

# **Educating Minds and Hearts**

A Developmental Studies Center Case Study



Nonprofit. Mission Driven. Research Based. Since 1980.

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'Berta came to Developmental Studies Center (DSC) at a critical juncture, when they were going through a lot of design and marketing changes. The organization had transitioned from a research, silo-based think tank to a publisher of K–12 classroom and after-school program materials. Previously, they lacked a design team with a knowledge of targeted marketing. Though there had been some attempt to make the marketing collateral they did have more appealing and "fun," more work needed to be done to successfully communicate in a visually appealing and branded way.

During the interview process, DSC asked 'Berta to evaluate their materials and give her opinion of them. Needless to say, she told them they needed to start over—from scratch—on everything from font choices to photography quality. Amazingly they agreed! As the Art Director, not only did 'Berta oversee the design of all marketing materials and company collateral, but she also did extensive analysis of DSC's product lines and proposed and executed extensive changes and/or complete redesigns of product covers, interiors, ancillaries, and packaging. In addition, she worked with the team to push forward DSC' web presence and social media campaigns. She also wrote the tagline: *Nonprofit. Mission Drive. Research Based. Since 1980.* 

Though it was an uphill battle, the team created really nice, progressive creative to push the marketing of DSC's programs and services forward. In addition to the progress made in marketing materials, the program materials were redesigned to be more user-friendly and visually appealing for the teachers and students who use them every day, and for the decision makers who purchase for their schools and districts—all the while keeping the integrity of the programs' academic rigor front and center.

#### Some Highlights:

- DSC's products now have a cohesive family look.
- The award-winning product and marketing design stacks up against competitor's materials in the marketplace.
- DSC's various product brands are recognized for their quality of materials.
- 'Berta grew and nurtured a more respected view of design's role as a key team player within the company.
- As a result of DSC's unique pedagogy, and the new design and marketing efforts, the organization reached an operating goal of \$20 million in sales in 10 years, from a staring place of less than \$1 million!



Project: Letterhead/identity package—logo, letterhead, business card, and envelope Description: Letterhead/identity package branded for a nonprofit educational publisher of primarily literacy materials





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**DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES CENTER** Educating Minds and Hearts™

Client: Developmental Studies Center

Project: Pocket folder—front and back panels

Description: As part of the letterhead/identity package, this pocket folder was used

to contain and present a variety of collateral and meeting materials

Client: Developmental Studies Center

Project: Marketing campaign—giveaway items

 $Description: DSC\ produced\ several\ logo-branded\ items\ for\ use\ by\ staff\ or\ marketing\ and\ sales$ 

reps. Some of these items included a lanyard, mug, and tote bag.  $\,$ 









Client: Developmental Studies Center Project: Signage—graphic wall

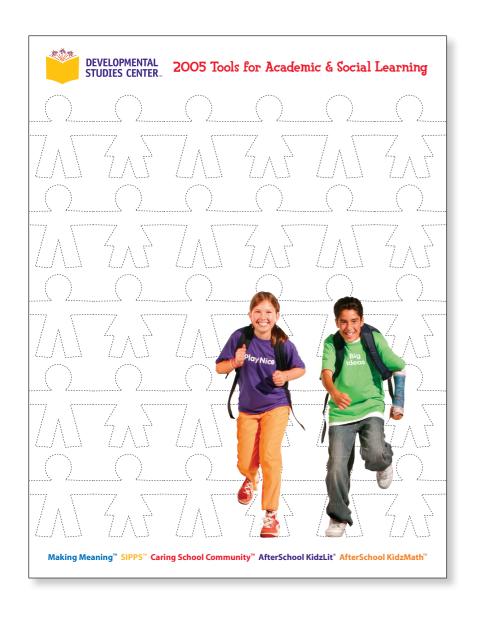
Description: When DSC relocated to a newly renovated office space, it was decided a nice graphical way to incorporate the company colors and brand into the space would be a giant feature wall.

Client: Developmental Studies Center Project: Marketing signage—booth banners

Description: Bold, colorful trade booth banners showcasing the various literacy

programs DSC produced





Project: Marketing Campaign—catalog cover and T-shirts

Description: Marketing catalog design for nonprofit educational publisher of literacy and after-school products. This campaign featured DSC program buzz words printed on T-shirts worn by kids.











Project: Marketing campaign—devstu.org website splash, home and sub pages
Description: Marketing website design for nonprofit educational publisher of primarily literacy
programs, with after-school offerings as well. This design featured DSC program buzz words
printed on T-shirts worn by kids.



