



BU Toy Library



Language and Literacy Resource Center



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Program Assessment

Every year, BU Toy Library members offer suggestions for new literacy and play resources and equipment. With funding from Bloomsburg University and donations to the BU Toy Library Program Fund, we are able to respond to these requests. Thank you!

To mark our 10-year anniversary and to plan for the next decade of service to Bloomsburg University, the BU Toy Library will begin a program assessment (IRB# 2018-72-COLA) during the Summer 2018. Past and present toy library members will receive an email requesting their participation. All participants will be invited to enter their name in a drawing for a brand new K'nex toy!

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PSYCH 337: Service Learning Experience

During the Fall 2017, students enrolled in Dr. Mary Katherine Duncan's PSYCH 337 Developmental Psychopathology course used Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences as a conceptual guide to select literacy and play resources to fill 100 suitcases for children and youth served by Columbia County's foster care program. This project was funded by the Joan and Fred Miller Distinguished professor of Good Work Fellowship.



Under the supervision of Dr. Jennifer Johnson, members of the Psychology Association handcrafted holiday greeting cards for each of the duffel bags.



Art major (Ashley Lopez) created luggage tags to identify the duffel bags as gifts from Bloomsburg University and to give each child a place to record their name and current address.

Suitcases were presented to representatives from Columbia County's Children & Youth.

We learned that the number of children had risen substantially over the Fall semester. The scope of our project ensured that each child would receive a filled duffel bag over the holiday season.



PSYCH 327: Service Learning Experience



During the Spring 2018, students enrolled in Dr. Mary Katherine Duncan's **PSYCH 327 Positive Psychology course** used Peterson & Seligman's (2004) *Character Strengths and Virtues: A Handbook and Classification System* as a conceptual guide to handcraft scrapbooks and purchase collections of children's picture books to fill 150 tote bags for children in foster care served by Montour County Children & Youth and KidsPeace Foster Care in Danville, seriously ill children served by the Ronald McDonald House of Danville and Geisinger Medical Center's Janet Weiss Children's Hospital, as well as older adults served by Maria Joseph Manor (Danville, PA) and Bloom Mills Senior Center (Bloomsburg, PA). This project was funded by the Joan and Fred Miller Distinguished Professor of Good Work Fellowship.



Members of Psychology Association earned service hours by helping PSYCH 327 students assemble the Life Books and Memory Books.



2017-18 End-of-Year Report

During the 2017-2018 academic year, the BU Toy Library: Language and Literacy Resource Center served at least 125 faculty, staff, and students across departments and colleges as well as professionals and paraprofessionals in our community. Members checked out approximately 1000 resources and made good use of the Ellison Die Cut Center. Special thanks to our dependable and knowledgeable staff, including Taylor Hunt (Graduate Assistant, Fall 2017), James Segilia (Graduate Assistant, Spring 2018), Alyssa Bednash (Undergraduate Student Worker), and Maryann Dambro (Undergraduate Student Worker).

Thank you to all of our members who assisted with our program assessment. Your positive feedback is truly rewarding and your constructive comments inspire our continued growth. We are honored to have played a small part in your academic and professional development.

Finally, thank you to the graduating seniors who donated to the **BU Toy Library Program Fund**. Your generosity will be recorded in the good work of the BU Toy Library for years to come.

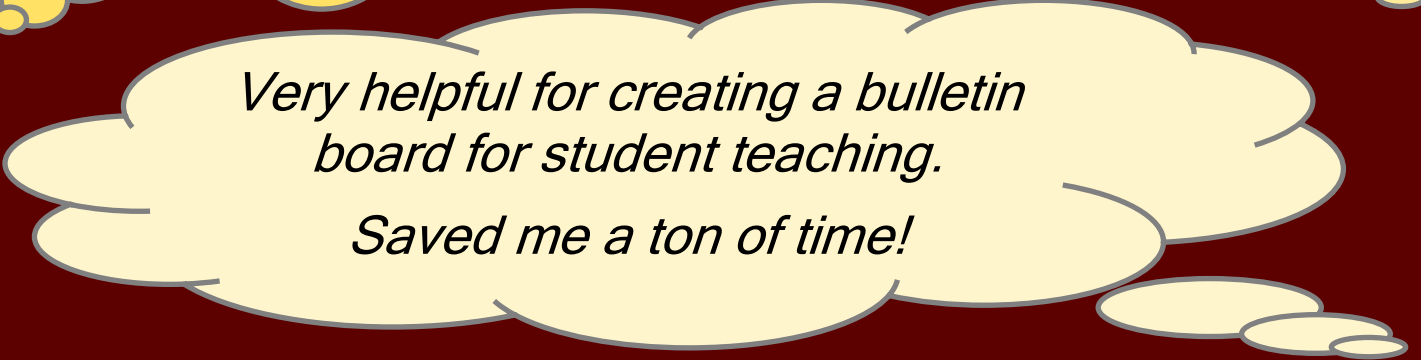
—Mary Katherine Duncan



*Great
selection of
everything!*



*Staff was very
friendly and helpful!*



*Very helpful for creating a bulletin
board for student teaching.*

Saved me a ton of time!