

If you build it (and weed it and promote it), they will come

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Types of Fiction Boys Will Read

- Male main characters & authors
- Active, action-packed stories
- Shorter chapters
- Series
- Genres
- Extremes

A Few Great Authors for Boys

Sherman Alexie
M.T. Anderson
Avi
Hilari Bell
Coe Booth
Dan Brown
Patrick Carman
Michael Chabon
Suzanne Collins
Chris Cruter
Christopher Paul Curtis
Clive Cussler
John Coy
Carl Deuker
Cory Doctorow
Sharon Draper
John Flanagan
Neil Gaiman

Michael Grant
John Green
Mark Haddon
Bruce Hale
Pete Hautman
Jack Higgins
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Anthony Horowitz
Brian Jacques
Jeff Kinney
Gordon Korman
Dean Koontz
David Lubar
Mike Lupica
John Marsden
Walter Dean Myers
Jim Murphy
Garth Nix

Kenneth Opiel
Christopher Paolini
James Patterson
Gary Paulsen
Matthew Pearl
Matt de la Peña
Terry Pratchett
Matthew Reilly
Rick Riordan
Michael Scott
Jon Scieszka
Brian Selznick
Darren Shan
Neal Shusterman
Gary Soto
R. L. Stine
Scott Westerfeld

Weeding Tips

“No library can fulfill its purpose to the community it serves if it is full of unwanted, outdated, and unusable materials”

(Rogers, 2007, para. 5).

Before weeding

Gather:

- Library mission statement
- Collection development plan
- Community profile
- Usage statistics
- Class Book lists

And walk the shelves!

Types of books to weed:

- Outdated
- Poor condition
- Irrelevant

Benefits of Weeding

- Up-to-date and interesting materials
- Easier to browse
- Increased circulation
- Time-saver
- Connection to improved school test scores

Display Tips

“A good-looking display, arranged with meticulous care, can actually discourage the act of shopping”

(Underhill, 1999, p. 228).

Think about:

- Slat wall shelving
- Display tables
- Showing off book covers
- Messy displays
- Student recommendations

Want to read more?

Read the full study and results online:

If You Build It (and Weed It and Promote It), They Will Come: Increasing Circulation of a Fiction Collection at an All-Boys High School

http://scholarspace.jccc.edu/lib_pp/19/