Client: Developmental Studies Center

Project: Marketing campaign—HTML e-mail blast

Description: Marketing e-mail blast design announcing DSC's after-school offerings. This design featured DSC program buzz words printed on T-shirts worn by kids.









Project: Marketing campaign—T-shirt-shaped self-stick notes

Description: Marketing giveaway item featuring DSC program buzz words printed on

T-shirt-shaped self-stick notes

## A Special Invitation Introducing Making Meaning™

## A Comprehension Solution



## Ann Tuteur, Barbara Weinstein, and John Marshall

A & B Educational Enterprises Developmental Studies Center, Oakland, CA



The Making Meaning program is a K–6 (soon to be K–8) read-aloud curriculum using carefully selected trade books. These books are chosen to explicitly teach comprehension strategies. The program is a sequential curriculum that teaches students to make sense of text, as well as to learn social and ethical skills. They become responsible partners who can support their own opinions, and appreciate and respect the ideas of others.



#### Christine Venturis

National Literacy Consultant



Complimentary one week sampler with appropriate grade-level lessons given to each invitational participant.



### November 10, 2005

Holiday Inn City Line Avenue Breakfast: 8:00 am

Presentation: 8:30-10:00 am



### by October 31 to

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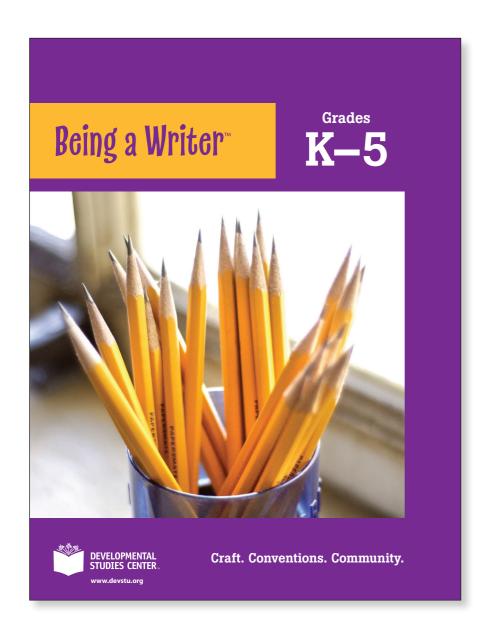


Client: Developmental Studies Center Project: Marketing campaign—event invite

Description: Marketing event invitation leveraging the word-on-color-field concept

featured on the T-shirts





K-6 Being a Writer DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES CENTER Craft. Conventions. Community. Being a Writer Craft. Conventions. Community. DVD K-6 Windows® DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES CENTER

Client: Developmental Studies Center Project: Marketing brochure—cover

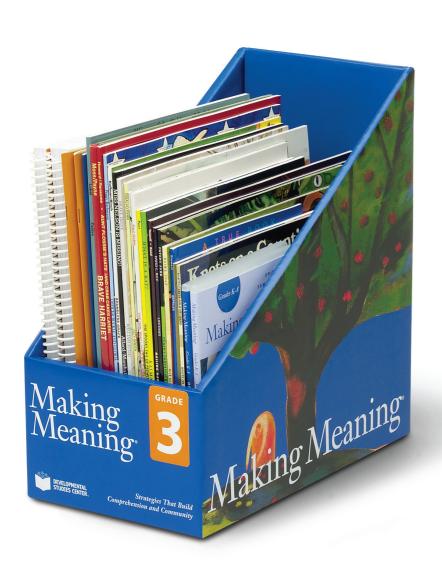
Description: Product brochure specific to the Being a Writer program, including information about this program such as product features, package contents, the research basis, sample lesson pages, and pricing. This same brochure template was re-purposed for all the various programs on offer.

Client: Developmental Studies Center

Project: Marketing DVD-ROM—cover and disc label

Description: Marketing DVD-ROM design featuring a campaign look and feel extending to all marketing pieces for that selling season. The classroom video footage includes students using the DSC programs during lesson time, as well as interviews

