

**Cobb County Public Library**  
**Selection Process**

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**Juvenile and Young Adult Collections**

The Juvenile Collection includes materials appropriate for children birth through sixth grade and their adult caregivers.

The Young Adult Collection consists of fiction and nonfiction materials for seventh grade through twelfth grade. Both collections also serve teachers and students studying education and literature.

Because of the varying backgrounds and abilities of children and young adults, a wide range of sophistication and reading levels must be covered. In hopes of encouraging the young person's critical ability through reading, and in support of the child's exploration of the world of ideas and information, a wide variation in themes, perspective, viewpoints, and formats is offered. Items in these collections will attempt to achieve a reasonable balance between current popular fiction, classics and award winning critically acclaimed material.

Nonfiction materials for this collection will provide a bridge between the children's and the adult nonfiction collections. An effort will be made to maintain a balance between informational, recreational, and educational needs. Works in Young Adult nonfiction will be selected in a variety of formats as funds allow. Textbooks in general are not selected unless they provide the best overall introduction to a subject or are the only available print source on a subject.

Titles in the collections will be selected based on their probable appeal to young people, on their literary merit as indicated in reviews, and on appropriateness of their content for this age group. Generally only titles receiving favorable reviews are considered, however, books may be added because of popular demand. While the public library collection is not designed to support the school curriculum, care is taken to add materials that are in high demand. However, not all titles on reading lists can be supplied. A limited number of duplicate copies of titles that are often required reading for students can be purchased. Final responsibility for a young person's selection of library materials shall rest with the parent or guardian, as the Library cannot serve in loco parentis.