materials such as books, textbooks, reference (dictionaries, encyclopedias, maps), and journals."

eBooks, which are often delivered as PDFs, are basically portable, electronic copies of published print materials. They have many attributes that make them both convenient and unique. One major benefit of using eBooks is that more than one user can read the same title simultaneously. Also, eBooks are extremely easy to access. Once you complete your download, which is like checking out a print resource from the library, the content is available on your desktop. After the checkout period has expired, they are automatically returned, so there is no need to worry about overdue notices.

IRU has acquired the first set of its eBook collection as part of its long-term digital collection development goal. You can access over 50 eBook titles anytime, anywhere.

These eBooks are available to registered patrons with a current client number and password. New users will need to create an account to gain access. For more information on accessing eBooks on your home or school computer, contact IRU at 204-945-7830, or toll-free at 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7830, or visit the IRU website at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/iru/virtual/index.html>.

**eBook of the Month**

**Check it Out!**

**NetLibrary**

### eBooks

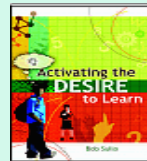
#### Virtual Education Information Services

Samples of eBooks are available to our registered and users accessible from school or home on a 24/7 basis.



**Achieving Best Behavior for Children With Developmental Disabilities: A Step-by-Step Workbook for Parents and Carers**  
By Pamela Faith Lewis

The book is presented in an interactive workbook format so that you can move toward this general goal in small, concrete steps. The book begins with some preliminaries.



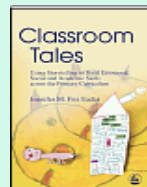
**Activating the Desire to Learn**  
By Robert A. Shullo

Consider your performance when you are "made" to do something. Perhaps the activity connected you to others. Immersed in the task, you felt competent and tasted the satisfaction that accompanies hard-earned success.



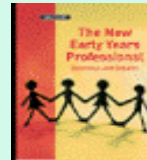
**Boss of the Whole School**  
By Elizabeth Hebert

Imagine being a principal. Do you want to be a principal? If you do, I have this advice for you: for the most part, your leadership will be formed by who you are—your own life experiences, your temperament, and your judgment.



**Classroom Tales: Using Storytelling to Build Emotional, Social and Academic Skills Across the Primary Curriculum**  
By Jennifer M. Fox Eades

Classroom Tales gives practical advice for starting out as a storyteller and lots of suggestions for how to build stories into the life of the classroom and the school.



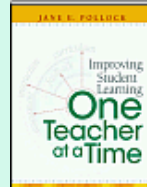
**The New Early Years Professional - Dilemmas & Debates**  
By Angela Nurse

Each of the chapters is written by someone who is not only a practitioner and a teacher in a university, but who is also passionate about the lives of children and their families.



**Autism, Access and Inclusion on the Front Line**  
By Matthew Hesmondhaigh

Unfortunately, in the schools that he attended, there were not enough, if any, autism anoraks to help him through, and the ones that worked for our local education were spread too thin.



**Improving Student Learning One Teacher At A Time**  
By Jane E. Pollock

All, regardless of race or class or economic status, are entitled to a fair chance and to the tools for developing their individual powers of mind and spirit to the utmost. It was fitting, given the heated pedagogical exchange we were about to have.

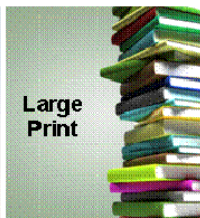
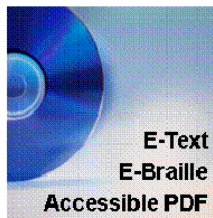
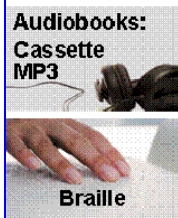
For a complete listing of eBooks and other electronic resources, please visit

[www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/iru/virtual/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/iru/virtual/index.html)

For assistance, call 945-7830

Toll-free - 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7830.

