



Mural painting by Carlos Magano at FEUSP - The march of human knowledge - 1956

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The library of the School of Education was founded in 1969, and it holds one of the richest and most comprehensive archives in the field of education in Brazil, with a collection of 250 thousand volumes.

The library collection is registered in the bibliographical database of USP (Dedalus), with internet access at www.usp.br/sibi. It is constantly updated with University resources and external resources from research support agencies, mainly FAPESP.

The library facility is not restricted to the community of the School of Education - professors, undergraduate students (teacher education and pedagogy), graduate students and special students. It is open to a broader public from all over the country that is attracted, above all, by the comprehensiveness of its collection and its constant updating.

The library also has a vast collection of rare volumes, many of them dating back to the XVIII century, from the former Regional Center of Educational Research (CRPE).

In the years 1976/1977, the library received two special collections: Paulo Bourroul's collection, which belonged to the Education Institute Caetano de Campos – the first Teacher Preparation School in São Paulo; and the Macedo Soares's collection, which belonged to the Ambassador José Carlos de Macedo Soares, consisting of items of significant importance for the study of the Brazilian education reality in the XIX century and the first part of the XX century.

A third special archive is composed of approximately 16,000 school textbooks. It is unique in its diversity and antiquity, formed by volumes that date from the 19th century to the year 2000. Textbooks are multi-faceted objects and can be studied as cultural products of the editorial world, support material for school knowledge in several curricular subjects and as a vehicle of ideological and cultural value systems. They stand as paramount research material in different fields such as pedagogy, history, political and economical sciences, sociology, linguistics, and others.

The library has a branch located at the School of Application with a significant part of the textbook collection, as well as a collection of literary books and other materials that cater for the needs and interests of elementary and secondary school students. It is also important for the development of research projects in education involving students, interns and researchers, mainly in the fields of teaching methodology and school culture.

The so-called MEDIATECA, founded in December 2003, is part of the library facility and has video graphic material of historical and educational interest, such as the collection of films of the former CRPE.

At two-year intervals, the library of the School of Education organizes an event called Coletiva de Autores da FEUSP to disseminate editorial products released by the academic teaching staff, usually bringing together approximately thirty professor-authors from the School of Education.

In its facilities, in addition to holding the library collection, meetings with authors are promoted as well as exhibitions of various art forms, including literature, sculpture, painting, etc., thus integrating the world of images, words, hypertexts, books, magazines and hypermedia in the same environment.

