

# SLS Core Reference List for School Libraries Serving Grades K-8

Suburban Library System, Burr Ridge, IL

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The Suburban Library System (SLS) Core Reference List for School Libraries Serving Grades K-8 is required by the [SLS Minimum Reference Standards for Elementary School Libraries](#), section III, A-3. A task force of SLS school and public youth services librarians developed the Core Reference List. K-8 school libraries choosing to meet SLS minimum reference standards will provide in-library access to at least one title for each of the subheadings on the list. Each library must determine which reference sources to provide in each Dewey Decimal class according to what is appropriate for the staff and students served. Librarians will supplement this list with electronic sources using the same evaluation criteria as for print tools while paying special attention to access, copyright, and licensing issues.

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### A. SELECTION AIDS

#### 1. BOOKS

*Children's Catalog*. Anne Price, ed. 18<sup>th</sup> ed. with annual supplements. H.W. Wilson, 2001.

*Middle and Junior High School Library Catalog*. Anne Price and Juliette Yaakov, eds. 8<sup>th</sup> ed. with annual supplements. H.W. Wilson, 2000.

#### 2. PERIODICALS

*Booklist*. American Library Association, semimonthly.

*School Library Journal*. R.R. Bowker, monthly.

### B. READER'S ADVISORY

*A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books*. Carolyn W. Lima and John A. Lima. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Bowker-Greenwood, 2001.

*Best Books for Children: Preschool through Grade 6*. John T. Gillespie, ed. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. Libraries Unlimited, Inc., 2003.

*Best Books for Young Teen Readers, Grades 7 to 10*. John T. Gillespie, ed. R.R. Bowker, 2000.

*Book Links*. American Library Association, bimonthly.

*What Do Children and Young Adults Read Next: A Reader's Guide to Fiction for Children and Young Adults*. Gale Group, 2002.

### C. CATALOGING AIDS

*Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index*. Melvil Dewey and Joan S. Mitchell. OCLC Incorporated, 2004.

*Library of Congress Subject Headings*. 26<sup>th</sup> ed. Library of Congress, 2003.

*Sears List of Subject Headings*. Joseph Miller, ed. 18<sup>th</sup> ed. H.W. Wilson Co., 2004.

### D. ALMANACS (current edition)

*Time Almanac* (formerly *Information Please Almanac*). Time, Inc., annual.

*World Almanac and Book of Facts*. World Almanac Books, annual.

*World Almanac for Kids*. World Almanac Books, annual.

**E. GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS (no more than 3 years old)**

*Encyclopedia Americana*. 30 vols. Grolier, Inc., annual.

*New Book of Knowledge*. 21 vols. Grolier, Inc., annual.

*World Book Encyclopedia*. 22 vols. World Book, Inc., annual

*World Book Student Discovery Encyclopedia*. 13 vols. World Book, Inc., annual.

**F. WORLD RECORDS (current edition)**

*Guinness World Records*. Bantam Books, annual.

*Scholastic Book of World Records*. Jennifer Corr Morse. Scholastic Reference, annual.

**G. MAGAZINE INDEXES**

*Abridged Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*. Wilson, serial.

*Children's Magazine Guide*. R.R. Bowker, monthly.

*EBSCOhost*. EBSCO Publishing. <http://www.epnet.com/>

*eLibrary/BigChalk*. ProQuest Information and Learning. <http://www.bigchalk.com/>

*FirstSearch*. OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. <http://www.firstsearch.org/>

(Selected FirstSearch databases are available free of charge to Illinois libraries through a grant from the Illinois State Library.)

*Middle Search Plus*. EBSCO Publishing. <http://www.epnet.com/school/midmop.asp>

*Primary Search*. EBSCO Publishing. <http://www.epnet.com/school/espop.asp>

*Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*. Wilson, serial.

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**A. WORLD RELIGIONS**

*Encyclopedia of World Religions*. Robert S. Ellwood and Gregory D Alles. Facts on File, 1998.

*Religions of The World: The Illustrated Guide to Origins, Beliefs, Traditions and Festivals*. Elizabeth Breuilly, et al. Facts on File, 1997.

**B. MYTHOLOGY**

*Bulfinch's Mythology: The Age of Fable, the Age of Chivalry [and] Legends of Charlemagne...* Thomas Bulfinch. Crowell, 1913.

