

Collection Development Resources for **Elementary Schools**

*Instructional Technology and School
Library Media Program*



Information Power

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslproftools/informationpower/informationpower.htm>

ALA Library Bill of Rights

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.htm>

Resources for School Libraries

<http://www.sldirectory.com/index.html#top>

Comprehensive directory to school library resources. Includes links to collection development, selection policies and reconsideration procedures.

Baltimore County Selection Criteria for School Library Materials

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/lis/office/admin/selection.html>

Excellent local example of policies and procedures for the selection, review and evaluation, and purchase of school library materials. Links to a variety of collection development resources.

AASL Collection Development Resources

<http://archive.ala.org/aasl/resources/collection.html>

Resource guides for School Library Media Program Development.

H.W. Wilson Children's Catalog

<http://www.hwwilson.com/print/childcat.cfm>

Development resource provides listings by Dewey number to books considered essential to the library collection. Updated with annual supplements (book version) and includes title, author and subject searching. (subscription needed)

Booklist

<http://archive.ala.org/booklist/>

For teachers, librarians, library media specialists, booksellers, parents and others interested in connecting children with high quality books. New site coming online fall 2005.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/booklist/booklist.htm>

Booklist's on-line Nonfiction Series Roundup

<http://www.ala.org/ala/booklist/youthseriesroundup/SeriesRoundup.htm>

Reviews of series titles that were recommended in the print magazine, starting with the April 15, 2004, issue, as well as those titles featured in the latest four Series Spotlight issues.

School Library Journal

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/>

Concisely written and evaluative reviews by professionals in the field. Feature articles, checklist of inexpensive pamphlets, posters, and other useful information for school librarians. Reviews online with subscription purchase including reviews of Graphic Novels and Adult Books for Young Adults.

Criticas Magazine

<http://www.criticasmagazine.com/>

An English speaker's guide to the latest Spanish-Language titles. Excellent resource.

Science Books and Films

<http://www.sbsonline.com/index.htm>

Indispensable tool for science book selection. Each issue contains children's, young adult, and general audience books. The annual best books and best AV lists are also useful.

Publisher's Weekly

<http://www.publishersweekly.com/>

Regular issues in specific subject areas (children's books, religion, etc.) are useful for subject area concentrations.

The Horn Book

<http://www.hbook.com/>

The Horn Book Magazine offers in-depth reviews of the newest books available for children and young adults, lively and provocative articles and columns concerning all aspects of books for young people, and up-to-date information about the field of children's books. Online Guide requires paid subscription and login, but other sections accessible.

Titlewave (Follett Library Resources)

<http://www.titlewave.com/>

Commercial site provides online reviews and collection analysis tools for school libraries. Reading levels and interest levels are identified for each book.

Children's Atlas and Dictionary Roundup

<http://www.ala.org/ala/booklist/speciallists/speciallistsandfeatures3/childrensatlas.htm>

Includes elementary school list complete with reviews from Reference Books Bulletin (Booklist).

Weeding the School Library: The Counterpart to Selection

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb/>

Good brochure from the California Department of Education. Can be used with parents and other stakeholders that don't understand why you might be throwing away "good" books.

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