

Easy Reading Collection Plan Updated 9.14.2005

Description: The Easy Reading collection contains materials primarily for adult literacy seekers and adult English learners as well as tutors working with these populations. The purpose of the Easy Reading Collection is to provide materials for adults with low reading levels and tutors who are working with adult beginning readers or persons learning English as a second language. Periodically young adults with disabilities or reading difficulties use the collection.

Scope and Exceptions: Items for the Easy Reading collection are intended primarily for entertainment and leisure. The collection includes limited non-fiction books on topics of interest to adults but written at reading grade levels 0-6. Materials written at reading grade level 7 and above are not purchased for this collection because, by the time the adult beginning reader can use these items, the regular collection can be used. It should be noted that many titles in the Children's non-fiction collection are useful for adult beginning readers; however, the adult using the Easy Reading collection may be embarrassed to go to the Children's room to seek these materials.

Read along book/tape combinations at easy reading levels (usually abridged) are the most popular and most used items in this small collection. Read-along books with discs will be purchased beginning in FY06. Some self-help titles in the areas of coping skills, parenting, health, budgeting, and filling out forms are useful in this collection. Basic math and reading instruction skill materials are better placed with those subjects in the regular collection and workbooks are never purchased.

Donations to this collection are not routinely received.

Audience: The audience for this collection is adult literacy seekers, adult English learners, and tutors who work with these patrons.

Size and Duplication: Items in this collection are not duplicated. On July 1, 2005 there were 205 items in the collection. Annual weeding should keep the collection within its current boundaries.

Selection: Easy Reading materials are selected using standard selection criteria. Particular emphasis is given to items that have read-along book and cassette titles. High interest titles are often difficult to find. Items without accompanying cassettes/discs generally do not circulate. There is a need for additional abridged adult classics and other novels by good contemporary authors on audiocassette with word-for-word accompanying texts. Materials are ordered from the New Readers Press Catalog and Recorded Books, Inc. The selector also consults with the literacy/GED coordinator from Kirkwood Community College and solicits recommendations for new additions to the collection.

Maintenance: Items in this collection are considered for withdrawal when they do not circulate for over two years. If components of items are lost, they are evaluated according to circulation and a decision is made regarding replacement. When physically deteriorated materials come across the selector's desk a decision is made regarding replacement.