

# PREFACE

SENIOR HIGH CORE COLLECTION is a selective list of books recommended for grades nine through twelve, together with professional aids for librarians and library media specialists. This list is available in full as an EBSCOhost database, updated weekly. Printed versions are published approximately every two years and contain *Most Highly Recommended* and *Core Collection* books, the top recommended titles in the database. Additional metadata for these titles, plus book reviews and all of the *Supplementary* and *Archival Materials* levels, appear only in the database available via EBSCO. Go to [www.ebsco.com/products/research-databases/core-collections](http://www.ebsco.com/products/research-databases/core-collections) for more information or for a trial.

## What's New in this Edition?

The twenty-first edition includes more than 8,200 book titles. This volume includes a generous selection of graphic novels, and a more comprehensive collection of recommended graphic novels can be found in GRAPHIC NOVELS CORE COLLECTION on EBSCOhost.

## History

The first edition of the Collection was published in 1926 as an author-title list, followed by a fuller version in 1928 that also included a subject index and analytical entries. After the appearance of the second edition in 1932 the Collection was published regularly every five years. Initially it was called *Standard Catalog for High School Libraries*, but when *Junior High School Library Catalog* (now *Middle and Junior High Core Collection*) was introduced in 1965, its scope was changed. It became *Senior High School Library Catalog* in the ninth edition, published in 1967. With the seventeenth edition in 2007 the title was changed to *Senior High Core Collection*.

## Scope

The collection includes, titles that are considered “most highly recommended.” These titles constitute a short list of the essential books in a given category or on a given subject. There are often a number of recommended titles on a single subject, and the shortlist designation helps a user who wants only one or two. A star (★) at the start of an entry indicates that a book is a “most highly recommended” title. All books listed are published in the United States, or published in Canada or the United Kingdom and distributed in the United States.

The Core Collection excludes the following: non-English-language materials, with the exception of bilingual materials, dictionaries, and similar items; works of adult fiction other than books originally written for adults but read by young people or books widely used in the curriculum; textbooks; and books about individual computer programs or versions of programs, and other topics that quickly become outdated.

Beginning with the printing of the nineteenth edition, the collection also excludes most works widely known as “classic literature.” This was done as an effort to both save space, and to concentrate on recommending titles that are perhaps less well-known. Additionally, extensive conversations with high school librarians indicated that additions of classics to the collection were primarily based on local curricula, not on recommendations from the Core Collection. While some classics remain in the print collection, the removed titles can still be found in the full EBSCOhost database under the Recommendation Levels “Supplementary Materials” and “Archival.”

## Preparation

Books included in this edition were selected by experienced librarians representing public library systems and senior high libraries across the United States who also act as a committee of advisors on library policy and trends. The names of participating librarians and their affiliations are listed in the Acknowledgments. EBSCO invites feedback from Core Collections customers at [corecollections@ebsco.com](mailto:corecollections@ebsco.com).

# OUTLINE OF CLASSIFICATION

Reproduced below is the Second Summary of the Dewey Decimal Classification. \* As Part 1 of this Core Collection is arranged according to this classification, the outline will serve as a table of contents for it. Please note, however, that the inclusion of this outline is not to be considered a substitute for consulting the Dewey Decimal Classification itself.

## **000 Computer science, knowledge & systems**

- 010 Bibliographies
- 020 Library & information sciences
- 030 Encyclopedias & books of facts
- 040 [Unassigned]
- 050 Magazines, journals & serials
- 060 Associations, organizations & museums
- 070 News media, journalism & publishing
- 080 Quotations
- 090 Manuscripts & rare books

## **100 Philosophy**

- 110 Metaphysics
- 120 Epistemology
- 130 Parapsychology & occultism
- 140 Philosophical schools of thought
- 150 Psychology
- 160 Logic
- 170 Ethics
- 180 Ancient, medieval & eastern philosophy
- 190 Modern western philosophy

