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Center for Children's Literature at Carthage College launches website featuring international children's books

KENOSHA, Wis. – The Center for Children's Literature at Carthage College has launched a website devoted to new international children's books.

OmniLibros.com is an annotated bibliography designed to help teachers, librarians, reading resource staff, and parents select English-language books that promote understanding across global cultures. Marilyn Ward, director of the center and a professor of education, created the site.

Each featured book has been translated into English, published outside the United States, or set in another country.

"OmniLibros brings the entire world of children's literature right to our fingertips," said Jacqueline Easley, chair of the Education Department at Carthage. "This unique website has allowed teachers and students around the world to shake hands with one another through their access to internationally published children's books."

The site offers multiple ways to search, including by age level, keyword, country, and awards won. Many of the authors have received prestigious honors such as the Astrid Lindgren or Hans Christian Andersen awards, or a place on the IBBY Honour List.

"Excitement and thought-provoking discussion filled our faculty meeting as teachers, educational assistants, and administrators explored OmniLibros," said Kathy Boero, an administrator at The Prairie School in Racine, Wisconsin. "This is a diverse and amazing resource for all who love books!"

Each book is available at many U.S. libraries. The titles also are part of the Center for Children's Literature collection and can be checked out through interlibrary loan.

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