



Language and Literacy Resource Center



A Permanent Home on the ACADEMIC QUAD!

Come visit us in our new location (**MCHS 1247**) and check out all of our new literacy and play resources. Using Dr. Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences as a conceptual guide, books and toys were carefully selected to help individuals of all developmental ages and abilities explore and celebrate their collection of intellectual strengths. Resources were purchased with funds awarded to Dr. Mary Katherine Duncan (Joan and Fred Miller Distinguished Professor of Good Work) through a 2015 Teaching and Learning Enhancement (TALE) Center Outstanding Teacher Award, a 2015 Husky PIONEERS Award, and an Academic Project Enhancement Fund.

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Service at Home and Abroad

Course-based Service Learning

Advanced psychology majors enrolled in Dr. Mary Katherine Duncan's PSYCH 337: Developmental Psychopathology course developed and implemented an afterschool Service Club entitled, *Playing (and Serving Others) with MI Smarts*. Saint Columba School children in Grades K - 4 participated in fun, hands-on activities which encouraged them to explore their cognitive competencies and use their intellectual strengths in service of others. After reflecting on their word smarts and picture smarts, for example, the elementary school-aged students crafted a collection of handmade greeting cards for children in foster care. After exploring body smarts and music smarts, they fashioned interactive repetition and rhyming books for new mothers and their young children.



"The BU Toy Library was an amazing asset to the success of our project...It allowed us to get everything we needed for our project in one day and in one place at no cost."

"The toy library has a large selection of toys that could be applied to each of Gardner's intelligences."

BU Honors Program in Jamaica

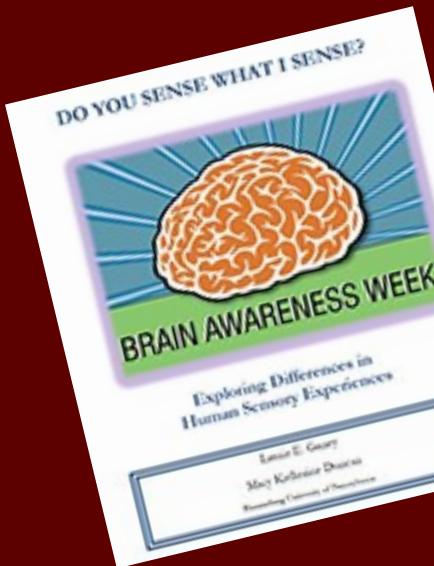
Under the supervision of Drs. Joan and Fred Miller, undergraduate students enrolled in the BU Honors Program traveled to Jamaica on a Spring Break service trip. Dr. Mary Katherine Duncan developed a multiple intelligences-curriculum and the BU Toy Library donated several K'nex toys to support students' work in local schools.



Senior Capstone Coursework

Brain Awareness Week

Under the supervision of Dr. Jennifer Johnson (Department of Psychology) and with support from the College of Liberal Arts, senior psychology majors (Emily Matusz, Emily Funk, and Jess Minnich) developed and implemented the 6th Annual Brain Awareness Week for their Independent Study projects. The BU Toy Library was proud to be able to provide literacy and play resources for this successful community outreach program.



Practicum @ the BU Toy Library

The PSYCH 497 Psychology Practicum through the BU Toy Library offered two students a full range of clinical activities during the Fall 2015. Carly Tessein and Emily Matusz assumed administrative responsibilities such as enrolling new members and maintaining accurate records of library membership; managing and inventorying the library's literacy and play resources; maintaining the organization of the library; answering the dedicated phone line and responding to emails; offering tours of the library and website; and participating in weekly supervision meetings. They also provided consultation to faculty, staff, undergraduates, and graduate students as well as professionals and paraprofessionals from Bloomsburg and surrounding communities who were working with individuals of all developmental ages and abilities.

With respect to outreach programming, Carly Tessein implemented a multiple intelligences-inspired program for children whose parents were participating in AGAPE's *Bridges out of Poverty* program in Danville, PA. Emily Matusz volunteered ten hours per week at the Aphasia Center in Danville, PA where she assisted with current programming while using the resources of the BU Toy Library.

End-of-Year Report

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the BU Toy Library: Language and Literacy Resource Center served 160 members (faculty, staff, and students) across departments and colleges as well as professionals and paraprofessionals in our community. Members checked out at least 550 resources, and countless others made good use of the Ellison Die Cut Center. Special thanks to our dependable and knowledgeable staff, including Kellie Fisher (Graduate Assistant), Jessika Adams (Undergraduate Student Worker) and Megan Deptula (Undergraduate Student Worker).

Thank you to all of our members who completed and returned a program assessment survey. Your positive feedback is truly rewarding and your constructive feedback inspires our continued growth. We are honored to have played even 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. I will be a good steward of your generosity, so that your legacy may be recorded in the good work of the BU Toy Library for years to come.

-Mary Katherine Duncan