*Children's Dictionary of Mythology*. David Adams Leeming. Franklin Watts, 1999.

*Illustrated Book of Myths: Tales and Legends of the World*. Neil Philip and Nilesh Mistry. Dorling Kindersley, 1995.

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**A. CAREERS**

*Career Discovery Encyclopedia*. 8 vols. Ferguson, 2003.

*Occupational Outlook Handbook*. United States: Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Bureau, biennial.

*Young Person's Occupational Outlook Handbook*. JIST Work, 2003.

**B. HOLIDAYS**

*Chase's Calendar of Events*. Contemporary Books, annual.

*Holidays, Festivals and Celebrations of the World Dictionary: Detailing More Than 2,500 Observances from all 50 States and More Than 100 Nations...* Helene Henderson and Sue Ellen Thompson. Omnigraphics, 2003.

**C. ENDANGERED SPECIES**

*Atlas of Endangered Species*. John Burton. Apple, 2000.

*Endangered Species*. Sonia Benson, et al. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 3 vols. UXL, 2003.

*Endangered Wildlife and Plants of the World*. 13 vols. Marshall Cavendish, 2001.

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### A. DICTIONARIES

#### 1. Unabridged

*Random House Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Random House International, 2002.

*Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged*. Philip Babcock Gove. Merriam-Webster, 2002.

#### 2. General Dictionaries

*American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Houghton Mifflin, 2000.

*American Heritage Student Dictionary*. Houghton Mifflin, 2003.

*Macmillan Dictionary of Children*. Robert V. Costello. 4<sup>th</sup> rev. ed. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2001.

*Macmillan First Dictionary*. Judith S. Levey. Completely rev. and exp. Macmillan, 1990.

*Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*. Merriam-Webster, 2001.

*Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*. Merriam-Webster, 1998.

*Scott, Foresman Advanced Dictionary*. Edward L. Thorndike and Clarence Lewis Barnhart. Scott Foresman, 1997.

*World Book Dictionary*. World Book, 2003.

#### 3. Idioms

*American Heritage Dictionary of Idioms*. Christine Ammer. Houghton Mifflin, 1997.

*Scholastic Dictionary of Idioms*. Marvin Terban. Scholastic Reference, 1998.

#### 4. Visual Dictionaries

*Facts on File Junior Visual Dictionary*. Jean Claude Corbeil and Ariane Archambault. Facts on File, 1989.

*Facts on File Visual Dictionary*. Jean Claude Corbeil. Facts on File, 1986.

*Scholastic Visual Dictionary*. Jean Claude Corbeil and Ariane Archambault. Facts on File, 2000.

*Visual Dictionary*. Rev. ed. Dorling Kindersley, 2002.

#### 5. Rhyming Dictionaries

*New Comprehensive American Rhyming Dictionary*. Sue Young. W. Morrow, 1991.

*Time to Rhyme*. Marvin Terban and Chris L. Demarest. Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press, 1994.

*Webster's Rhyming Dictionary*. Castle Books, 1980.

#### 6. Foreign Language Dictionaries

Based on your population and/or curriculum, select the appropriate foreign language dictionaries from the following publishers: (Substitute as necessary)

Cassell

Oxford University Press

Hippocrene Books

Larousse

### B. THESAURUSES (One adult thesaurus is required.)

*The Kingfisher First Thesaurus*. George Beal, et al. Kingfisher Books, 2001.

*Random House Roget's College Thesaurus*. Jess M. Stein, et al. Rev. and updated. Random House, 2000.

*Roget's II: The New Thesaurus*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Houghton Mifflin, 2003.

*Roget's Children's Thesaurus*. Andrew Schiller and William Atwell Jenkins. Scott Foresman, 2000.

*Roget's International Thesaurus*. Barbara Ann Kipfer and Robert L. Chapman, eds. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. HarperResource, 2001.

*Roget's Student Thesaurus*. Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, 2000.

*Webster's School Thesaurus*. Merriam-Webster, 1989.

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### A. GENERAL SCIENCE ENCYCLOPEDIAS (No more than five years old.)

*New Book of Popular Science*. 3 vols. Grolier, 2002.