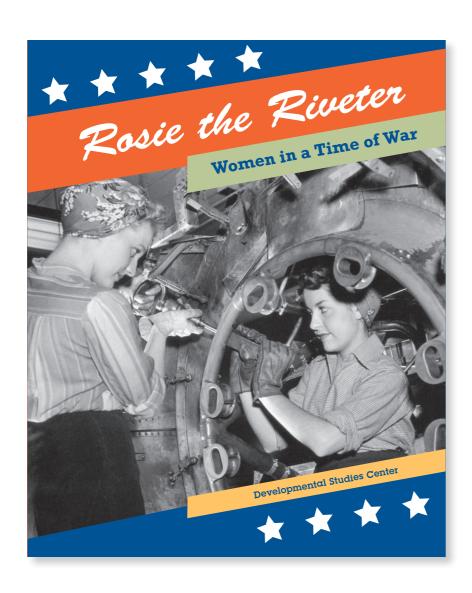




Project: Making Meaning® 2nd Edition classroom teacher's package—boxed and exploded Description: Interior and exterior packaging and print design for this grades K–8 reading comprehension program, featuring integrated academic and social learning. Each package includes teacher's manuals, student books, assessment books, trade books, and orientation materials.







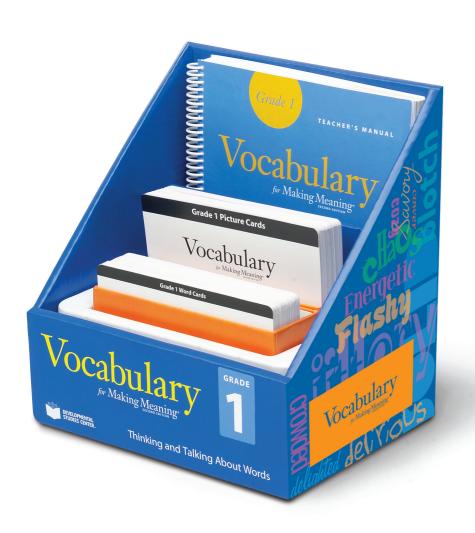
Project: Rosie the Riveter trade book—cover and spreads

Description: Written and published by DSC, this trade book is included in the Making Meaning® 2nd edition grade 5 teacher's package. The book tells the story of women in the workforce during World War II.













Project: Making Meaning® Vocabulary teacher's package—boxed and exploded Description: Interior and exterior packaging and print design for grades K–6 vocabulary support program to the main Making Meaning® program. Each package includes a teacher's manual, picture and word cards (word cards only for upper grades) and a wall chart.







Project: Guided Spelling™ classroom teacher's package—exploded

Description: Interior and exterior packaging and print design for grades 1-6 spelling program, including a teacher's manual, student books, assessment book and illustrated

wall cards or chart (upper grades)

Client: Developmental Studies Center

Project: Being a Writer™ Support Kit for Pilots—handbook and CD-ROM

Description: Facilitator's do-it-yourself professional development handbook and CD-ROM distributed by the Marketing team as a getting started tool for pilot schools using the Being a Writer program





Project: Lesson Study Support Kit facilitator's and teacher's kits—bagged and exploded Description: Interior and exterior packaging and print design for Lesson Study kits that support educators in collaborative lesson planning and peer-to-peer feedback. Each tote bag contains a Facilitator's Kit and/or a grade-level Teacher's Kit(s) that include handbooks, Blackline Master CD-ROMs, an instructional DVD, trade books, padded forms and welcome materials.







Project: AfterSchool KidzLit® set—boxed and exploded

Description: Interior and exterior packaging and print design for grades K–8 after-school literacy program, featuring read-alouds, independent reading and activities that reinforce the stories. Each set contains a CD-ROM and Quick Tips Plus getting started handbook, along with trade books and accompanying guides.









Project: AfterSchool KidzMath™ Story Guides and Games—boxed and exploded Description: Completely refreshed exterior packaging design for grades K–5 after-school math program, featuring activities that reinforce math concepts such as multiplication, fractions, geometry, etc. Each kit contains all the materials needed to do the activities, and leader's guides to assist in instruction.





KIDS' KIT









Project: AfterSchool KidzScience™ Life Science series

Description: Interior and exterior packaging and print design for grades 3–5 science series for after school. Each series features kits on various themes (Life Science, Green Science and Physical Science). Each kit contains experiment materials, printed material for the leader (handbooks, guides, question cards), and ancillaries that vary by kit (posters, games, photo cards, etc.)

Client: Developmental Studies Center

Project: AfterSchool KidzScience™ Colors in Nature kit (from the Life Science series)

Description: Interior and exterior packaging and print design for grades 3–5 science kits for after school. Kits feature experiments on various aspects of the series theme (Colors in Nature, Predators and Prey, Exploring Habitats and Beach Science). Each kit contains experiment materials, printed materials for the leader (handbooks, guides, question cards), and ancillaries which vary by kit (posters, games, photo cards, etc.)

