

## Memo

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**Re:** Collections

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Hi all,

As you are all aware, budget and staffing issues forced us to suspend some of our collection services while we searched for an alternate method of meeting our collections goals.

Evaluation of our collection services is an ongoing process. You have been involved in some of these changes already as the mystery and VHS were disbanded. Your input in these decisions was valuable to us, and we relied heavily on the survey results from our Plan of Service Focus Groups and on the recent services survey to develop a collection plan that serves your needs and meets our collection goals. The System goals are to introduce member libraries to new formats and to provide materials which may be difficult to sustain in your library collections.

Several documents are attached to this memo to outline the direction of our current collection plan:

1. **Collection Models:** To serve you and reduce the labor intensive process of deposit collections, we have developed two models that you can choose to fit your collection support needs: in-library model & floating collections. Please read over their descriptions carefully.
2. **FLLS Collections:** This is a list of the plans for every material type that FLLS supports.
3. **Choosing Collection Models Form:** Please fill out this form indicating which type of collection you would like for each type of material FLLS offers.

**\*\*We will have an informational meeting about collections on  
Tuesday, August, 18, 2009 from 9:30 – 11:30  
in the Borg Warner Room  
to answer any questions you may have.\*\*  
(more information to follow)**

In the meantime, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

# FLLS Collections

Please read this carefully.

## Collections to be disbanded:

**J & YANF** These collections will be disbanded because non-fiction circulates better and meets the needs of patrons if it is readily available in local libraries. All items will be offered to member libraries; remainders will be offered to agencies we serve with collections.

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**All collections that we continue to support are listed below and can be selected as either in-library or floating, by collection, with the exception of Games and Playaways.**

**LT** FLLS will continue to purchase large print adult fiction and non-fiction to supplement member collections as well as to serve Mail-It patrons. Since most libraries purchase large print titles, we will focus on purchasing titles that do not already exist in the catalog, or are high demand titles.

**DVD** While DVDs are no longer considered a 'new format', FLLS will continue to purchase titles that are not owned by any member library, or are not available through interlibrary loan due to the loaning policy of a member library.

**BOCD** This collection will continue to be supported in order to serve both member library and Mail-It patrons. While downloadable audiobooks and Playaways supplement patron need for books in audio format, BOCDs are still heavily used by patrons and are quite expensive.

**YAF** Graphic novels are currently the core of this collection; large type for teens, high-low readers, and urban fiction comprise the remainder. FLLS will continue to purchase these for a limited time. These are becoming less novel and should be standard in most libraries.

**E** This collection has been moving toward a storytime resource collection because most libraries have strong picture book collections, and our larger libraries collect the award winners. FLLS will continue to support this collection to facilitate excellent literacy programming for a wide age range.

**ER** Excellent early literacy titles as well as non-fiction easy readers will dominate this collection for the youngest patrons learning to read as well as those newly learning English.

**SP-E** The titles in this collection focus on English/Spanish texts for the promotion of early language literacy. The collection is small and currently is not growing.

**Playaways** This format will continue to be supported on a limited basis. FLLS will purchase enough Playaways to add a finite number of collections annually, as well as to increase the number in collections currently housed in libraries.

**Games** This is a newly growing collection and will be available for in-library or floating collections as soon as it is large enough to meet that need.