## **200 Religion**

- 210 Philosophy & theory of religion
- 220 The Bible
- 230 Christianity & Christian theology
- 240 Christian practice & observance
- 250 Christian pastoral practice & religious orders
- 260 Christian organization, social work & worship
- 270 History of Christianity
- 280 Christian denominations
- 290 Other religions

## **300 Social sciences, sociology & anthropology**

- 310 Statistics
- 320 Political science
- 330 Economics
- 340 Law
- 350 Public administration & military science
- 360 Social problems & social services
- 370 Education
- 380 Commerce, communications & transportation
- 390 Customs, etiquette & folklore

## **400 Language**

- 410 Linguistics
- 420 English & Old English languages
- 430 German & related languages
- 440 French & related languages
- 450 Italian, Romanian & related languages
- 460 Spanish & Portuguese languages
- 470 Latin & Italic languages
- 480 Classical & modern Greek languages
- 490 Other languages

## **500 Science**

- 510 Mathematics
- 520 Astronomy
- 530 Physics
- 540 Chemistry
- 550 Earth sciences & geology
- 560 Fossils & prehistoric life
- 570 Life sciences; biology
- 580 Plants (Botany)
- 590 Animals (Zoology)

## **600 Technology**

- 610 Medicine & health
- 620 Engineering
- 630 Agriculture
- 640 Home & family management
- 650 Management & public relations
- 660 Chemical engineering
- 670 Manufacturing
- 680 Manufacture for specific uses
- 690 Building & construction

## **700 Arts**

- 710 Landscaping & area planning
- 720 Architecture
- 730 Sculpture, ceramics & metalwork
- 740 Drawing & decorative arts
- 750 Painting
- 760 Graphic arts
- 770 Photography & computer art
- 780 Music
- 790 Sports, games & entertainment

## **800 Literature, rhetoric & criticism**

- 810 American literature in English
- 820 English & Old English literatures
- 830 German & related literatures
- 840 French & related literatures
- 850 Italian, Romanian & related literatures
- 860 Spanish & Portuguese literatures
- 870 Latin & Italian literatures
- 880 Classical & modern Greek literatures
- 890 Other literatures

## **900 History**

- 910 Geography & travel
- 920 Biography & genealogy
- 930 History of ancient world (to ca. 499)
- 940 History of Europe
- 950 History of Asia
- 960 History of Africa
- 970 History of North America
- 980 History of South America
- 990 History of other areas

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**SENIOR HIGH CORE COLLECTION**  
**TWENTY-FIRST EDITION**  
**CLASSIFIED COLLECTION**

**000 COMPUTER SCIENCE,  
KNOWLEDGE & SYSTEMS**

**001.4 Research; statistical methods**

**MacLeod, Don**

**How** to find out anything; from extreme Google searches to scouring government documents, a guide to uncovering anything about everyone and everything. Don MacLeod. 1st ed. Prentice Hall Press 2012 x, 256 p.p (pbk.) \$20

Grades: 10 11 12 Adult

**001.4**

1. Research
  2. Internet searching
  3. Information resources
  4. Research -- Methodology
  5. Electronic information resources
  6. Electronic information resource searching
- ISBN 0735204675; 9780735204676

LC 2012010974

In this book, "researcher Don MacLeod explains how to find what you're looking for quickly, efficiently, and accurately--and how to avoid the most common mistakes of the Google Age. . . . [The author] shows you how to unveil nearly anything about anyone. From top CEO's salaries to police records, . . . researching for a term paper or digging up dirt on an ex, the advice in this book arms you with the sleuthing skills to tackle any mystery." (Publisher's note)

**Selverstone, Harriet S.**

**Encouraging** and supporting student inquiry; researching controversial issues. Libraries Unlimited 2007 xlix, 238p (Libraries Unlimited professional guides in school librarianship) pa \$40

