

Category: Parenting & Child Care

The following subcategories fall within Parenting & Child Care:

- Babies and Toddlers
- Discipline
- Emotions and Feelings
- Health and Nutrition
- Morals and Responsibility
- School-Age Children
- Single Parents
- Teenagers
- Twins and Multiples

Your Existing Collection

For any of the subcategories, consider the following points when selecting new material:

- What you have already on your shelves
 - Circulation statistics of existing collection
 - Size and age of existing collection
- Gaps: are there topics you do not have covered but believe there is a demand for?
- Patron feedback and trends in Polaris requests that may indicate what patrons want

SimplyReports allows you to generate a shelf list report for your library that can assist you with evaluating your existing collection. For instructions on how to create the report, please visit <http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/Coord-Collection-Dev> and download the document *How to Run a Shelf List Report in SimplyReports*.

What to Consider

Titles in the always popular Parenting and Child Care subcategory are heavily dependent on societal trends. This means they can quickly become obsolete and/or replaced with the newest methods. As well, because these topics often tie in or are based on medical research, it is important that the information in this subcategory is current.

It is also important to have some Canadian books, as Canada may have different regulations, studies or research. The titles may also refer the reader to community resources or programs, and these should be accessible (and current) for Canadians.

There may be some overlap between the topics in the subcategories. In fact, all of the subcategories fall within the small 649 to 649.99999 call number range (with the exception of Health & Nutrition). However, if you do a subject search you may also find that some titles are in the 300 call number range. This is likely because the titles are coming more from a societal point of view, rather than a medical one. If you find this occurring, consider the perspective or focus of the book, and use your best judgement.

You may also want to do a search for your topic in TRACpac to see what is available throughout TRAC, and specifically in the Peace region. If there are already 50 item records for a title you are considering, you may wish to opt for a title that has fewer holdings.

Searching & Selecting Titles

There are several ways that you can find new titles for your collection. Title Source 3 allows you to perform a search for a specific call number range and specify things such as publication date ranges, audience and physical format. This will help you to find the most current items that are appropriate for your library.

For instructions on how to do a search in Title Source 3 for a specific call number range, please visit <http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/Coord-Collection-Dev> and download the document *How to search for books within a specific Dewey range using Title Source 3*.

Another way to find titles is to search by subject. In addition to searching Title Source 3 by subject or call number, you can also try <http://www.chapters.indigo.ca> or <http://www.amazon.ca>. These websites do not allow you to filter your results like Title Source 3, but are great for subject or keyword searches and offer more Canadian content. If you find a title you like, you can then search for it in Title Source 3 and add it to your cart to be sent to ordering.

If the book has been reviewed, the review will be available on Title Source 3, Amazon and Chapters for you to read and help determine if it is appropriate for your library. Amazon and Chapters also offer customer reviews and ratings. These can be helpful as they reflect the public's assessment of the material as opposed to a critical reviewer. Sometimes a "look inside" feature is available so you can view the item's table of contents, index and even portions of chapters if the publisher allows it. Always take the opportunity to look inside and consider the purpose of the item (what is the aim of the book - to instruct, to inform, to provide an overview?), the authority of the author (read their bio – do they have credentials? Do they seem to have a bias?), the scope (do they try to cover too much or not enough?), the currency (does the book use facts and figures from the 1980s? Is it the latest edition?), the audience (is it written in a readable style or is it too academic?) and format (will it be durable? Does it have too many photographs/illustrations or not enough?).

Another way to find Canadian materials is to register for a free account with ULS at <http://www.uls.com/>. This will give you access to their database of books, which include many Canadian resources. You can perform a quick search if you know the item's title, author or ISBN. However, you may want to do an advanced search to search for subject keywords or browse through subject categories. ULS also allows a "Dewey # range" search, which will allow you to browse through a range of call numbers and specify an audience. If you find some titles you are interested in, please mark them down and place your order through Peace Library System.

Yet another way to find titles on your topic is to see what other libraries outside of TRAC have. Almost every public library has an online catalogue that you can browse. Try seeing what the Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary or Toronto Public Libraries offer to their patrons.

If you need further assistance with searching and selecting titles, please contact your consultant at PLS headquarters.

Subcategory Specific Information

The following Dewey call number ranges are suggestions for searching to help you locate titles on your topic. These ranges are not exclusive – there may be titles that fall outside of the given call numbers or overlap with other topics. If you find a suitable title and would like to find similar items, you can also see how the subject is listed in Title Source 3, Chapters, Amazon and/or TRACpac and do subject searches.

Many of the call numbers below have an asterisk (*). This is often referred to as a “wildcard” and represents any other numbers that follow. Therefore, 649.7* represents 649.7, 649.73, 649.756, 649.78586, and so on. The more numbers after the decimal point the more specific the call number is. These wildcards can be used in Polaris and Title Source 3.

Babies and Toddlers

Call number range: 649 – 649.7*

Some keywords/subjects: toilet/potty training, “What to Expect...”, crying, preschooler, baby care, baby food, fussing, nursing, breastfeeding, infant(s), preemie(s), bedwetting, games, diaper(s), sleep, bedtime, brain development, baby sign language, adoption

Discipline

Call number range: 649.6* and 649.7*

Some keywords/subjects: behaviour/behavior, misbehaving, saying “no”, tantrums, attitude, difficult, manipulative, rebellion, spoiled/spoiling, strong-willed, tough love, whining, conflict

Emotions and Feelings

Call number range: 649 – 649.7*

Some keywords/subjects: self-esteem, anger/angry, emotional intelligence, tantrums, attitude, sibling rivalry, confidence, adoption, teasing, love, sensitive, anxiety, fear, shyness, conflict, strong-willed, behaviour/behavior, whining

Health and Nutrition

Call number range: 618.92* - 618.95* and 649 – 649.7* and 641.5622*

Some keywords/subjects: baby care, child care, disability, breastfeeding, exercise, fetal alcohol syndrome, sudden infant death syndrome, baby care, sleep, colic, first aid, ear infections, premature, preemies, hyperactivity, Down syndrome, cleft, eating disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, learning disabilities, autism, children’s health, Tourette syndrome, allergies, food, meals, recipes

Morals and Responsibility

Call number range: 649 – 649.7*

Some keywords/subjects: conversations, spirituality, values, bullying, moral intelligence, teaching, love, financial responsibility, tolerance

School-Age Children

Call number range: 649 – 649.7*

Some keywords/subjects: bedwetting, sleep, bedtime, adolescence, homework, home schooling/homeschooling, babysitting, gender bias, girls, boys, adoption

Single Parents

Call number range: 649.1*

Some keywords/subjects: shared parenting, single parents

Teenagers

Call number range: 649 – 649.7*

Some keywords/subjects: teens, tweens, teenagers, dating, adolescence, girls, boys, financial responsibility, rebellion, sexuality, teen parenting/pregnancy, tough love

Twins and Multiples

Call number range: 649 – 649.14*

Some keywords/subjects: twins, triplets, etc.