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BOOK PROFILE – JUNIOR NON-FICTION

General guidelines and focus of this profile

The Junior Non-Fiction Book Profile is aimed at:

1. Providing guidance on the types of junior non-fiction books to select for Libraries ACT members and broader Canberra community, and priority ratings to determine the number of copies required.
2. Meeting high demand (as indicated by high number of reservations) within a reasonable time, i.e. waiting time of no more than 6 months per member.
3. Assisting Libraries ACT staff streamline internal processes and workflows.

Focus of this collection

1. To support and encourage Libraries ACT's junior members' pursuit of general knowledge; and contribute to lifelong learning.
2. General, popular interest, age appropriate language and messages suitable for Primary school years 1 – 6 (approximate age 6 – 12)
3. Appealing: high interest, high quality reading materials that are popular, bestselling and enduring works on selected topics (Key Areas for Selection table)
4. Currency: majority of the collection not more than 5 years past its publication date, and for new acquisitions to approximate release dates (no more than 7 days)
5. Relevance:
 - where the Canberra region or Australia is the focus or subject matter
 - by Canberra region or Australian authors, indigenous authors
 - topical – where the subject matter is a current topic of interest, in Canberra, nationally and/or internationally
 - new editions of classics with significant changes/additions
 - subject matter/author to reflect the diversity of the broader Canberra community



Exclusions

- Flimsy and fragile books, including stapled publications
- Gift, calendar and page-a-day books comprising photos and quotations.
- Items containing ‘product samples’ such as craft supplies or cosmetics.
- Ring-bound and spiral bound
- Self-published works
- Single user titles designed for completion or keeping personal records.
- Textbooks – unless the only source available on a subject.
- Titles that refer to overseas standards.
- Items containing toys, such as Lego.
- Items containing batteries or electronics.
- Books with items or materials that have been identified as hazardous to babies and children:
 - Button batteries (<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/products/electronics-technology/button-batteries>)
 - Magnets (<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/products/babies-kids/toys/magnetic-toys-novelties>)
 - Hazardous chemicals (<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/product-safety-laws/safety-standards-bans/mandatory-standards/toys-containing-lead-other-elements>)

Key Areas for Selection

Subjects	Number of copies
<p>000s Subject emphasis on: Computers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet-latest trends e.g coding, creating web pages • Social media • Popular computer game- cheats and strategies: Minecraft <p>General reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World records • Knowledge and facts 	4-6
<p>100s Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paranormal - unsolved mysteries • UFO’s 	2



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-help techniques <p>200s</p> <p>Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General and comparative Religion• Christian• Buddhism• Hinduism• Judaism• Islam	2
<p>300s</p> <p>Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian careers- general• Disasters• Australian Indigenous culture• Environmental issues - air pollution, water pollution, salinity, conservation alternative energy, nuclear energy, fossil fuels, climate change• Government- Australian and world• Health and well-being-including sex education. Drugs and addiction, human body, senses, nutrition, personal development and self-help• Pirates and bushrangers• Myths and legends• Situations and concepts -illness, death and dying, emotions, mental illness, LGBTQIA, family, inappropriate behaviour, secrets, disabilities, new experiences• Social history -costumes, customs, culture• Social issues -bullying and cyber bullying, crime, peer pressure, racism, homelessness, youth suicide• Social skills- money management, manners, friendship, dating• True stories-adventure, war, heroism, animals, etc	4-6
<p>400s</p> <p>Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Languages - general coverage of all languages (language learning)• Grammar	2
<p>500s</p> <p>Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animals-general, endangered species, extinct animals, native	6



<p>animals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinosaurs• Astronomy - solar system and planets• Biology including evolution• Geology• Mathematics• Rocks and minerals - gold mining• Science – (STEM) chemistry, physics, electricity, experiments• Weather - southern hemisphere seasons, general climate information, tsunamis, drought, flooding, fire	
<p>600s Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooking• Farming• Foods - nutrition, weight management• Human body-health, diseases, anatomy, senses• Medicine• Inventions• Manufacturing - metals, plastics• Pets - horses, dogs, cats• Space - exploration, astronauts, satellites• Technology - robotics• Transport	<p>4</p>
<p>700s Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Architecture - dwellings, castles, famous buildings• Art and Artists - historical and contemporary, all media, how-to draw books, drawing, cartooning• Crafts & Hobbies - needlework, knitting, embroidery, painting, making gifts, popular and trendy crafts etc.• Lego• Film - camera and photography, film graphics and special effects, animation, film production, guides to films, TV shows, acting• Music - instruments, composers, musicians, history theory• Outdoor recreation - horse riding, bike riding• Sport - cricket, Australian football, rugby, soccer, netball, swimming, skateboarding, ballet, gymnastics, general fitness, extreme sports, jujitsu, tae kwon do, surfing, wrestling, Olympics	<p>4-6</p>



<p>800s Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jokes and riddles• Literature - poetry, Australian and world focus, collections, anthologies, plays for young people, modern and classic rhymes	2-4
<p>900s Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biographies - current international film stars, bands, authors, Saints, famous Australians, Australian sport stars• Countries and cultures - festivals, general, social geography• Explorers - Australian and world focus• Geography - rivers, oceans, lakes, mountains, deserts earthquakes, volcanoes etc.• History - ancient civilizations, world wars, Australian, modern history, Australian Indigenous, convicts, gold rush, immigration	6
Australian/Indigenous titles	9
DK, Nat Geo, Minecraft, Lego, Star Wars, Little People - Big Dreams	6
Guinness Book of Records	4