

Collection Development Report Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Non-fiction Sections: 645 to 796.999

Goals:

- Increase graphic novel section.
- Increase girl themed sports selection.
- Add helpful titles to business and career sections.
- Add helpful titles to child rearing section.
- Add local photography and art books related to Utah scenery.
- Add new/innovative titles throughout collection area.

Conclusion:

There was a definite learning curve in selecting items. Some of the things I have learned include: studying the current collection, making sure that titles and topics were within my collecting area, crosschecking titles based on reviews, and double checking worthiness of titles. However, there were times when I did select books that were outside of my collecting area i.e. *Timpanogos : a visual journey*, *Free Running*, and *The Art of Digital Audio Recording* I chose those particular titles because they could probably be included in the photographs (779), sports (796), and music (780) sections.

My biggest effort was to increase the graphic novel section. Because I am not aware of the extent of the content on specific graphic novels I tried to stay to areas that patrons already were familiar with or requested. I therefore ordered *Twilight*, *Bone*, *Tintin*, and *Ninjago* series graphic novels to expand our collection in this area. While many of my selections have been geared toward boys I need to do more research to find appropriate materials for young girls.

My selecting on behalf of girls materials became hit and miss. Some of the sports I did select already had items for girls, which goes to my learning curve. I was able to find some cheerleading books that appear to be informative, but also appealing for younger readers.

For the business and career books I read various customer reviews in order to gage current trends in marketing yourself and your business online. As for the child rearing section I was not able to find as many items as I would have liked only being able to select one newer title *Raising Bebe* that has gained good reviews.

To coincide with our collection policy on collecting items dealing with the local area I looked to adding a book on photographs of the local scenery and paintings depicting Utah landscapes. Here I have only truly added one book to my collection area, but the book of Mount Timpanogos photography will benefit our collection no matter its location.

Overall I tried to select books for purchase that followed on well-known themes i.e. Star Wars, Lego, Harry Potter, and Twilight. These items I know are popular with patrons and will be used. I am not certain how well I have done in my duty of collection development however I know that only through continued practice will I ever be able to truly become familiar with the collection and the patron needs. One thing I am certain of is that the amount of money to be spent in this area can be reduced significantly. The amount of \$500 or less per year is quite enough.