**Collection Development Tools**

A primary function of each library director and branch head is the selection of new books and materials for the library's collection. There are a variety of publications which are useful for this process.

**Current Reviews**

Each library should have a subscription to *Booklist*, published twice a month. This is probably the best of the review journals since it covers all age groups and all types of media. *Bookmarks* magazine is the best general public review source “for everyone who hasn’t read everything.”

*BookPage* (general trade titles), is a monthly book review newspaper which is published in Nashville [http://bookpage.com](http://bookpage.com).

Other reviewing journals are: *Library Journal* (twice a month) and *Publishers Weekly*. Reviews of children’s and young adult materials can be found in: *The Horn Book Magazine* (six times a year) and *School Library Journal* (monthly). The *Voice of Youth Advocates* specializes in reviews of young adult materials along with articles about young adult services.

Local newspapers should be checked for reviews of local and regional titles. The Region also subscribes to *The New York Times Book Review* to check reviews of national interest.

In addition, the following vendors provide announcement list of new books and materials. Books and materials listed in these publications are not being reviewed, but simply announced as potential purchases.

**FROM INGRAM:**
- Advance and Paperback Advance.
- Children’s Advance.
- Cookbook.
- Travel.

**FROM BAKER & TAYLOR:**
- Forecast.
- Spirit.
- Alert. (for audio-visual materials)

**Best Sellers**

To keep up with the demand for best sellers, the following publications are available:
- *Publishers Weekly*.

**Specialized Reviews**

There are a variety of newsletters and magazines which specialize in reviewing particular kinds of books.
- *CBA Retailers + Resources*.
- *Congregational Libraries Today*.
- *Home Education*.

**Retrospective Reviews**

To help build local collections, each library should have a copy of:

In addition, the following standard catalogs are useful in evaluating and building the local collection.
- *Fiction Catalog*. 15th ed. Wilson, 2006. (plus 07, 08, 09 Supplements)
- *Children’s Catalog*. 19th ed. Wilson, 2006. (plus 07, 08, 09 Supplements)
- *Middle and Junior High School Library Catalog*. 8th ed. Wilson, 2005. (plus 06, 07, 08 Supp)
- *Senior High School Library Catalog*. 16th ed. Wilson, 2002. (plus 03, 04, 05, 06 Supplements)

**Best Books for Young Adults. 3rd ed.** Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), Edited by Holly Koelling. ALA, 2007.


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