The purpose of this project is to develop a searchable Web-based video system of children’s literature in Spanish. This project is needed to support the bilingual program in the Department of Urban Education. Students taking BED 4301 (Teaching Reading and Language Arts in Spanish) at University of Houston Downtown are required to implement a tutorial program for teaching reading, writing, oral language development, and listening skills to young bilingual children in field based schools. The need for this project is also based on the current lack of Spanish “big books” owned by the department and the UHD Library. The proposed project will build upon the model of In Time Project of University of Northern Iowa (http://www.intime.uni.edu/). The project proposes to have students, who take PED 3314 Children Literature in Spanish, develop video books that will be used for the tutorial program in BED 4301. PED 3314 students will create their big books. Their presentations of the big books will be videotaped and converted to a Web compatible format. The Web-based video database with video vignettes can be searched by content areas, grade levels, and other criteria.

Each presentation constitutes one video vignette on the video database. In addition, the Web site will have activities to develop reading, writing, listening skills, and oral development based on the video books. The development of the Web resource will allow BED 4301 students to have the reading materials they need to teach the required skills to young children in the field-based schools. The UHD students will produce their storybooks for young children as a contribution to the Spanish community.