

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE: Best Practices
WMRLS, WHATELY 5-28-09
Notes

Census of participants by:

MATERIALS BUDGETS FY 09 (In Dollars)
0-50K EASTHAMPTON, CLARKE School, WMRLS
50-75K
76-100K
101-150K HOLYOKE, GREENFIELD, NORTHAMPTON
151-200K CHICOPEE, WESTFIELD, LEOMINSTER
200-300K AMHERST
300K + SPRINGFIELD, WORCESTER

COLLECTION SIZE
LESS THAN 100,000 HOLYOKE, WMRLS, EASTHAMPTON
100-200K [GREENFIELD], WESTFIELD, CHICOPEE, LEOMINSTER
200-300K NORTHAMPTON, JONES
300-400K
400K + SPRINGFIELD, WORCESTER

APPROVAL PLANS? NO

DROP SHIPMENTS? 1

STANDING ORDERS: 8 (INCL. WORCESTER, AMHERST)

PREPROCESSED? YES.
INCLUDING WHAT? JACKETS, SOME LABELING, MEDIA PROCESSING

AUTOMATED? 4

AUTOMATED ACQUISITIONS? [NA]

MILACQ? Millennium Acquisitions [YES]

SELECTION SOURCES: 1, 2, OR MANY?
MOST SAY "MANY"

FREQUENCY OF ORDERING?

SOME SAY WEEKLY, SOME SAY SPORADICALLY, SOME SAY MONTHLY.

WEEKLY: 1

MONTHLY: 3

VARIES/SEASONALLY: 5

NO MONEY: 1

NOTE: WMRLS OWNS SUPPLEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES WHICH MAY BE FREELY BORROWED BY MEMBER LIBRARIES

POSSIBLE FUTURE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) Theft/Loss
- 2) Multiple copies issues
- 3) Kindles
- 4) Reference: Print vs. Electronic
- 5) Community languages in Ref & ESL/ELL
- 6) Graphic Novels
- 7) DVD High Demand Titles (e.g., TV Series)
- 8) Last Copy--Retain, Replace. AREA STRENGTHS.
- 9) New Format Introduction
- 10) Collection Analysis
- 11) Cooperative Collection Development
- 12) Compare and Contrast Collection Development Policies

BEST PRACTICES

- 1) Each selector starts own [online ordering] cart
- 2) Use iPage +/- or TS to build carts
- 3) Rely upon & encourage patron recommendations
- 4) Regularly check best-sellers list
- 5) Encourage staff collaboration and input
- 6) Look beyond standard sources of reviews: e.g., B&N; Amazon; People Magazine; Entertainment Weekly; bookTV.org; CSpan 2; overbooked.com
- 7) Re: Patron recommendations: The public's verdict--has it made it onto a kindle?
- 8) Look for best-of lists on websites; also see the Wilson catalog
- 9) Use RA books for collection development

Next Meeting: October 8, 2009, WMRLS

PARTICIPANT COLLECTION STRENGTHS

[Alphabetical by Location]

Note: Most libraries have strong collections in cookery and gardening

AMHERST, JONES LIBRARY

Contemporary literature and fiction

Local history & genealogy

Emily Dickinson & Robert Frost

Current Health
Special needs--Autism, &c.
Homesteading and house-building
Spirituality and self-help
Careers and Business
Media Collection--esp. audiobooks and DVDs
DVDs: International, foreign, &c.
ESL Collection
Spanish
Chinese
Japanese
Korean
Russian

CHICOPEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Career
Computer Books
Health
Graphic Novels
Polish language

EASTHAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Draws heavily from patron donations
Arts/Crafts/Collectibles
Knitting
Local history
History
Railroads
Medicine/health
Self-help/psychology
Religion/Philosophy/Spiritual
Strong Interest in adding historically significant graphic novels
Adding but not buying VHS and books on cassette.
In DVD: Adding classic films; re-releases of important films; some Criterion collection; documentaries; some international; television series; also Alpha video reissues of offbeat films of historic and/or patron interest.

GREENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Early adopter of Graphic Novels
Anime and Manga
Current events/politics
General Fiction
Mysteries
Local History
Green/Ecology resources (Autos; home repair, etc.)
Community languages (grant funded)

Citizenship ESL/ELL Spanish Language Newspapers

HOLYOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fiction (downtown)

History (offsite)

DVDs: movies, TV series

Unabridged audio

Playaways

Spanish language: including audio books in Spanish Movies

Reference

Health (grant funded)

Law

History

Encyclopedias

Dictionaries

Baby names

English-to-other-language Dictionaries

Spanish Reference Section

DATABASES:

Britannica Online in English & Spanish

Ebsco

Gale

Infotrac

Learning Express

Tell Me More

LEOMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adult Non-Fiction Core Collection (HW Wilson nonfiction catalog titles)

Reference--especially Online

McNaughton: duplicate copies of popular titles

Cormier Center – Strong YA collection

Fiction and popular materials, also in audio

Science fiction/fantasy

Maintains suggestion box for Graphic Novels

Brazilian population - Portuguese

NORTHAMPTON, CLARKE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Fiction and non-fiction depth in Deafness; both children's and adult titles

NORTHAMPTON, FORBES LIBRARY

Largest Regional Reference collection outside of Springfield & Worcester

Calvin Coolidge Museum

Art Music Performing Arts DVDs Music CDs

Audio: Books on CD, Books on Tape and Playaways

Graphic Novel section

Young Adult Children Parenting

Local History
Spanish language, including pamphlets
Television series
Children's Braille
Kindles, Ukuleles
Medieval
LP albums
Other oddities, incl. 19th century books

SPRINGFIELD CITY LIBRARY

Local History is no longer a strength: Local history is housed in the CT Valley Historical Museum which is now organizationally separate.

Graphic Novels
Urban Fiction (20% of fiction budget)
Grants information
Community Languages (4% of Budget)
 Spanish
 Russian
 Vietnamese
 Portuguese
 Armenian

WESTFIELD ATHENAEUM

40% of budget spent on children's books
Contemporary fiction
Unabridged books on CD
US History
Regional/Local History & Genealogy
Birding
Knitting
How-to
Parenting
Humanities
Art
Russian Language

WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Honors all patron requests
Will donate copy 2s and weeds to libraries that ask
Fiction: 10% of budget
Also accepts donations of Fiction
AV/DVDs--10% of budget
Strong collection overall
Music Scores
Coffee Table Art Books
Collectibles

Grants information

ESL/ELL: Small but heavily used

Graphic Novels, esp. YA and Children's

Special Needs

Business

Education

College Resources & Scholarship Information Reference includes E-resources (Gale, &c.)

World Languages in children's department--esp. Spanish

Holdings in 26 Languages, including:

French

Chinese

Vietnamese

Cambodian

Spanish

Arabic

Albanian

WMRLS

Will accept area library de-acquisitions/weeds in local/area history to add to the Area History collection which circulates via ILL

Professional material for librarians & trustees concentrating on practical management

Unabridged audio

Large Print

Series fiction Books-on-cassette or CD

Since 'bookmobile collection' is supplementary for members, WMRLS adds titles that are slightly less known or popular – 2nd and 3rd tier

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