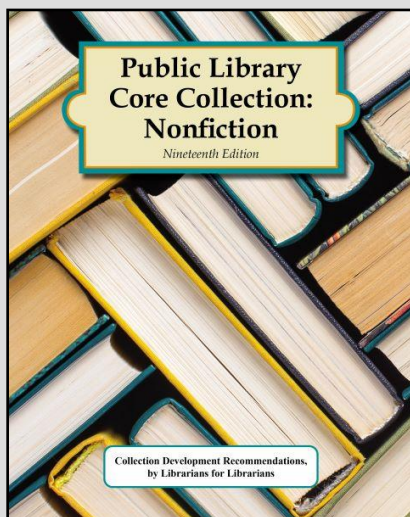


# Public Library Core Collection: Nonfiction

## REVIEWS



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Now in its 16th edition, the *Public Library Core Collection: Nonfiction* continues to aid librarians tasked with purchasing and collection maintenance. The book also serves as a **readers' advisory aid**, as a place to verify bibliographic data, and as **an instructional aid** in courses covering literature and book selection in public libraries.

Inside users will find approximately **12,000 reference and nonfiction titles**; a star at the beginning of an entry indicates that a book is most highly recommended (1,700 titles in this edition are so marked). A slate of experienced librarians from both academic and public libraries selected the titles for inclusion (the advisory board is listed in the book's acknowledgments). This core collection includes new and old titles, all of which were in print at the time of publication. Older titles have been retained if they remain the best resource in a given area. There have been significant revisions in the areas of STEM, graphic novels, and weeding. The introduction explains the organization of the book into two parts, the **Classified Collection** and the **Author, Title, and Subject Index**. Part one is organized by **Dewey Decimal Classification** and includes **bibliographical information** along with **book annotations**. The section begins with an Outline of Classification that also serves as a table of contents for the first part of the book. The extensive index (which includes *see* and *see also* references) also facilitates searching.

**Recommended.**

—ARBA Staff Reviewer



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