

Category: Travel

The following subcategories fall within Travel:

- Canada
- United States of America
- Africa
- Caribbean
- Central America
- South America
- Asia
- Europe & Western Europe
- Australia & New Zealand

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

Travel guides are likely to be out dated within two years of publication as they include contact and pricing information for hotels, restaurants and attractions. Thus, they should be weeded and replaced with newer editions every two years.

If you are collecting on a geographical area that encompasses many countries (such as Africa), you do not necessarily have to have a separate book for *each* country. Many guides will group countries together by region (such as a “Guide to Western Europe”), so be mindful of the coverage the book will contain. However, if within your region is a well-known travel destination, such as Mexico, you may want to have books on travel in Central America (to cover the smaller countries of Belize and Guatemala) but also have a book or two that focuses just on Mexico for more in depth information.

Books in the Travel category are largely series based, with few stand-alone guides. Some are more visual with lots of photographs and maps (Eyewitness Travel), some are more text based (...for Dummies), while other series offer a mixture of both (Lonely Planet).

Below is a list of popular travel book series with the publisher indicated in parentheses and their official websites. Please visit the websites for more detailed information about what each series offers.

- **Berlitz Pocket Guides** (Berlitz) http://www.berlitzpublishing.com/berlitz/travel_guides.asp
 - Available for over 150 destinations across the world, with information on accommodations, dining, shopping, nightlife, attractions and travel tips. Contains full colour photographs and maps.
- **Birnbaum Guides** (Disney Press) (no official website)
 - Once a popular general travel series, *Birnbaum Guides* is now the official guide for the Walt Disney theme parks.
- **Blue Guide** (Somerset Books) <http://www.blueguides.com/>
 - Covering primarily European destinations, *Blue Guides* are “cultural guides” that focus on the art, history and architecture of destinations, and offer a selective list of restaurants and accommodations. Illustrations of floor plans and architectural details are provided, as well as maps.
- **Eyewitness Guides** (DK) <http://www.dorlingkindersley-uk.co.uk/static/html/uk/series/eyewittravel.html>
 - **Eyewitness Top 10:** city guides that offer dozens of top 10 lists to help with planning short trips or weekend travel. Included is a pocket-sized map.
 - **Eyewitness Travel:** covering over 100 destinations, they offer full colour illustrations, photographs, floor plans and 3D aerial views of attractions. Designed for travellers on all budgets.
 - **Eyewitness Travel Back Roads:** driving guides with photographs, maps and GPS information
- **Fodor’s** (Fodor’s) <http://www.fodors.com/guidebooks/>
 - **Fodor’s Gold Guide:** largest range of destinations, covering all aspects of planning (accommodation, dining, shopping and attractions). Suggestions are offered based on budget, intention and transportation.
 - **Fodor’s See It:** full colour illustrations, simplified accommodation and dining reviews with actual prices instead of ranges.
 - **Fodor’s With Kids:** smaller range of destinations, travel planning with families in mind.
- **Footprint** (Footprint) <http://www.footprinttravelguides.com>
 - Written for experienced travellers, *Footprint* guides focus on off the beaten track destinations. They offer historical and cultural information in addition to suggested itineraries, maps, and details about attractions, accommodations and dining.
- **For Dummies** (Wiley) <http://www.dummies.com/store/Travel.html>
 - Mostly text based with fewer photographs than other series, the *Dummies* travel books offer down to earth trip planning advice, suggestions on what you should and shouldn’t miss, as well as accommodation and dining information for every budget. Included are handy *Post-It* flags to mark important pages. The *Dummies* series is part of *Frommer’s*.

- **Frommer's** (Wiley) <http://www.frommers.com/>
 - Frommer's is made up of over 15 different travel series within four categories:
 - **Destination Guides:** *500 Places, Complete Guides, Day by Day* (pocket), *Day by Day* (full size), *For Dummies* (see above), *Frommer's PhraseFinders*, *Portable Guides*, and *Unofficial Guides*
 - **Activity Guides:** *Best Hiking Trips, Born to Shop Guides, Frommer's 24 Great Walks, Frommer's Great Drives in...* and *National Parks*
 - **Family Guides:** *With Kids Guides* and *With Your Family Guides*
 - **Money-Saving:** *Free & Dirt Cheap* and *Pauline Frommer's Spend Less*

- **Insight Guides** (Insight Travel Guides) <http://www.insightguides.com>
 - One of the largest travel series in North America, the guides are written by local writers to ensure that the information is accurate and even anecdotal. Historical and cultural perspectives are offered, along with current information for travellers. Series offered include: *Insight Guides, City Guides, Smart Guides, Step by Step Guides, Pocket Guides, Compact Guides, Shopping Guides, Eating Guides* and *Museums & Gallery Guides*. Some of the more specific guides, such as the *Shopping Guides*, are offered only for a few select destinations (i.e. New York City, Paris, London and Rome).

- **Let's Go** (Avalon/St. Martin's) <http://www.letsgo.com/travel-guides>
 - *Let's Go* guides are written entirely by student researchers and are specifically designed for travellers with limited budgets.