Grades: Adult Professional

**001.4**

1. Research
  2. Intellectual freedom
  3. High school libraries
  4. Bibliographic instruction
- ISBN 978-1-59158-496-4; 1-59158-496-5

LC 2007-9266

The author gives "advice for advocating inquiry-based research, especially for hot topics that are most interesting to students. She advises library media specialists on what constitutes controversial topics, how to collaborate with teachers to foster critical thinking, and how to gain administrative support for this kind of program research. . . . The philosophies and ideas presented make this book an ideal purchase to promote and foster collaboration with the school communities in which many of us work." SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

**Tufte, Edward R., 1942-**

The **visual** display of quantitative information; 2nd ed; Graphics Press 2001 197p il \$40

Grades: 11 12 Adult

**001.4**

1. Statistics -- Graphic methods
- ISBN 0-9613921-4-2

LC 2001-271866

First published 1983

This book focuses "on statistical graphics, charts, tables. Theory and practice in the design of data graphics, 250 illustrations of the best (and a few of the worst) statistical graphics, with . . . analysis of how to display data for precise, effective, quick analysis." Publisher's note

**001.9 Controversial knowledge**

**Clark, Jerome**

**Unnatural** phenomena; a guide to the bizarre wonders of North America. illustrations by John Clark. ABC-CLIO 2005 xxxiv, 369p il \$85

Grades: 11 12 Adult

**001.9**

1. Curiosities and wonders
- ISBN 1-57607-430-7

LC 2005-11206

"Organized geographically, . . . [this book] explores the history of bizarre natural phenomena in virtually every U.S. state." Publisher's note  
Includes bibliographical references

**Coleman, Loren**

**Cryptozoology** A-Z; the encyclopedia of loch monsters, Sasquatch, Chupacabras, and other authentic mysteries of nature. {by} Loren Coleman and Jerome Clark. Simon & Schuster 1999 270p il pa \$13

Grades: 11 12 Adult

**001.9**

1. Reference books
  2. Monsters -- Encyclopedias
- ISBN 0-684-85602-6

LC 99-31023

Cryptozoology is defined as the study of hidden animals. This encyclopedia "contains nearly two hundred entries, including cryptids (the name given to these unusual beasts), new animal finds, and the explorers and scientists who search for them." Publisher's note

Includes bibliographical references

**Grant, John**

**Debunk** it! how to stay sane in a world of misinformation. John Grant. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2015 288 p. (paperback) \$12.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

**001.9**

1. Errors
- ISBN 1936976684; 9781936976683

This book, by John Grant, "uses modern, ripped-from-the-headlines examples to clearly explain how to identify bad evidence and poor arguments. He provides a roundup of the rhetorical tricks people use when

Grades: Adult Professional

011.6

1. Best books
  2. College students
- ISBN 978-0-8389-8570-0

LC 2011-11853

First published 1984

This book lists “over 400 books deemed outstanding for the college bound by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). . . . [It] includes indexes searchable by topic, year, title, and author.” Publisher’s note

Includes bibliographical references

**011.62 Works for young people****Barr, Catherine, 1951-**

**Best** books for high school readers; grades 9-12. Catherine Barr. Third edition Libraries Unlimited 2013 xix, 1102 p.p (Children’s and young adult literature reference) (hardcover) \$90.00

Grades: Adult Professional

011.62

1. Young adult literature -- Bibliography
2. Teenagers -- Books and reading -- United States
3. High school libraries -- United States -- Book lists

ISBN 9781598847840

LC 2013011585

“This invaluable guide enables librarians as well as patrons and teachers to identify the best books for high school readers out of the thousands published each year.” (Publisher’s note)

“This reference guide will help both teachers and librarians find that just right book for their high school students. This is a must-have for any person who helps teenagers and/or teachers select reading materials for the right subject and grade level.” VOYA

Includes bibliographical references and indexes.

