

Collection Development Criteria

The Library Media program strives to support, enrich, and complement the work of each classroom teacher. The Library Media program subscribes to the following:

Many types of media, representing both print and non-print.

An unbiased and diverse collection, reflecting the community we serve.

Materials that are selected to accommodate differences in ability and maturity among the students.

A collection that is organized for easy access to materials.

A variety of literature to encourage leisure reading as a life skill.

Selection of Materials

Materials for the LMC are selected by the Library Media Specialist in collaboration with the faculty and students. Professionally recognized review sources, subscription services and literary awards are used in the selection process. The following websites and publications are used in the selection process:

YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) awards & lists:

Alex Awards Given annually to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults.

Best Books for Young Adults A compilation of the current year's books with proven or potential appeal to teens.

Great Graphic Novels for Teens An annual list of recommended graphic novels which have teen appeal.

Margaret A. Edwards Award Honors an author as well as a specific body of their work for lifetime contribution in writing books of enduring popularity with teenagers.

Michael L. Printz Award Honors excellence in literature written for young adults.

Outstanding Books for the College Bound Updated every five years, this comprehensive list provides reading recommendations to students who plan to continue their education beyond high school.

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults This list encourages young adults to read for pleasure by presenting them with popular or topical books with teen appeal.

Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers Recreational reading that have wide appeal to teens who, for whatever reason, do not like to read.

Teens' Top Ten A teen choice award given to selected current publications that are of special interest to teens. Teens vote for their choices each Teen Read Week. The votes are tallied and the list is available each November.

Professional publications used in selection:

Booklist Published by the American Library Association; delivers over 8,000 recommended-only reviews of books, and audio-visual materials.

Book Report Provides coverage and analysis of print and multimedia material for librarians or technology specialists.

School Library Journal Professional journal used by most school librarians; the largest reviewer of books, multi-media and technology for children and teens.

Weeding & Removal:

Selection is an ongoing process which includes removal of materials no longer appropriate to school needs and the replacement of lost/damaged items that are still of educational value. The decision to remove or retain an item in the collection is based on the following criteria:

- Physical condition of item.
- Number of copies remaining in the LMC.
- Provision of adequate coverage of the subject.
- Availability of similar materials in the collection.
- Duplicates no longer in heavy demand.
- Obsolete items-- those out-dated in style, theme, and contents.
- Material with newer editions.
- Administrative recommendation of removal.