

COLLECTION ANALYSIS: BALANCING COLLECTIONS

According to one source, Follett Library Resources, the following is a recommended breakdown of percentages for a balanced collection. This should be viewed as *one example only*, and the individual library should take its unique situation and patrons into account when developing its collection. *For example, Health Careers High School might have a much higher 500-600 section than recommended here.*

Follett Library Resources

Balanced Dewey Breakdown

| Dewey Range | | K - 6 | | Middle School | | High School |
|-------------|--|-------|--|---------------|--|-------------|
| 000 | | 1% | | 1% | | 2% |
| 100 | | .5% | | 1% | | 2.5% |
| 200 | | 1% | | 1% | | 2.5% |
| 300 | | 10.5% | | 12% | | 14% |
| 400 | | 1.0% | | .5% | | 3% |
| 500 | | 12% | | 12% | | 9% |
| 600 | | 6% | | 8% | | 9% |
| 700 | | 5% | | 6% | | 8% |
| 800 | | 5% | | 4.5% | | 9% |
| 900 | | 10% | | 14% | | 11% |

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|-----------------|--|---------------|--|--------------|--|-----------|
| Col. Bio | | 1% | | 2% | | 2% |
| Ind. Bio | | 7% | | 8% | | 8% |
| Easy | | 20% | | ----- | | ----- |
| Fiction | | 20% | | 30% | | 20% |
| Reading Levels | | 1.0 - 6.9 | | 5.0 - 8.9 | | ----- |
| Interest Levels | | K-3, 3-6, 5-8 | | 3-6, 5-8, YA | | YA, AD/YA |