**Cart, Michael**

**Cart’s** top 200 adult books for young adults; two decades in review. Michael Cart. American Library Association 2012 136 p. (paperback) \$50

Grades: Adult Professional

011.62

1. Best books -- United States
2. Teenagers -- Books and reading -- United States -- Bibliography

ISBN 0838911587; 9780838911587

LC 2012027260

In this book, Michael Cart identifies “exceptional adult books that will satisfy a variety of young adults recreational reading tastes. Drawing on his work as columnist and critic for ‘Booklist,’ Cart bases his recommendations on the notoriously choosy reading interests of today’s older young adults, and his roundup of high-quality titles . . . covers a wide range of genres” and “includes numerous read-alikes and related-titles lists.” (Publisher’s note)

Includes bibliographical references and index

**016 Bibliographies and catalogs of works on specific subjects****Al-Hazza, Tami Craft**

**Books** about the Middle East; selecting and using them with children and adolescents. [by] Tami Craft Al-Hazza and Katherine T. Bucher. Linworth Pub. 2008 168p pa \$39.95

Grades: Adult Professional

016

1. Reference books
  2. Middle East -- Bibliography
  3. Young adult literature -- Bibliography
  4. Children’s literature -- Bibliography
- ISBN 978-1-58683-285-8; 1-58683-285-9

LC 2007-40149

“This book examines the body of literature about the diverse groups of people who inhabit the Middle East, and it also explores a variety of ways in which this literature can be used. . . . It fills a huge gap and should not be overlooked. This powerhouse book will be tremendously helpful to media specialists, educators, and public librarians.” Voice Youth Advocates

Includes bibliographical references

**Cart, Michael**

**Top** 250 LGBTQ books for teens; coming out, being out, and the search for community. Michael Cart and Christine A. Jenkins. Huron Street Press 2015 184 p. illustrations (paperback) \$21.95

Grades: Adult Professional

016

1. LGBT youth
  2. Teenagers -- Books and reading
  3. Homosexuality -- Bibliography
  4. Sexual orientation -- Bibliography
  5. Young adult literature -- Bibliography
  6. Homosexuality -- Fiction -- Bibliography
  7. Teenagers -- Books and reading -- United States
  8. Libraries -- Special collections -- Sexual minorities
  9. Sexual minority youth -- Books and reading -- United States
- ISBN 1937589560; 9781937589561

LC 2014031572

This book, by Michael Cart and Christine A. Jenkins, is a “summary of the 250 best books for LGBTQ teens. . . . [They] cover fiction of all kinds, as well as graphic novels and general nonfiction aimed at readers in middle school and high school, and include recent publications as well as classics that continue to be read and enjoyed by 21st-century teens. Information on how to find library programs, services, and additional resources for LGBTQ teens is also provided.” (Publisher’s note)

“An additional purchase, best used for backlist collection development.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references and index

**Crew, Hilary S.**

**Women** engaged in war in literature for youth; a guide to resources for children and young adults. Scarecrow Press 2007 303p (Literature for youth) pa \$51

Grades: Adult Professional

016

1. Reference books
  2. War -- Bibliography
  3. Women -- Bibliography
  4. Young adult literature -- Bibliography
  5. Children’s literature -- Bibliography
- ISBN 978-0-8108-4929-7; 0-8108-4929-1

LC 2006-101112

“Crew’s guide to print and online sources documents women’s roles in wars over the centuries and throughout the world, divided by time periods. . . . This is a great addition for libraries looking for a way to move Women’s Studies beyond the month of March.” SLJ

Includes bibliographical references

**Fichtelberg, Susan**

**Encountering** enchantment; a guide to speculative fiction for teens. Susan Fichtelberg. 2nd edition Libraries Unlimited 2015 393 p. (hardback) \$55

Grades: Adult Professional

016.8

1. Fantasy fiction -- Bibliography
2. Science fiction -- Bibliography
3. Young adult literature -- Bibliography
4. Speculative fiction