## Alternate Formats/Access Services



The Instructional Resources Unit's Alternate Format Collection supports the education of students who are print disabled (Blind/Visually Impaired, Physically Disabled, Learning Disabled) by providing learning resources in alternate formats, including audio books (cassettes and MP3), Braille, eBraille, large print, electronic text and accessible PDF. Through the inter-library loan service, materials from other educational resource centres for the print disabled in Canada are also available, to authorized borrowers who are registered with these centres. Services provided to patrons include instruction in the use of the online catalogue, quick and in-depth information and detailed searches of the collection.

### Mailing Address

Alternate Formats/Access Services  
Instructional Resources Unit  
Main Floor – 1181 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0T3

### Reference Assistance, Registration & Borrowing Information

Telephone: 204-945-7835  
Toll-free – 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7835 or 7838  
Fax: 204-948-2421  
Email: [iruafc@gov.mb.ca](mailto:iruafc@gov.mb.ca)

Alternate Format Services Catalogue: <http://smscat.merlin.mb.ca/>

## What's New with CBC News in Review?



*News in Review* is a series of 60-minute educational tapes designed by teachers for an integrated curriculum. It is an effective learning tool for Canadian studies, global studies, history, social science, media literature, English and EAL. Each *News in Review* segment is crafted to give students and teachers a timely and concise examination of Canadian and world issues. Footage from CBC's archives helps provide historical context. A comprehensive resource guide written by experienced educators supplies background information. *News in Review* is also closed captioned.

This exciting series is available in DVD format so they can be archived in your school library. For upcoming information, please access the IRU [website](http://www.gov.mb.ca/education/iru/) or call 945-4904.

## Patron Feedback & Comments

*"I really appreciate the Department of Education and I have borrowed much over the years; especially for up North. Thank you!"*

*"The knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff always finds resources for me. It is especially helpful to have the library open on Saturdays. Your services greatly expand the resources I have on hand for my students."*

## Quick Facts

### In 2007 – 2008, IRU recorded

- 9,000 active users
- 3,419,428 IRU website visitors
- 1,151,792 OPAC users
- 111,572 resources circulated
- 21,475 reference & information queries answered by staff

## How to Access Resources

### Books, Multimedia Kits, Audio Cassettes, Compact Discs, Journal Articles

**Contact: Access and Information Services**

Email: [iruref@gov.mb.ca](mailto:iruref@gov.mb.ca)

Telephone: 945-7830 Toll-free – 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7830

### Videos, DVDs, CD-ROMs, & Selected Kits

**Contact: Media Booking Services**

Email: [irucirc@gov.mb.ca](mailto:irucirc@gov.mb.ca)

Telephone: 945-7849 Toll-free – 1-800-592-7330

### Media Recordings with Duplication Rights (with VT numbers)

**Contact: Media Duplication Services**

Email: [irudub@gov.mb.ca](mailto:irudub@gov.mb.ca)

Telephone: 945-7880 Toll-free – 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7880

### Electronic Resources

**Contact: Access and Information Services**

Email: [iruref@gov.mb.ca](mailto:iruref@gov.mb.ca)

Telephone: 945-7830 Toll-free – 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7830

Fax Number For All Areas: 945-8756

## Library Training Workshops

IRU offers library instruction for teachers, teachers-in-training, and school library and school division personnel. For more information and to arrange a training workshop, contact:

Nessa Herman

Email: [nessa.herman@gov.mb.ca](mailto:nessa.herman@gov.mb.ca)

Telephone: 204-945-7722

Toll-free: 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7722

### Hours 2009

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| Monday & Thursday   | 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday & Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| Friday              | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday            | 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |

Media Booking is open 8:00 a.m. Mon. through Thurs. Closed Sat. of long weekends & Sat. in May & December.

For summer hours and dates of closure, call or check the web site:

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/iru/about/hours/index.html>