



BOOK PROFILE – Accessibility (Dyslexia Friendly)

General guidelines and focus of this profile

The Dyslexia Friendly Book Profile is aimed at:

- Providing guidance on the types of fiction and non-fiction dyslexia friendly books to select for Libraries ACT members and broader Canberra community.
- Meeting 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

1. To support and encourage Libraries ACT's members' love of reading and pursuit of knowledge regardless of learning abilities.
2. To meet the diverse literacy demands of the Canberra Community.
3. Appealing: titles in this collection matching the appeal of those in the standard print collection, i.e. high interest, high quality, popular, bestsellers and award shortlists, and enduring works in selected genres.
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:
 - by Canberra-region or Australian authors
 - where the Canberra region or Australia is the focus or subject matter
 - topical – where the subject matter is on current topics of interest, nationally and/or internationally
 - book to screen adaptations
 - subject matter/author to reflect the diversity of the broader Canberra community

Percentage Breakdowns

| | Percentage of overall budget (Fiction/Non-Fiction 70%/30%) |
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| Adult | 35% |
| Young Adult | 25% |
| Junior | 40% |

Priority Levels

| Priority | Number of Copies |
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| <p>Low Priority:</p> <p><i>For the combination of the following genres/subjects AND any of the following conditions:</i></p> <p>Fiction genres: Short Stories, Poetry & Plays; Literary & Classics; Historical,</p> <p>Non-fiction subjects (Adult/Young Adult): Travel; History; Gardening; Food & Drink</p> <p>Non-fiction subjects (Junior): See Attachment A</p> <p>Applicable condition/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The title is of general interest• Debut authors attracting positive attention/review• Titles in a series already held by the library• The standard print version is shortlisted for the following awards: Booker, Miles Franklin, Prime Minister’s Literary, Bookseller’s Choice | 1 |
| <p>High Priority: Popular Titles</p> <p><i>For the combination of the following genres/subjects AND any of the following conditions:</i></p> <p>Fiction genres: Science fiction; Mystery & Detective; Thriller & Suspense; Domestic Fiction; Romance; Fantasy & Horror; Humorous</p> <p>Non-fiction subjects (Adults/young Adult): Biography; Health & Medicine; Politics; True Crime;</p> <p>Non-Fiction subjects (Junior): See Attachment A</p> <p>Applicable condition/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Author is Canberra-based or Australian• The standard print version is widely reviewed and attracting a lot of media attention, such as on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ TV/Radio○ Local/National newspapers, e.g. Canberra Times, Guardian Australia, SMH, The Australian, The Saturday Paper○ Popular podcasts, e.g. Chat 10 Looks 3, Book Tok○ Relevant websites, e.g. The Conversation | 2 |

Attachment A – Junior Non Fiction subject priority levels

| Subjects | Number of copies |
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| <p>000s Subject emphasis on:</p> <p>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 | High |
| <p>100s Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paranormal - unsolved mysteries • UFO's • Self-help techniques | Low |
| <p>200s Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General and comparative Religion • Christian • Buddhism • Hinduism • Judaism • Islam | Low |
| <p>300s 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 | High |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | |
| <p>400s</p> <p>Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Languages - general coverage of all languages (language learning) • Grammar | Low |
| <p>500s</p> <p>Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals-general, endangered species, extinct animals, native animals • 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 | High |
| <p>600s</p> <p>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 | High |

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| <p>700s</p> <p>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>Low</p> |
| <p>800s</p> <p>Subject emphasis on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jokes and riddles | <p>High</p> |
| <p>900s</p> <p>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 | <p>High</p> |