

****If materials rated for the Teen (13-17) Collections has the above criteria, items should be placed in the Adult (18+) or sub-category Young Adult (18-25) when available.**

While “young adult” is a standard term used by publishers and libraries, it can be ambiguous and confusing to the general public. If a library has a “young adult” section it should be located in the adult area of the library. The term “young adult” is generally understood as individuals aged 18-25.

Reference Collection

The library maintains a physical reference collection to serve the informational needs of library users. Reference sources are characterized by their ability to provide information and to summarize, condense, or give a comprehensive overview of a topic. They remain in the library to be readily available to all residents. Selection criteria of particular importance for reference sources are accuracy, arrangement, ease-of-use, uniqueness of information, authority, documentation, and indexing. Reference sources are consulted for specific items of information and are not meant to be read consecutively. They include bibliographies, indexes, directories, dictionaries, catalogs, statistical compendia, atlases, and almanacs.

Library of Things

The Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional library items that patrons may wish to try or test before purchasing. These include items used for outdoor activities, games, health and fitness, tools, electronics, crafts, hobbies, and musical instruments. The includes WIFI hotspots and Adventure Passes used for free admission to local and regional museums and attractions. This collection is not intended to be comprehensive, and the library is limited by a finite amount of storage space and funds for these items.

The Library Director has full authority to create, move, or remove collections based on changing media, community needs, or to improve access, provided these changes satisfy all current policies of the library board.

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