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A practice teacher who is suddenly confronted with a senior class of remedial English literature must acknowledge the fact that the approach to literature for these students is through non-book materials. Perhaps the term remedial should be qualified in this instance to define students who have average or almost average intelligence but who have reading difficulties which have been enhanced by fear of books.

After being introduced to literature through films, recordings, pictures, bulletin boards, and displays, the students are eager to read the material. Not only do the students like the textbook material, but also when motivated they like to read additional books with special emphasis given both to reading and creating poems.

The following bibliographies are samples of outside motivating non-book material and outside reading which a remedial class could enjoy if motivated to use books which have been a symbol of failure to them for many years.

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NON-BOOK MOTIVATION MATERIALS
FOR A REMEDIAL CLASS

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FILMS

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Records

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In a survey of a remedial English class, it was discovered that 90% of the students preferred films, filmstrips, and records to reading books. The recurring reason was that non-book material showed what was happening, while with books the reader had to use his imagination which often did not extend into the shelm of the author. Likewise, 87% of the students preferred listening to records, because they could better understand what was happening. However, 10% preferred reading books to films or records since they could progress at their own pace. Also, 90% liked to use films or records to help them understand a book they were reading.

Twenty percent of the students stated their favorite movie was available in a book which they had not read. When asked to list their favorite book, 15% listed magazines which they read weekly instead of books. Half of the students did not have a public library card and 93% used the school library only when absolutely necessary. However, 7% used the library several times a week for independent reading.

This survey was used to confirm the opinion that students - even remedial students - will read if motivated by non-book materials.

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