

Collection Development: Building Libraries That Inspire, Engage, and Support Learning

Empowering students through intentional curation and collaboration.





Interactive Learning Environments



Modern Libraries Serve as Interactive Hubs for Collaborative Learning and Teamwork

Moving beyond silent reading rooms, today's library collections must actively support group inquiry and project-based learning.

Genrification

Grouping materials by theme or project rather than strict Dewey decimal to encourage collaborative exploration.

Makerspace Integration

Pairing instructional texts and design books with hands-on building materials.

Digital Collaboration

Providing seamless access to shared digital archives, research databases, and multimedia creation tools.

Effective Collection Development Requires Continuous Evaluation and Strategic Weeding.

A healthy collection is dynamic, relevant, and carefully maintained to ensure maximum utility and appeal.



The CREW Method: Regularly weeding materials using the MUSTIE criteria (Misleading, Ugly, Superseded, Trivial, Irrelevant, Elsewhere).



Data-Driven Purchasing: Using circulation statistics and hold requests to identify collection gaps and high-demand areas.



Format Diversity: Maintaining a balanced collection of print, digital, and audio resources that supports diverse reading abilities, learning preferences, and accessibility needs for all learners.

Inventory & Weeding Done: Where to Start Ordering?

With your library's physical audit complete and aged materials removed, transition seamlessly to curated procurement.

1 Identify Your Gaps

- Analyze your weeded categories to pinpoint severe collection deficits.
- Generate **TitleWise Reports** to view concrete charts of aged Dewey ranges.

2 Target Demographics

- Define age-appropriate interests and curriculum priorities.
- Filter searches specifically by student reading levels and linguistic needs.





Diverse and High-Interest Materials Cultivate a Culture of Lifelong Literacy.

Engagement drops when students cannot see themselves or their personal interests reflected in the library collection.



Mirrors and Windows

Ensuring books reflect diverse student backgrounds and introduce global perspectives.



Graphic Novels & Manga

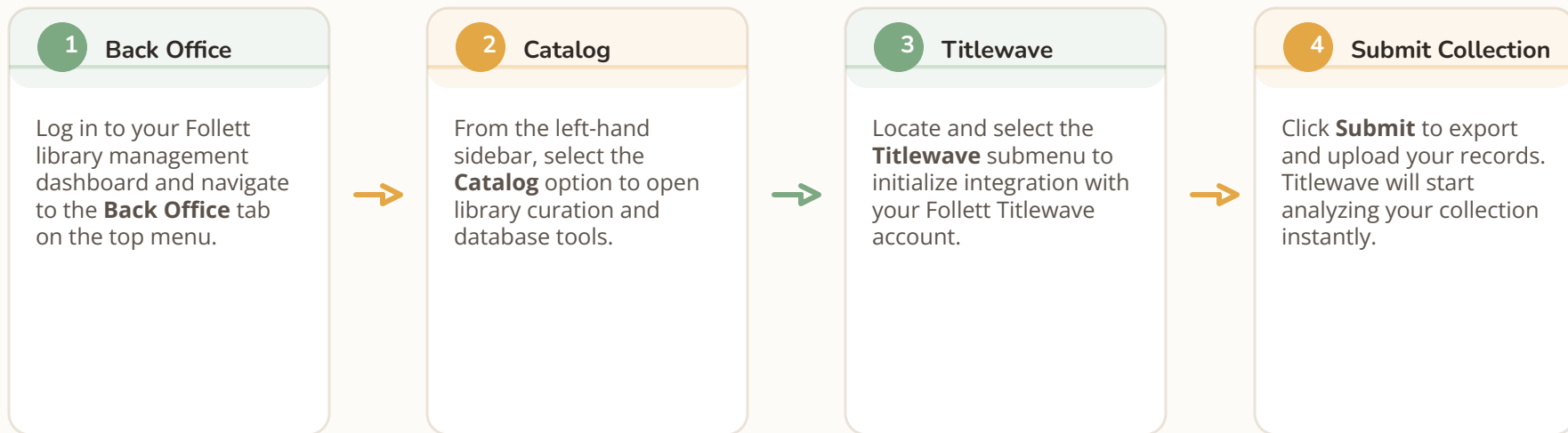
Utilizing highly visual, popular formats to engage reluctant readers and build vocabulary.



Student-Driven Selection

Incorporating student requests, surveys, and popular trends directly into purchasing decisions.

Step-by-Step Guide: Uploading Your Collection to Titlewave



What You Can Find in a Titlewave Report

The ultimate data-driven planning tool to guide your purchasing, weeding, and strategic library improvement.



