

Core Collection Development Selection Resources

Fiction Catalog. Edited by Juliette Yaakov and John Greenfieldt. 14th ed. New York: H.W. Wilson, 2001.

Retrospective source for novels and short stories. This source includes over five thousand recommended titles that have been selected by librarians from public library systems. The catalog includes a title and subject index that can be useful in answering readers' advisory questions.

Public Library Catalog: Guide to Reference Books and Nonfiction. Edited by Juliette Yaakov. 11th ed. New York: H.W. Wilson, 1999.

Recommended list of adult reference and nonfiction books for public libraries classified by subject and arranged by Dewey call number. The original edition lists approximately nine thousand titles, which are chosen by a committee of librarians. There is a helpful author, title and subject index along with a directory of publishers and distributors.

The Reader's Adviser. 6 vols. Edited by Marion Sader, 14th ed. New Providence, N.J.: R.R. Bowker, 1994.

Six-volume guide to the best books for public libraries that states its aim is to provide the user with a broad and specific view of the great writings and great writers of the past and present.

Good Reading: A Guide for Serious Readers. Edited by Arthur Waldhorn, Olga Weber and Arthur Zeiger. 23rd ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 1990.

This fully annotated listing of significant books is arranged in five subjects that include: Historical Periods, Regional and Minority Cultures, Literary Types, Humanities and Social Sciences and Sciences.

Best Books for Public Libraries: The 10,000 Top Fiction and Nonfiction Titles. Edited by Steven Arozena. New Providence, N.J.: R.R. Bowker, 1992.

Designed to provide librarians with the top critically acclaimed books suitable for the general reader.

What Do I Read Next?: Multicultural Literature. Rafaela G Castro. Detroit: Gale, 1997.

Unique resource for recommendations to over 1,400 current and classic literature titles from four cultural groups: Asian American, African American, Latino and Native American.

50 Years of Notable Books. Edited by Sandy Whiteley. Chicago: American Library Association, Reference and Adult Services Division, 1996.

The continuing goal of this list is to encourage people to read books of merit. An important source for core titles.

Magazines for Libraries. Edited by William A. Katz. 10th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2000.

Over 6,500 periodicals listed in subject order, with annotations that include information on quantity and length of reviews.

Ulrich's Periodicals Directory 2001: The Global Source for Periodicals Information since 1932. 39th ed. New Providence, N.J.: Reed Elsevier, 2000.

Over 164,000 journals arranged by subject order and assigned a Dewey call number. This is a source to find specialty magazines on a wide range of subjects of interest to core selectors.

Genreflecting: A Guide to Reading Interests in Genre Fiction. Edited by Wayne A. Wiegand, 6th ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

This source lists genre authors, titles and publishers.

Now Read This: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction 1978-1998. Nancy Pearl. Englewood, CO.: Libraries Unlimited, 1999.

Now Read This II: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction 1999-2001. Nancy Pearl. Greenwood Village, CO.: Libraries Unlimited, 2002.

This annotated list of one thousand award-winning novels is selected based on one of four possible appeal characteristics: setting, story, characters and language.

Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment and Reason. Nancy Pearl. Seattle, WA.: Sasquatch Books, 2003.

More Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment and Reason. Nancy Pearl. Seattle, WA: Sasquatch Books, 2005.

The well-known librarian has updated her best-selling *Book Lust* with approximately 120 more reviews to help satisfy the appetite of voracious readers or simply encourage more people to read. Like its predecessor, this book is an excellent choice for librarians who make recommendations for various interests, but many readers will simply enjoy the colloquial chatter about books, some of them grouped by author or by topic but some just too good to miss.

Sources cited in this bibliography:

Developing an Outstanding Core Collection: A Guide for Libraries. Carol Alabaster. Chicago: American Library Association, 2002.