Core Collection Development and Readers' Advisory Resources

No librarian has the time to read and review every book in print. That's why APLS recommends using expert collection development and readers' advisory advice to guide your work in these fundamental areas. Here are some of the new resources available to you for checkout from APLS:

- (1) Reference Sources For Small And Medium Sized Libraries by Jack O'Gorman. The authoritative guide on references sources for small and medium sized libraries. Covers more than a dozen key subject areas and includes database products, CD-ROMS, websites, and other electronic resources in addition to print materials. This volume focuses on sources published since 2008.
- (2) Middle and Junior High Core Collection by Julie Corsaro. Develop your core collection for children grades five through nine with this indispensable guide. Contains more than 29,000 titles and includes fiction and nonfiction works.
- (3) Senior High Core Collection by Julie Corsaro. Curriculum-based book recommendations made by librarians for librarians for students grades nine through twelve. Contains more than 29,000 recommended titles and includes fiction and nonfiction works.
- (4) Young Adult Fiction Core Collection by Julie Corsaro. This book is intended to help you select the best YA fiction in print. It contains more than 2,500 titles for young adult readers.
- (5) Read On Graphic Novels: Reading Lists for Every Taste by Abby Alpert. Graphic novels are increasingly popular for young adult and adult readers alike. This item provides more than 500 original annotations organized within 70 thematic lists. The titles are further categorized by key appeal elements. Encompasses all genres but notably includes literary fiction, science fiction, family sagas, nonfiction, and manga.
- (6) Fiction Core Collection by Kendal Spires. Provides expert advice on the most highly recommended works of classic and contemporary fiction. Includes more than 8,500 works that are deemed to have lasting value to readers as well as new titles that have been recognized as significant achievements in their genres.
- (7) Genreflecting: A Guide to Popular Reading Interests by Cynthia Orr. The classic readers' advisory tool has been updated for today's readers. This guide introduces current genre fiction and popular reading tastes. It also groups titles by genre, subgenre, and theme to help those who work with readers make book selections based on reading habits.
- (8) Now Read This III: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction by Nancy Pearl. Describes and organizes nearly 500 of the most popular and current mainstream fiction titles according to their primary appeal features. It also lists award-winning books, books suitable for book clubs, and offers suggestions for related reads.