

Collection Development

Materials are selected that are current and relevant to our society and are representative of various points of view.

Selection Objectives

- help people know more about themselves and the world
- supplement formal study and self-education
- meet information needs
- stimulate thoughtful participation in the community, country, and world
- support educational, civic, cultural, and recreational activities
- aid in learning and improving job skills
- assist individuals to grow intellectually and enjoy life

Selection Criteria

- patron requests and popularity
- timely or relevant for contemporary society
- representative of various points of view, trends, and controversies
- interprets, documents, or illuminates the past
- provides information on a particular subject
- fosters knowledge of self and others
- acquires knowledge for decision-making
- fulfills current or anticipated demand
- features local authors or subjects
- has reference or research value

Selection Resources

- professional journal reviews of books
- reputable publishers, producers, and authors
- experts in the field of librarianship
- professional librarian's own best judgment

The library supports the following documents:

- [First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution](#)
- [The Library Bill of Rights](#)
- [The Freedom to Read Statement](#)
- [Libraries – An American Value](#)
- [New Mexico Library Privacy Act](#)

Controversial Materials

The library does not promote particular beliefs or views. Resources are provided that include various opinions, controversial topics, and unpopular or unorthodox positions. The library's role is to provide diverse materials to meet the needs of diverse individuals. The individual's role is to choose from those materials for themselves and their families. The responsibility for what children read rests with the parents or legal guardians.

Challenges

The Library considers all materials selected to be constitutionally protected. If a patron claims an item is not protected, the burden of proof rests with the patron.

The Challenges section of the Collection Development Policy has a clearly defined procedure for complaints about any materials at the Library:

- Step 1 – Complaint goes to professional librarian to discuss with patron.
- Step 2 – If not satisfied, Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials form will be given to patron, and they should read the entire work if possible.
- Step 3 – Library Supervisor and professional librarian staff will read, discuss, and make a decision about the book or materials and notify the patron in writing about the decision.
- Step 4 – If not satisfied, the patron can appeal the decision to the Library Board who will determine if library policies have been followed and whether to add or withdraw the material in question.
- No materials will be removed from the collection during the challenge process unless determined by a court of law that it is unprotected by the Constitution of the United States.

The full Collection Development policy can be viewed online at artesianm.gov/579/Policies

Reading Guide

(not intended to be all-inclusive)



Mission

The modern public library supports lifelong learning, advances knowledge creation, and strengthens its community. It provides the tools and resources to support creativity, research, and problem solving while asking and answering questions that challenge patron assumptions. Both the physical and virtual library spaces encourage patrons to engage with information, process it, reflect on it, have conversations about it, and develop new ideas. The Artesia Public Library is such a library; bringing people, information, and ideas together to create opportunities.

Vision

The Artesia Public Library aspires to be the center of information and discovery in the community. Through innovative programming and marketing, relevant collections and responsive services, its goals are to support lifelong learning and the joy of reading, and to enrich, entertain and educate residents of all ages and cultures.

Young Adult/Teen Services

Young Adult/Teen materials are selected to meet the recreational, educational, and cultural needs of young adults ages 12 to 18.

Young Adult/Teen Collections

Fantasy, General Fiction, Graphic Novels, Historical Fiction, Horror, Mystery, Non-Fiction, Reference, Romance, Suspense/Thriller, Science Fiction, Spanish

Reader's Advisory

- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Teen Book Finder booklists.yalsa.net/
- Kids Book Series www.kidsbookseries.com/
- NoveList Plus artesianm.gov/554/Digital-Resources

Book Awards

- **Alex Award** for special appeal to young adults age 12 through 18
- **Coretta Scott King Award** recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults
- **Edwards Award** for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature
- **Morris Award** for first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature
- **Nonfiction Award** for best young adult (12-18) non-fiction
- **Odyssey Award** for best children or young adult audiobook
- **Printz Award** for literary excellence in young adult literature
- **YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults** for best fiction for ages 12 to 18

Per the Collection Development Policy, the responsibility for what children read rests with the parents or legal guardians.

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Youth Services

Children's materials are selected to meet the recreational, educational, and cultural needs of children from infancy through age 12.

Youth Collections

Audiobooks, Biography, Board Books, Beginning Reader, DVDs, Easy Non-Fiction, Easy Picture Books, First Chapter, Holiday, Juvenile Non-Fiction, Reference, Spanish

Reader's Advisory

- Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists
- Kids Book Series www.kidsbookseries.com/
- NoveList Plus artesianm.gov/554/Digital-Resources

Book Awards

- **Caldecott Medal** for most distinguished American picture book for children
- **Coretta Scott King Award** recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults
- **Batchelder Award** for an outstanding children's book translated into English
- **Newbery Medal** for most outstanding contribution to children's literature
- **Odyssey Award** for best children or young adult audiobook
- **Pura Belpre Award** honoring Latinx writers and illustrators whose children's and young adult books best portray, affirm, and celebrate the Latino cultural experience
- **Schneider Family Book Award** for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience

Per the library's Safe Child Policy, children under 12 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver at all times.

The full Safe Child Policy can be viewed online at artesianm.gov/579/Policies

Adult Services

The library provides a collection of standard and contemporary fiction titles as well as genre fiction for the intellectual enrichment, information, and entertainment needs and interests of the adult population of Artesia and surrounding areas.

Adult Collections

Audiobooks, Biography, DVDs, Fiction, Genealogy, Graphic Novels, Large Print, Magazines, Mystery, Newspapers, Non-Fiction, Paperback Exchange, Reference, Science Fiction, Southwest Collection, Spanish, Western

Reader's Advisory

- FantasticFiction fantasticfiction.com
- New York Times Best Seller List <https://www.nytimes.com/books/best-sellers/>
- NoveList Plus artesianm.gov/554/Digital-Resources

Book Awards

- **Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction**
- **Booklist Top of the List**
- **Booklist Editors' Choice**
- **National Book Award** for best Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Translated Literature, and Young People's Literature
- **Nobel Prize in Literature** for most outstanding work in an ideal direction
- **Notable Books** for fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for their significant contribution to the expansion of knowledge or pleasure
- **PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction** for best published works of fiction by American citizens in a calendar year
- **Pulitzer Prizes** for American achievements in letters (fiction, drama, nonfiction, etc.) and music
- **The Reading List** for best-of Adrenaline, Fantasy, Historical Fiction, Horror, Mystery, Relationship, Romance, and Science Fiction
- **Women's Prize for Fiction**