



Collection Development Policy for Juvenile Materials

Objectives

The Chili Public Library's juvenile collection provides the best materials available within reasonable budget limitations for all the community's children from infancy to grade six and their parents and caregivers. To serve this age range, materials in a wide variety of reading levels and formats are maintained. This collection serves both the informational and recreational needs of children. The area schools' and homeschooling curriculums are supported with supplementary materials to enhance the students' learning experiences while leaving the main responsibility for curriculum support to the schools and parents.

The Children's Librarians strive to have a current and well-balanced collection of quality materials to effectively serve children of all ages in this community.

Criteria for Selection

Juvenile materials selected for purchase will be based upon several criteria:

- Recommended reviews in professional journals such as School Library Journal, Booklist, and Publisher's Weekly
- Popularity of a particular series or author
- Overall effectiveness of presentation
- Timely social significance of a topic or person
- Literary award winners
- Topics that are heavily emphasized in local school curriculum
- Replacement of lost, damaged or worn materials
- Accuracy of content
- Interesting and engaging physical layout and presentation of material
- Local interest
- Area school reading lists
- Well balanced – titles that appeal to both girls and boys
- A specific area of the collection that is noticeably lacking in current or quality materials

Expressed interest or suggestions by the community will be taken into serious consideration, however, books based on current television/movie shows or characters are generally not purchased for the collection based on their limited appeal.

Special Materials Criteria:

- AV Materials (Books on Tape, Books on CD, Book/Cassette Packs)
 - Unabridged
 - Popularity of the title in its written format
 - Emphasis on purchasing titles based on books already in the collection
 - Positive reviews in professional journals
 - Formally published bibliographies by ALA and other professional organizations
 - Educational titles where appropriate
 - Transact with companies that have a wide selection, good “fill” rate, and favorable replacement policies
 - Content quality
- Magazines
 - Popularity/Content/Appeal
 - Patron requests
 - Content
- Series Books
 - Popularity/demand
 - Positive reviews in professional journals
 - Purchase paperback whenever possible
 - Need to select series titles that appeal to both girls and boys
 - Series based on current television/movie shows or characters need to be given consideration prior to purchasing, as they are often limited in appeal and have a short shelf life.

Selection Aids

The following aids are used to assist the Librarians in making informed and balanced selections of juvenile materials:

- Recommended reviews in professional library journals such as School Library Journal, Booklist, Publisher’s Weekly, as well as mainstream magazines such as Family Fun and Parent’s Magazine.
- Physical examination of recently published materials at the Consultant Services office at the Rochester Public Library.
- Formally published bibliographies by ALA and other professional organizations.
- Patron and staff recommendations

Gifts and Memorials

The Chili Public Library applies the same selection criteria to gift materials.

Weeding

The juvenile collection will be weeded on an ongoing and continuous basis using the following criteria:

- Books
 - Condition of materials (Lightly damaged/worn materials will be repaired when possible)
 - New edition available
 - Lost Book Report - delete items that are lost/missing
 - Circulation/user demand
 - Dusty Book Report – For most areas of the collection, items that have not circulated in 2-3 years will be considered for weeding. The librarian will first consider ways to increase circulation of the particular books or areas by relocating the books, creating a display, or changing call numbers, where appropriate.
- AV Materials
 - Condition of material
 - Circulation/user demand
 - Dusty book report – As a guideline, items that have not circulated in 2-3 years will be considered for weeding. The librarian will first consider ways to increase circulation.
 - Malfunction
 - Replacement in a newer format
 - Dated
 - Lost book report – Delete items that are lost/missing