

Collection Development Group Meeting September 10, 2025 Discussion Notes

Collection Development Trends influencing library purchases

Carpinteria

- Best Sellers
- Teresa's Lists
- University Press
- Patron Suggestions usually using Zip Books
- Interested in what other libraries are doing

Paso Robles

- Refers to Kirkus, NYT NPR reviews, Blackstone audiobooks for print copies
- No particular focus on youth (more than any other)
- Adult graphic novels not purchased
- Large print for adult
- Dyslexia-friendly for youth
- Patron driven using Zip books
- Spanish ordered 3x per year

Goleta

- Battle of the Books
- Top 50 holds list
- Purchase 3 copies of best sellers
- Graphic Novel – kids
- Graphic novels – YA moved to adult section
- Western and Large print

Lompoc

- Forward Reviews, Library Journal, Book Page, Teresa's lists
- Manga
- For Youth – School Library Journal, B&T, YALSA
- No Large Print/Dyslexia-friendly
- Picture books for young readers
- Keep holds ratio 3:1
- Battle of the Books – Spanish version was a hit

- Graphic novels – YA moved to adult section

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- Placement of graphic novels is not a problem since they are somewhat out of the way and around a corner
- Noted that demand for ebooks is increasing but the demand for physical books is not decreasing

Weeding

Paso Robles

- Look at items not circulated for about 1 ½ year and then use discretion

Santa Maria

- HW Wilson Core Collection excluded from weeding
- Fiction weeded after 5 years of no circs
- The library has changed some shelving and now have better display of books, much more like a bookstore model

Goleta

- Just concluded weeding of 10,000 books
- Many of the books weeded were due to condition so they will be repurchased

Lompoc

- Youth weeded every year
- Adults collection weeded every 2 years – weed items not circ'd for 2-3 years
- DVDs/CD/s weeded each year
- Items weeded are sent to the Village Library
- Sarah reviews the shelving cart for damages and circs
- Library uses The Weeding Handbooks – good for the adult collection

Carpinteria

- After 12-18 months of no checkouts, the items are weeded and given to the Friends
- Manga is offered to BG libraries

Other discussion notes

Native Voices – how do the libraries feel about only purchasing books written by indigenous peoples

- Libraries understood the importance of it but not to mandate it
- Carpinteria prefers self-representation, but purchases to his patron's preferences.

Tomo is a widely used Spanish book vendor

Carpinteria suggests checking out [MakeMake - Books](#) and [spanishpublishers.net](#) Both work with many Latin American publishers and sell directly in the U.S.

Discussion about whether books can be identified as AI assisted authors books. Teresa is checking to see if this information is available from the vendors

Teresa will run a list of old- lost, damaged, etc items that are still in the catalog for those libraries that don't regularly review their items, so that the libraries can work toward cleaning these up and removing them from the database. They are currently not seen by patrons in Aspen.

Next Collection Development meeting scheduled for 12/10/25 at 10am online