



BOOK PROFILE – RAPID READS

General guidelines and focus of this profile

The Rapid Reads Book Profile is aimed at:

- Providing guidance on the types of Hi-Lo books to select for Libraries ACT members and broader Canberra community, and priority ratings to determine the number of copies required.
- 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.
- Assisting Libraries ACT staff streamline internal processes and workflows.

Focus of this collection

The Rapid Reads collection is aimed at:

- General public - Young adults and/or teenagers, but specifically catered for those with low/er reading literacy levels.
- Students of Libraries ACT Adult Literacy sessions.
- Readers who are learning English as a second language.

The Rapid Reads collection is comprised of Hi-Lo readers; books with a high interest age but at a low reading age. Struggling and/or reluctant readers can have an interest age much higher than their reading age. The material in this collection will need to be age-appropriate, high interest stories with wide array of adventures, centred on a cast of diverse, relatable, and teenage/adult characters that reflect the modern world that we live in.

The material in this collection is designed to be:

1. **Appealing:** high interest, high quality reading materials that are popular, enduring works in all genres.
2. **Current:** majority of the collection not more than 5 years past its publication date, and for new acquisitions to approximate release dates.
3. **Relevant:**
 - where the Canberra region or Australia is the focus or subject matter
 - by Canberra region or Australian authors
 - topical – where the subject matter is on current topics of interest, nationally and/or internationally
 - book to screen adaptations
 - material representing the diversity of the Canberra community:
 - materials that reflect inclusiveness, e.g. diversity in gender identity, abilities, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation and family compositions
 - materials that are balanced in their representation of gender and race

Exclusions

- Levelled readers (covered in different profiles)
- Books with toys included
- Items of poor physical quality (binding etc)
- Colouring in/Painting books
- Books with activities to complete on the page e.g. tracing over letters, mazes

Priorities and quantities					Number of Copies			
Interest Age level	Fiction				Non-fiction			2
Teens (13-17)	Crime/Thriller	Romance	Science fiction /Fantasy	Action/Adventure	Biography	Science	History	
Young adults - adults								

Titles not included in the above subject areas may still be selected if they fit the focus of the collection.

For titles that do not fit into the genres/subjects above please leave the subject blank.