

Appendix E-2: Book Vendors

We would like to share the vendors that we used. *Please keep in mind that this is not an exhaustive list.*

Vendors Specializing in World Languages

Multicultural Books and Videos (MCBV)

1-800-567-2220

www.multiculturalbooksandvideos.com

MCBV was one of our primary sources for children's picture books in other languages. They offer a very wide variety of books and languages, and a good portion of their books are bilingual. We found their paper catalogue to be more comprehensive and easier to use than their website, however, many of their titles tend to be backordered with a long wait, so always check your order with them before you place it. MCBV does have a binding service, but mistakes are made more frequently than we would have liked. However, if you call, their staff is extremely friendly and helpful

Culture for Kids/Asia for Kids (CforK)

1-800-888-9681

www.cultureforkids.com

CforK was another of our primary sources for children's picture books in other languages. They, too, offer a wide variety of languages, though not quite as large a variety of titles. Again, a good portion of their books are bilingual. Their paper catalogue is very easy to use. Most of their titles are readily available, and, if titles don't need to be bound, they ship them quickly! They do offer a binding service that takes a while, but the result tends to be accurate. Their staff, too, is very friendly and helpful.

Bilingual Educational Services, Inc. (BES)

1-800-448-6032

www.besbooks.com

We used BES exclusively for Spanish books. They have an incredible variety of both bilingual and Spanish-only books. They are excellent about providing lists of award-winning books (both American and various Spanish-language awards) which make for easy choices! We found that their titles are readily available and ship quickly.

Yevshan

1-800-265-9858

www.yevshan.com

Yevshan is your source for Ukrainian books, and we cannot say enough good things about them! They have a wide selection of books and ship remarkably quickly and accurately. Both their paper and web-based catalogues are easy to use. However, they do NOT offer a binding service. The books they offer are primarily Ukrainian-only (not bilingual), and the catalogue can be a tad difficult in some categories if you do not read Ukrainian. The

pictures of the book covers are invaluable as the titles are often provided in Ukrainian with rather generic descriptions.

English-Language Vendors that Include World Languages

The following vendors offer English books primarily, but do also offer some world language books.

Book Wholesalers, Inc (BWI)

1-800-888-4478

www.bwibooks.com (You will need to register to search their database, but this is free of charge.)

BWI has begun to offer a growing collection of children's books in languages other than English. They offer a wide variety of languages, though the number of titles for each is small at this point. Also, these titles are often not in stock, and you will want to check availability if you have a deadline for receiving them. As with these other vendors, their staff is very helpful when contacted directly.

Ingram

1-800-937-5300

www.ingrambook.com (You will have to register an account in order to access their databases.)

Ingram, too, has a world languages collection that is growing.

Scholastic

1-800-724-6527

www.scholastic.com

Scholastic simply cannot be beaten for paperback Spanish titles! They offer a huge assortment of both Western translations and original tales, both bilingual and Spanish-only. Titles range from the well-known to the lesser-known. They ship quickly and accurately, and the prices are low!

In addition, Scholastic has a Literacy Partners program for agencies giving away books to children as part of literacy outreach programs. Only non-profit agencies may participate (such as a Foundation or Friends group).

www.scholastic.com/aboutscholastic/community/programs/litpartners.htm

Star Bright Books

1-800-788-4439

www.starbrightbooks.com

Starbright is primarily a vendor that supplies books for literacy programs, with a deep discount! However you can also purchase their small but quality collection of board, ASL, and picture books for your library collections.