Collection Overview

- Total titles & copies
- Avg. publication age
- Size by Dewey class
- Fiction vs. NF ratio
- Audience break-downs (**Easy, Juv, YA, Prof**)



Dewey Analysis

- Exact counts per class
- Avg. age per section
- Outdated areas & gaps
- Strengths & weaknesses
- Comparison to model standards



Fiction Analysis

- Genre distribution
- Series & graphic novels
- High-interest holdings
- Chapter & Easy Readers
- Popular authors



Curriculum & Growth

- Maps to STEM, Arts, LA
- Highlights subject gaps
- Growth tracking over time
- Added titles & weeding changes



Diversity Analysis

- Cultural & ethnic representation
- Diverse perspectives & global languages
- Inclusive titles & **Own Voices** authors



Copyright Age Analysis

- Overall average copyright age
- Percentages published: **Last 5 / 10 years**
- Identifies legacy materials (**>15 years old**)



Key Evaluation Questions

"Is my 500s Science collection too old?"

"Do I have enough biographies?"

"Which Dewey sections need updating first?"

Filling the Gaps: Transitioning From Analysis to Action

Translate your report findings into strategic purchases by identifying critical subject gaps and curating high-impact materials.

Identify Core Gaps

- Evaluate Dewey sections with low title counts or high average ages.
- Prioritize critical curriculum areas like STEM and history.
- Audit for diversity representation and Own Voices gaps.



Navigating the Book Selection Process on Titlewave

Use powerful search filters, customized curation tools, and multi-source reviews to find and organize the best materials.

1 Advanced Filters

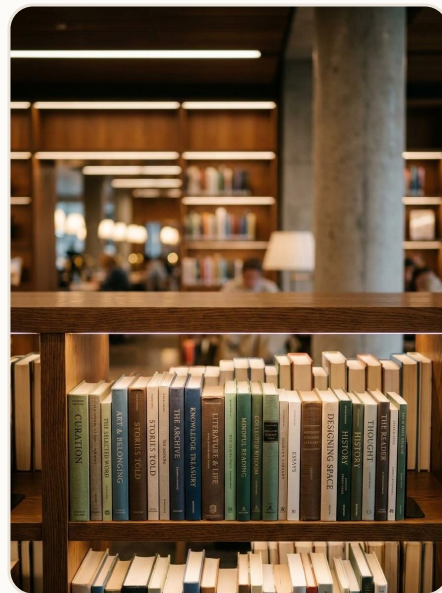
Use **Advanced Search** to narrow results by copyright range, reading level, and specific grade-appropriate interest levels.

2 Book Reviews

Personalize search results to show **vett**ed reviews from preferred education sources, ensuring high-quality selections.

3 Curated Lists

Explore State Award books, Follett Tags, and curriculum-focused lists created by professional educators and librarians.



Understanding Titlewave Symbols



★ Gold Star

Indicates a title that is owned by another library in Spring ISD.



■ Gold Ribbon

Matches your library's Best of Titlewave preferences or recommended collection criteria.



■ Red Ribbon

Your library already owns this title. This helps prevent duplicate purchases.



■ Blue Ribbon

The title has been saved to one of your Titlewave lists.

Creating and Managing Your "Working List"

Build a centralized wish list in Titlewave to compile recommendations, track duplicates, and streamline your purchasing decisions.

1 Consolidate Books

Add all books to your **Working List** to create a unified wish list. Populate it with curated recommendations, award winners, and popular series to build a robust candidate collection.

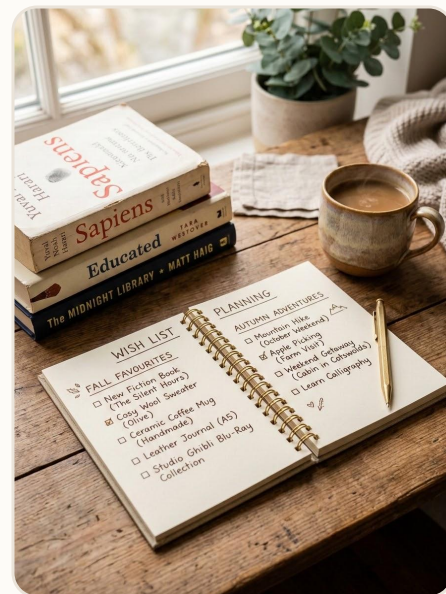
2 Check for Red Ribbons

Check your active list periodically. Actively **delete titles** that display a red ribbon to prevent buying duplicates of books already added to your collection.

3 Follett Ordering

When ordering from Follett, you can print your list with a specified **DNE (Do Not Exceed) amount** to ensure strict budget compliance and seamless purchasing.

Remember, order **MUST** be completed by the end of **December**.



CONCLUDING STEPS

Thank You! Let's Build Our Libraries Together

Apply your new Titlewave workflows to transition seamlessly from collection analysis to strategic action.



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Next Steps to Remember

- Check active lists for **Red Ribbons** to prevent duplicate purchases.
- Keep within budget guidelines by specifying your **DNE (Do Not Exceed)** limit.
- Submit final orders to Follett before the **December deadline**.