



“Books
fall open,
you fall in,
delighted where
you’ve never been.
Hear voices not once
heard before,
reach world on world
through door
on door!”

— David McCord

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Located in The University of Arizona College of Education, Worlds of Words (WOW) is an international collection of 30,000 volumes of children’s and adolescent literature focusing on world cultures.

It is the second-largest collection in the world! Dean Ronald W.

Marx and Bob Strauss, Tucson’s foremost advocates for schools and children, are leading a capital campaign to raise \$1.58 million to renovate and furnish a library space in the College of Education to house WOW’s rapidly expanding collection. The new space will open our doors to teachers and the community, with reading areas, special collections, an art studio, a spacious classroom, offices, and workrooms. In all, a beautiful 5,000 square-foot facility is planned to house the collection and its outreach programs. *(over)*

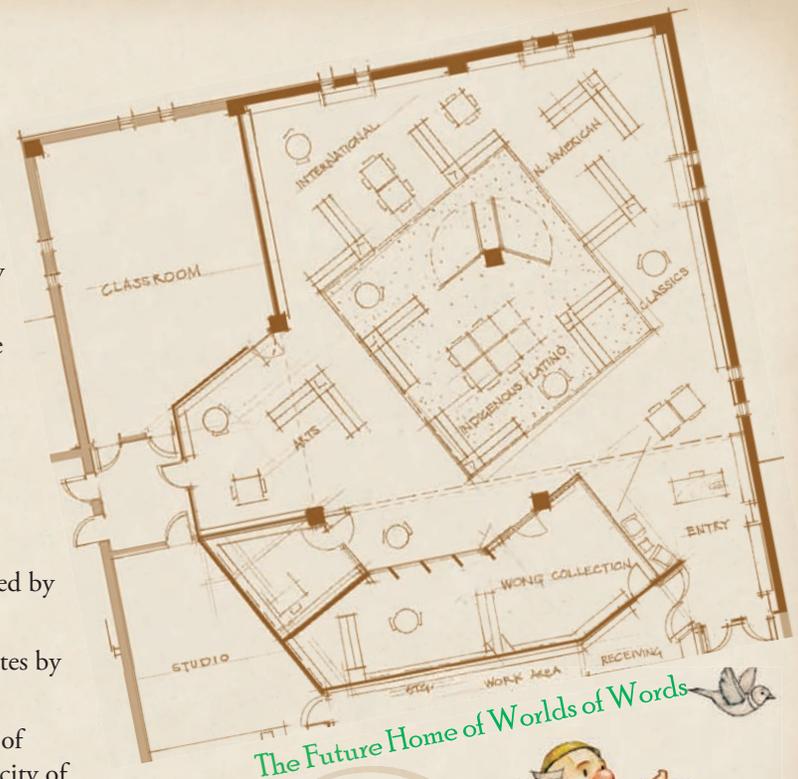
This new home will draw visitors from around the globe to share knowledge of cultures through children's literature. Students from the College of Education and across the campus will use the facility, and teachers, librarians, parents, families, and community members will be welcomed.

Literary events, author presentations, university meetings, and other activities will draw even greater audiences. The space will at once inspire the imagination and ignite young people's passions for the literary quest. WOW is directed by Professor Kathy Short, in collaboration with the international expertise of faculty in the College of Education. It benefits from the large number of doctoral students within the college, many of whom are international students, with a focus in literacy and children's literature. WOW also has an active advisory board with expertise in children's literature who are influential throughout the United States.

WOW resources also include:

- www.wowlit.org, an online database of high-quality, authentic international literature that can be searched by themes, age level, country, etc.
- *WOW Stories*, an online journal that contains vignettes by educators to build bridges across cultures
- *WOW Review*, an online journal containing reviews of international literature with a focus on the authenticity of the culture or country featured in each book

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The Future Home of Worlds of Words



If you would like to make a contribution to the Worlds of Words Building Fund, volunteer to help with this effort, or learn more about the project, please send this form to the Director of Development, UA College of Education, P. O. Box 210069, Tucson, AZ 85721.

- I would like to make a gift to the WOW campaign.
- I am interested in philanthropic naming opportunities for spaces in WOW.
- I would like to help raise funds for WOW in my school or organization.
- I would like to volunteer to help WOW reach its goal by serving on a work or planning committee.

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