

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>).

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**.
-  **CBA Retailers + Resources**. Monthly.
-  **New York Times Book Review**. 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**.
-  **Lambda Book Report**.
-  **Parent & Preschooler Newsletter**.
-  **Practical Homeschooling**.
-  **Video Librarian**.
-  **VOYA - Voice of Youth Advocates**.








 **United Methodist Women Reading Program**. <http://gbgm-umc.org/e-store/readingProgram.cfm>

Retrospective Reviews

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

-  **Best Books for Public Libraries**. Bowker, 1992.

In addition, the following standard catalogs are useful in evaluating and building the local collection.

-  **Core Collection for Small Libraries**. (Children and Young Adults) Janice DeLong. Scarecrow, 1997.
-  **A Core Collection for Young Adults**. Patrick Jones. Neal-Schuman, 2003.
-  **Public Library Catalog. 12th ed.** Wilson, 2004. (plus 05, 06, 07 Supplements)
-  **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)



The Arizona State Library has prepared very thorough online tutorials about the **Selection of Library Resources** at <http://www.lib.az.us/cdt/selection.aspx> along with a **Collection Assessment Process** at <http://www.lib.az.us/cdt/collass.aspx> and information about **Collection Development Policies** at <http://www.lib.az.us/cdt/colldev.aspx>

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

The New Books Kids Like. Sharon Deeds and Catherine Chastain for the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). ALA, 2001.

60 Years of Notable Children's Books. Sally Anne Thompson (compiler). ALA, 2004.

Book TV on C-SPAN 2 <http://www.booktv.org/> Saturday 8:00 Am through Monday 8:00 AM