

CLASSROOM LIBRARY

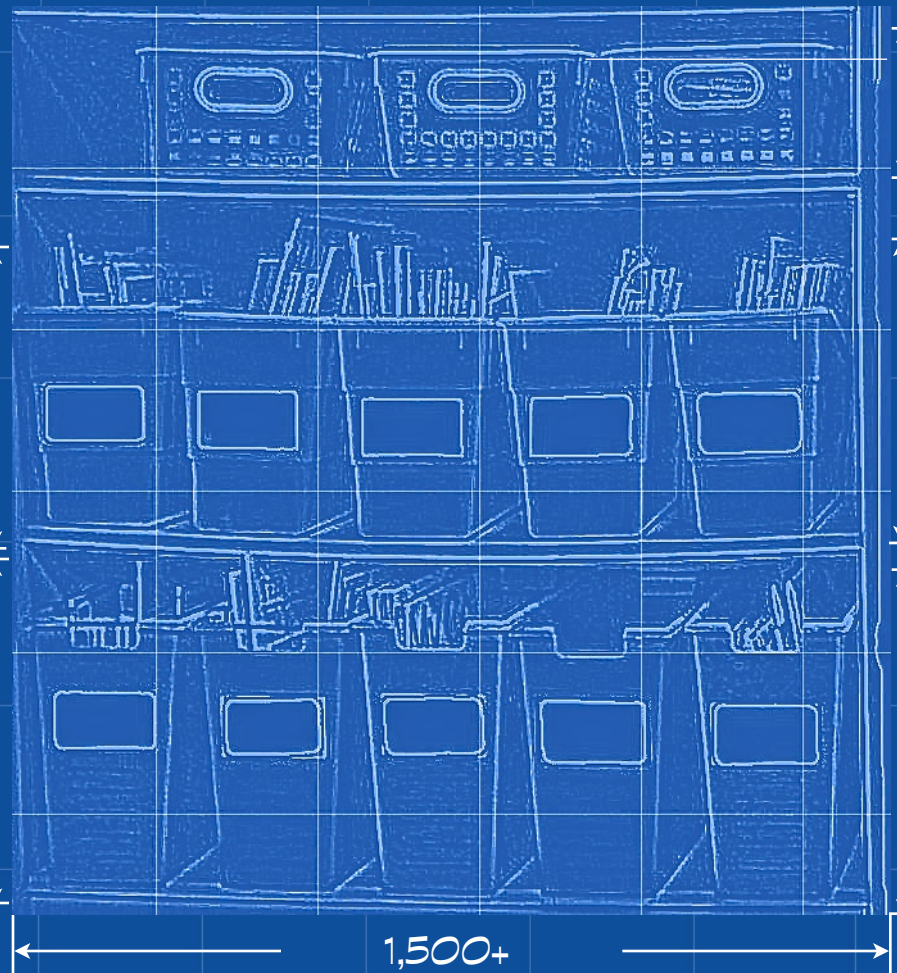
Range of Formats

Anthology/bound set
 Chapter book
 Coffee table book
 Compendium
 Graphic novel
 How-to/procedural
 Interactive
 Magazine
 Picture Book
 Reference
 Series
 Wordless book

Variety of Genres

Drama
 Fiction
 Historical Fiction
 Magical Realism
 Mystery
 Realistic Fiction
 SciFi/Fantasy
 Short Story
 Traditional Tales
 Nonfiction
 Biography
 Expository
 Narrative
 Poetry

Build the collection for the readers you expect;
customize it for the readers you meet.



Thoughtfully Selected Books

Array of Topics

Animals
 Forbidden/edgy
 Funny
 History
 Innovators
 Popular culture
 Science
 Sports
 Social issues
 Timely/local

Elements of Kid Appeal

Amount of text
 Chapter length
 Illustrative support
 Interactivity
 Social acceptability
 Varied reading levels
 Work-to-reward ratio

Additional Considerations

Authenticity/accuracy
 Diverse characters/settings
 Layered characters/plot
 Open to interpretation/debate
 Subtlety
 Craft elements
 Clever/witty
 Critical acclaim

RESOURCES

ALA's Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/quick-picks-reluctant-young-adult-readers>

The American Library Association's Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers is a great resource for highly engaging texts that appeal to more than just reluctant readers.

Cooperative Children's Book Center

<https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/default.asp>

CCBC's Book of the Week selections and yearly CCBC Choices lists provide sure-fire recommendations.

Common Sense Media

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

This website offers ratings and reviews for a variety of media. It provides a quick overview and highlights mature content such as language and violence for each title.

The Horn Book

http://www.hbook.com/#_

The Horn Book has a searchable database of over 80,000 reviews in addition to articles and other resources.

New York Times Children's Books

<http://www.nytimes.com/column/childrens-books>

The NYT provides reviews of and essays about picture books, middle grade books, and young adult literature.

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

<http://www.socialstudies.org/notable>

Updated annually by NCSS, the fiction and nonfiction books in this extensive list emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences.

Open a Book, Open a Mind

<https://openabookopenamind.com/book-lists/>

This blog includes lists of books in a variety of genres and formats for students in grades K-6.

Outstanding Science Trade Books from NSTA

<http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/>

A great collection of titles to support science instruction and to supplement your library with books aligned to your students' science-based interests.

School Library Journal

<http://www.slj.com>

SLJ's website provides reviews, articles, and links to affiliated blogs.

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