- **Lonely Planet** (Lonely Planet) <http://shop.lonelyplanet.com/>
 - *Lonely Planet* offers over 500 travel guides covering 195 countries. They range from broad, multi-country guides to detailed information for travellers heading to urban destinations. The *Discover Guide* series are designed for short trips to a country, the *Encounter Guides* are designed for short trips to a city, *Trips Guides* are for US destinations and offer road trip itineraries, and *Shoestring Guide* series are for budget travellers and backpackers. The rest of the series are based on general information about the destinations.
 - **Multi-Country Guides:** *Shoestring Guide, Region Guide*
 - **Country Guides:** *Trips Guide, Country Guide, Discover Guide, Region Guide, Encounter Guide*
 - **City Guides:** *City Guide, Encounter Guide*

- **Moon** (Avalon) <http://www.moon.com/>
 - *Moon* guide books are known for being designed for alternative or offbeat travel. They mix humour with practical advice and take into account cultural and historical perspectives. Four series are available.
 - **Moon Handbooks:** general information for budget travellers, whether backpacking or travelling with a family.
 - **Moon Metro:** information neighbourhood by neighbourhood with insider recommendations on dining, shopping, exploring and accommodations
 - **Moon Outdoors:** hiking, camping, boating, fishing, biking and golfing information
 - **Moon Spotlight:** a detailed, compact guide which covers smaller geographic regions, with information pulled directly from the chapters of the larger Handbooks or Outdoors books.

- **Rick Steves'** (Avalon) <http://www.ricksteves.com/>
 - Rick Steves is considered North America's leading authority on European travel. He offers a mix of country, regional and city guides. Each covers information about accommodations, dining and sightseeing as well as practical advice on trip planning and transportation. The *Snapshot* guides are taken directly from chapters in the country guides and focus on the essentials of a specific destination.

- **Rough Guides** (Penguin) <http://www.roughguides.com/>
 - Offering guides on more than 220 destinations, *Rough Guides* are known for their journalistic writing style and often opinionated information for independent travellers. They acknowledge their destinations as places where real people live and work, and offer historical and cultural contexts in addition to suggestions for contemporary attractions. Maps and full colour sections are provided.

- **Time Out** (Time Out) <http://www.timeout.com/>
 - *Time Out* guides are designed for city destinations and strive to be on the cutting edge of culture. They are guides to what's happening in the "world's greatest cities" and the best things to do there.

To view the latest editions available for many of the travel book series listed above, you can visit S&B Books at <http://www.sbbooks.com/> to download their travel catalogue (click on Public Libraries and then Travel Catalogue).

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.

Much of the travel information is also readily available on the Internet. Websites such as www.Travelocity.ca and www.Expedia.ca offer detail information and links on accommodations. Specific restaurants and attractions will likely have their own websites. A simple search in Google for "France" and "travel" will generate many results with up-to-date pricing and contact information.

To supplement your travel books, Peace Library System has subscribed to **Global Road Warrior** on behalf of all member libraries. It is a database that offers up-to-date travel information on 175 countries, including over 6,500 color photos and 1,575 country maps. It was created by an international team of researchers, cartographers and writers, and is continually updated. While it does not focus on accommodations or restaurants, Global Road Warrior offers information about the country's climate, society & culture, demographics, money and banking, travel essentials, points of interests, transportation, embassies and much more. Patrons can access the database by visiting <http://www.peacelibrarysystem.ab.ca/e-Resources> and scrolling down to the bottom of the page where it says "Global Road Warrior." If accessing the database from home, patrons will need to log in with their library card number and their PIN. If the patron is accessing the database from within the library no login should be required. You may also add Global Road Warrior to your library's website. Please contact PLS if you would like assistance with this.

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, 917.7* represents 917.7, 917.73, 917.756, 917.78586, 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.

Canada

Call number range: 917 – 917.1*

Covers: each province

United States of America

Call number range: 917 and 917.3* – 917.9*

Covers: each state, with the exception of Hawaii (Oceania, 919.6*)

Africa

Call number range: 916 – 916.9*

Countries:

- Eastern Africa (Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Réunion, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe)
- Middle Africa (Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe)
- Northern Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, Sahara)
- Southern Africa (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland)
- Western Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Saint Helena, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo)

Caribbean

Call number range: 917.29*

Countries:

- Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico, Saint-Barthélemy, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands

Central America

Call number range: 917.2*

Countries:

- Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama

South America

Call number range: 918 – 918.9*

Countries:

- Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands, French Guiana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela

Asia

Call number range: 915 – 915.9*

Countries:

- Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)
- Eastern Asia (China, Hong Kong, Macao, Korea (North & South), Japan, Mongolia)
- Southern Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka)
- South-Eastern Asia (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam)
- Western Asia (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen)

Europe & Western Europe

Call number range: 914 – 914.9*

Countries:

- Eastern Europe (Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine)
- Northern Europe (Aland Islands, Channel Islands, Denmark, Estonia, Faeroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Guernsey, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom)
- Southern Europe (Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Gibraltar, Greece, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Macedonia)
- Western Europe: (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Switzerland)

Australia & New Zealand

Call number range: 919.3 – 919.4*

Covers: Australia, New Zealand

Oceania

Call number range: 919.4* – 919.7*

Countries:

- Melanesia (Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu)
- Micronesia (Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Northern Marian Islands, Palau)
- Polynesia (American Samoa, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Hawaii, Niue, Pitcairn, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Wallis and Futuna Islands)