*World Book Encyclopedia of Science*. 8 vols. World Book, 2001.

*UXL Encyclopedia of Science*. Rob Nagel, ed. 10 vols. UXL, 2002.

### B. SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS

*Science Experiments Index For Young People*. Mary Anne Pilger. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2002.

*Science Experiments on File: Experiments, Demonstrations, and Projects for School and Home*. Judith A. Bazler, ed. Revised ed. 2 vols. Facts on File, 2000.

*Science Fair Project Index, 1985-1989 for Grades K-8*. Cynthia Bishop, et al., eds. Scarecrow Press, 1992.

### C. BIOMES

*UXL Encyclopedia of Biomes*. Marlene Wiegel. 3 vols. UXL, 2000.

*Biomes of the World*. Michael Alaby. Grolier Educational, 1999.

### D. ANIMALS

*Amazing Animals of the World*. 24 vols. Grolier Educational, 1995.

*International Wildlife Encyclopedia*. Maurice Burton and Robert Burton. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 22 vols. Marshall Cavendish, 2002.

*Kingfisher Illustrated Animal Encyclopedia*. David Burnie. Kingfisher, 2000.

*Wildlife of the World*. 13 vols. Marshall Cavendish, 1994.

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### A. TECHNOLOGY

*CDs, Super Glue, and Salsa: How Everyday Products Are Made*. Mei Ling Rein. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2 vols. UXL, 2003.

*Eureka! Scientific Discoveries and Inventions That Have Shaped the World*. Linda Schmittroth, Mary Reilly McCall and Bridget Travers. 6 vols. UXL, 1995.

*New Way Things Work*. David Macaulay and Neil Ardley. Houghton Mifflin, 1998.

*Way Things Work*. David Macaulay. Houghton Mifflin, 1988.

## 700

### A. SPORTS AND GAMES

*Book of Rules: A Visual Guide to the Laws of Every Commonly Played Sport and Game*. Facts on File, 1998.

*Hopscotch, Hangman, Hot Potato, and Ha, Ha, Ha: A Rulebook of Children's Games*. Jack Maguire. Simon and Schuster, 1992.

*Rules of the Game: The Completed Encyclopedia of All Sports of the World*. St. Martin's Press, 1995.

## 800

### A. POETRY INDEXES

*Columbia Granger's Index to Poetry Anthologies*. William A. Katz and Linda Sternberg Katz. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Columbia University Press, 1994.

*Index to Children's Poetry: A Title, Subject, Author, and First Line Index to Poetry in Collections for Children and Youth*. John Edmund Brewton and Sara Westbrook Brewton. H.W. Wilson, 1954 and 1965.

*Index to Poetry for Children and Young People, 1964-1969*. H.W. Wilson, 1972.

\_\_\_\_\_ : 1970-1975. H.W. Wilson, 1978.

\_\_\_\_\_ : 1976-1981. H.W. Wilson, 1984.

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### B. QUOTATIONS

*Bartlett's Familiar Quotations: A Collection of Passages, Phrases and Proverbs Traced to Their Sources in Ancient and Modern Literature*. John Bartlett. 17<sup>th</sup> rev. ed. Little, Brown, 2002.

*Quotations for Kids*. J. A. Senn and Steve Pica. Millbrook Press, 1999.

*Scholastic Treasury of Quotations for Children*. Adrienne Betz. Scholastic Reference, 1998.

### C. STYLE MANUALS

District or school's style manual (plus one of the following titles):

*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. Joseph Gibaldi. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Modern Language Association, 2003.

*Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*. Kate L. Turabian, John Grossman and Alice Bennett. 6th edition. University of Chicago Press, 1996.

### D. WRITER'S RESOURCES

*Punctuation Power! Punctuation and How to Use It*. Marvin Terban. Scholastic, 2000.

*Writing with Style*. Sue Young. Scholastic Reference, 1997.

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### A. TIMELINES

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Day-by-Day*. Daniel J. Clifton, ed. American ed. Dorling Kindersley Publishing, 2000.

*Smithsonian Timelines of the Ancient World*. Christopher Scane. Reprinted with rev. and corr. Smithsonian, 1999.

*Timetables of History: A Horizontal Linkage of People and Events*. Bernard Grun. 3<sup>rd</sup> rev. ed. Simon & Schuster, 1991.

