

## **Large Print Collection Plan**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Large Print includes Fiction, Mystery, Western and Nonfiction. New and recently returned Large Print are shelved at the beginning of the collection. Fiction is the largest section. Large print titles are often simultaneously released with regular print; however, sometimes the title lags by a couple of months. As the population ages, the market is demanding more titles and publishers are responding.

### **EXCEPTIONS AND SCOPE**

The collection is intended to fill the entertainment, leisure, and general information needs of persons with low vision or others who need large print. Periodically older patrons are unable to hold open a large print book, so large print paperbacks are also purchased. Young adult titles are periodically selected if they are of interest to a larger audience. Harry Potter, for example, is available in Large Print. More titles are printed than funds are available to purchase. Feedback from At Home patrons indicates a desire for more Nonfiction and Suspense Fiction titles.

### **AUDIENCE**

The aim is to provide a broad selection of material for adults who need large print books. Patrons enrolled in the Library's At Home Program are heavy users of the collection. Also, a fluctuating number of ICPL's outreach sites choose to receive up to 30 large print books for two months at a time. The Large Print collection is often seen as a backup for books in the regular collection that are not available or that have a high number of holds.

### **SIZE AND DUPLICATION**

Currently the collection has 4,241 items. Titles are generally not duplicated. At this time there are 429 348 NF titles and 3,893 fiction, mystery and western titles.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Shelving is currently adequate for the collection. Items are withdrawn from the collection when they are in poor condition, cannot be easily repaired, or are no longer of interest as measured by circulation. Replacements are ordered for withdrawn, lost, or long overdue material if the circulation history and/or determination of value to the collection suggest replacement is needed and funds are available.

Item purge is run annually for items that have not circulated in the past 12 months. Any title that appears on an item purge list is a candidate for withdrawal or evaluation for replacement if the item is missing. Items with over 100 circulations are annually reviewed for condition. Because some titles of longstanding interest go out of print, care should be given not to withdraw a core title if a replacement is not available. If possible, these books should be rebound if they are out of print and in acceptable condition. Some core titles are kept well beyond 100 circulations while others are withdrawn, due to very poor condition, and cannot be replaced. In rare circumstances we look to used book sellers to replace a title with sustained high demand.

## **SELECTION**

Thorndike and Random House are the most popular Large Print publishers. We participate in Thorndike Press's Large Print Health, Home and Learning Standing Order plan and are required to purchase 100 Thorndike titles per year in order to receive a discount. Center Point Large Print also offers a number of titles. All publishers send catalogs and Title Source 3 is used for ordering if discounts are greater than ordering directly from the publisher.

Title Source 3 can be used to determine if a large print book is in print. iPage and Amazon.com can be used as a backup.

Standard feedback tools such as patron holds, interlibrary loans, lost or long overdue material reports, and purchase alerts are all part of collection maintenance. Patron suggestions are welcome; however, the requested items are considered using standard selection criteria that apply to the rest of the collection. Most purchase requests come from patrons enrolled in the Library's At Home program. At Home staff is often consulted regarding genres and types of Large Print books sought by At Home patrons.

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