

# Report from Waldorf Publications

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**T**hanks to the financial support of the Waldorf Curriculum Fund, the Research Institute for Waldorf Education, RIWE, is expanding its scope of activities. This spring will mark the publishing of our first audio book, available through our Online Waldorf Library (OWL). *Assessment for Learning in Waldorf Classrooms* by Sara Ciborski and Helen-Ann Ireland will be our first accomplishment in this medium. Academica Press gave us immediate and enthusiastic permission to transform the book into this audio format. Many more will follow.

With the growing interest in Waldorf education burgeoning in Asia, the Research Institute is preparing to make books and resources available to our colleagues in China through translated books on the OWL. SteinerBooks has generously granted permission for books by Rudolf Steiner on Waldorf education, already translated into Mandarin but not publishable in China, to be included in those offerings. Books from Waldorf Publications will also be translated into Mandarin over the next few years and made available on the OWL. These teaching resources are much needed in China, and RIWE is very grateful for a special gift from the Waldorf Curriculum Fund that will make this important work available to Chinese colleagues. Translators in Beijing are especially eager to make as many resources available as possible.

Resources in the language of Lakota will also be published by next autumn. Verses and stories told at the Lakota Waldorf School will be available in English and the Lakota language with pronunciation guides to make it possible for class teachers in North America to offer their students authentic literature from the Plains Native

Americans. A children's story about contemporary life on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota may also be published in both Lakota and English during this calendar year.

The Avalon Initiative, a project of RIWE, has engaged in public discourse disseminating ideas through collaboration with thought leaders from the public school sector in New York. The third annual conference to be hosted by the Avalon Initiative will be held in Red Hook, New York, in April, and will have as its theme the need for relationship-based education—children relating to teachers instead of to “artificial intelligence mentors” as is proposed by the federal government for the near future.

All of these undertakings to expand the offerings to colleagues around the world in new, more accessible formats, and to provide leadership concerning educational imaginations are in addition to the ongoing work of the Research Institute and Waldorf Publications. The *Research Bulletin*, research on Waldorf graduates, Teaching Sensible Science courses for practicing teachers, the posting of relevant recent research on the RIWE website, the continued expansion of the OWL's collection of eBooks (a growing number of them in Spanish as well), the international collaborations on Waldorf education and the resources to support it, and research underscoring the efficacy of Rudolf Steiner's indications are all being continued with robust energy.