

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE  
MLIS 7422 Programming for Children and Young Teens  
Syllabus—Fall Semester 2005  
Three Credit Hours

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**Catalog Description**

An overview of the nature, philosophy, design and delivery of library programs for youngsters from birth through early teens. Includes principles of planning, implementing, promoting, and evaluating programs for this age group. Emphasis will be on creative arts including storytime and storytelling, puppetry, reading incentive programs, and other age-specific activities.

**Course Outcomes**

Each student will demonstrate an ability to:

- Create library programs for young audiences aligned with principles of child development, ethnic diversity, and special (physical or psychological) needs
- Conduct a community analysis to assess local needs, tastes, and resources pertinent to developing library programs for children and young teens
- Design program presentations based on a variety of creative arts techniques
- Deliver or perform program presentations in a style attractive to young audiences
- Describe a physical environment conducive to conducting or hosting programs for youngsters
- Engage with other participants or stakeholders (e.g., colleagues, parents, care-givers or child care agencies, other professionals involved with child welfare) in program planning and implementation
- Evaluate a library program for children and young teens based on audience needs and interests in consort with the goals of the library

**Textbooks**

Required:

Steele, A. T. *Bare Bones Children's Services: Tips for Public Library Generalists*. American Library Association, 2001. ISBN: 0838907911 (Paperback)

Optional:

McGrath, R. V. (2000). *Bare Bones Young Adult Services: Tips for Public Library Generalists*. Chicago: American Library Association.

<Available through USG's NetLibrary subscription. Users must create an account – see [http://books.valdosta.edu/mlis/7110/netlibrary\\_explain.html](http://books.valdosta.edu/mlis/7110/netlibrary_explain.html)\*>

### Technical Requirements

To view media files created by classmates or the professor, you will need the RealPlayer Plus viewer and the PowerPoint Viewer (if you have PowerPoint, you have the Viewer already). Free download URLs will be listed in your course notes. The Vista version of WebCT works best with the Netscape browser, free download at <http://browser.netscape.com/ns8/>\*

### Attendance

This is primarily a Web-delivered course, with one required face-to-face meeting (scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 10 am to 5 pm on the Macon campus). In case of hurricane-level weather (official hurricane alert from the weather bureau), the backup date is Saturday, September 10.

### Requirements

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| Observation Presentation          | 10% |
| Read, React, Report (3) Synopses  | 15% |
| Creative Program 1                | 15% |
| Creative Program 2                | 15% |
| Creative Program 3                | 15% |
| Creative Program Peer Evaluations | 10% |
| Letter to a Colleague             | 5%  |
| Community Analysis Presentation   | 15% |

### Grading

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| Exceptionally exceeds minimum standards | A |
| Exceeds minimum standards               | B |
| Meets minimum standards                 | C |
| Barely meets minimum standards          | D |
| Fails to meet minimum standards         | F |

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\* These URL's are scheduled to change during the fall semester 2006.