### B. GEOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARIES

*Cambridge Gazetteer of the United States and Canada: A Dictionary of Places*. Archie Hobson, ed. Cambridge University Press, 1995.

*Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary*. 3<sup>rd</sup> rev. ed. Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2001.

### C. GEOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS

*CultureGrams World Edition*. Axiom Press, annual.

*Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations*. Timothy L. Gall and Susan B. Gall. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 9 vols. UXL, 2002.

*Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States.* Timothy L. Gall and Susan B. Gall. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 4 vols. UXL, 2002.

*Lands and Peoples.* 6 vols. Grolier, 2003.

*StateGrams Kids Edition.* Millennial Star Network. Brigham Young University, serial.

*World Book Encyclopedia of People and Places.* 6 vols. World Book, 2003.

#### **D. HISTORICAL ATLASES**

*Atlas of American History.* Robert H. Ferrell and Richard Natkiel. Rev. and updated. Facts on File, Inc., 1995.

*Historical Atlas of the United States.* Rev. ed. National Geographic Society, 1993.

#### **E. ATLASES**

*Goode's World Atlas.* 20<sup>th</sup> ed. Rand McNally, 2000.

*Hammond Citation World Atlas.* Rev. ed. Hammond World Atlas Corp., 2002.

*Kingfisher Young People's Atlas of the World.* Philip Steele. Rev. and updated. Kingfisher, 2001.

*Scholastic Atlas of the United States.* David Rubel. New and updated. Scholastic Reference, 2003.

*Scholastic Atlas of the World.* Scholastic, Inc., 2003.

#### **F. BIOGRAPHY**

##### **1. Authors/Illustrators**

*Authors & Artists for Young Adults.* Gale Research, semiannual.

*Biography Today: Author Series.* Omnigraphics, annual.

*Junior Authors and Illustrators.* H. W. Wilson, serial.

*Major Authors and Illustrators for Children and Young Adults: A Selection of Sketches from Something About the Author.* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 8 vols. and supplement. Gale Group, 2002.

*Something about the Author.* Gale Research, serial.

*Writers for Young Adults.* Ted Hipple. 3 vols. and supplement. Scribner, 1997.

##### **2. General**

*Biography for Beginners.* Favorable Impressions. Omnigraphics, semiannual.

*Biography Today: Profiles of People of Interest to Young People.* Omnigraphics, Inc., annual.

*Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia.* David Crystal. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Cambridge University Press, 1998.

*Merriam-Webster's Biographical Dictionary.* Merriam-Webster, Inc., 1995.

*Oxford Children's Book of Famous People.* New ed. Oxford University Press, 2002.

##### **3. Presidents**

*Biography for Beginners: Presidents of the United States.* Laurie Lanzen Harris. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Favorable Impressions, 2002.

*Complete Book of U.S. Presidents.* William A. DeGregorio. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Gramercy Books, 2001.

*Facts about the Presidents.* Joseph Nathan Kane. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. H.W. Wilson, 2001.

#### **G. HISTORY**

##### **1. American**

*American Heritage Encyclopedia of American History.* John Mack Faragher. 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Henry Holt and Company, 1998.

*American Scene: Events.* 9 vols. Grolier Educational, 1999.

*History of US.* Joy Hakim. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 11 vols. Oxford. University Press, 2003.

## **2. Illinois**

*Awesome Almanac: Illinois.* Jean F. Blashfield. Rev. ed. B&B Pub., 1993.

*Chicago Sun-Times Metro Chicago Almanac: Fascinating Facts and Offbeat Offerings About the Windy City.* Don Hayner and Tom McNamee. New and rev. Bonus Books, 1993.

*Encyclopedia of Illinois.* Somerset Publishers, Inc. 1999.

*Handbook of Illinois Government.* Illinois Secretary of State, biennial. (Free from the Illinois Secretary of State, Communications Dept., 474 Howlett Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756 or 217-785-8235.)

*Illinois Biographical Dictionary.* 2 vols. Somerset, 1998.

*Illinois Blue Book.* Illinois Secretary of State, biennial. (Free from the Illinois Secretary of State, Communications Dept., 474 Howlett Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756 or 217-785-8235.)

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