

Selection of Resources
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Urban and Community Gardening Collection
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Introduction

The Charles L. Durham Branch Library is the second smallest branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Located in West Philadelphia, it serves the Mantua and Powelton neighborhoods. The Durham branch shares the same mission as the Free Library of Philadelphia, to “advance literacy, guide learning, and inspire curiosity” (Free Library of Philadelphia, 2012a, 2012c).

The Durham Library serves a population of 13,734 people (City-Data, 2011a, 2011b). Based on previous demographic research for the Mantua and Powelton neighborhoods, the general user community for Durham Library is largely English speaking, single, young adults and children, mostly of African American ethnicity (Smith, 2012).

The Charles L. Durham library is developing a subject collection on urban and community gardening that coincides with the recent release of First Lady Michelle Obama’s book, *American Grown: The Story of the White House Kitchen Garden and Gardens Across America*. This book not only offers readers a look at the implementation and growth of the public garden at the White House, but is generating conversation nationwide on how gardens and community gardens can serve as a learning platform for promoting healthy living among families and children (Amazon, 2012).

The urban and community garden subject collection has the potential to serve many populations in the Durham Library area. Its primary users will likely be community organizations, including leaders of the organization as well as members, and families, including

parents and children. The Mantua and Powelton neighborhoods have a strong community organization presence, many with the potential to institute or help in an urban and/or community garden effort (Free Library of Philadelphia, 2012b; Mantua Community Improvement Committee, 2012; Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 2011). There is also an established interest in community gardening by organizations in the area (McKechnie, 2012; Summer Winter Community Garden, N.D.). Another primary user group of this collection is families and children. A quarter of the population in Mantua is comprised of school age children (City-Data, 2011b).

The following selection criteria were used for the urban and community garden collection. Criteria outline standards for inclusion (or exclusion), providing a consistent approach to selection (Evans & Saponaro, 2012, p. 71). These criteria were established by reviewing and evaluating selection policies from the Free Library of Philadelphia, Brooklyn Public Library of Brooklyn, NY, Arizona State Library, Memorial Hall Library of Andover, MA, and recommendations by Choice magazine:

- Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public
- Suitability of format for library use and content
- Suitability of subject and style for the intended audience
- Authority, reputation, or qualifications of the author, artist, publisher, or producer
- Organization and ease of use; clarity, accuracy, and logic of presentation
- Currency of information
- Cost

The following selection aids were utilized for developing the community and urban gardening collection for the Durham Library:

- Current Review Sources:
 - ❖ Library Journal articles and reviews
 - ❖ Booklist
 - ❖ New York Times Book Review
 - ❖ Internet Scout and Scout Review
 - ❖ Utne Reader
 - ❖ Publisher's Weekly
- Expert Recommendations:
 - ❖ Library Websites (Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, and New Haven)
 - ❖ University Extension Websites and Research (Purdue, Webster University, and University of Missouri)
 - ❖ Earth Friendly Gardening Blog
- Vendor Catalogs:
 - ❖ Amazon
 - ❖ Publishers' Websites (Tree Media Group, Timber Press, Adams Media, and Lakeshore)
- Best Books, Recommended Lists, Core Collections:
 - ❖ GoodReads
- Bibliographic Databases:
 - ❖ WorldCat
 - ❖ IMBd
- Other Aids:
 - ❖ Authors' Websites

❖ Government Websites (United We Serve)

Current Materials Selection

1. *Garden gate*. (1995-current). Des Moines, IA: Woodsmith Corp.

Format: Print magazine

Description: Garden Gate offers readers practical gardening information and advice. Content includes step-by-step instructions, colored diagrams, and pictures to describe plant care information, building projects, landscaping, etc.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Though it does not appear in Library Journal with a review, this magazine was recommended in a LJ article about collection development of a regional gardening subject collection. Positive review from gardening blog.
Suitability of format for library use and content	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magazines need covers to reinforce durability. Extra costs for reinforcement materials. Storage concerns for past issues.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information presented in articles is skewed for North East area of the U.S. Articles focus on hands-on advice for working with plants and gardens.
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publisher has been publishing DIY type magazines for 30 years.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All color photography and diagrams.
Currency of information	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Published bimonthly.
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Though added costs need to be considered for supplies to enforce durability, this magazine is only

		\$3.33/issue.
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Selection Aids Used: The Earth Friendly Gardening Blog

(<http://earthfriendlygardening.wordpress.com/2006/02/18/review-garden-gate-magazine/>)

provides a positive review (“A” rating overall) based on the magazine’s “high quality” content and “no ad” policy. Library Journal’s article “Collection Development ‘Regional Gardening’: North by Northeast” suggests this title when building a gardening subject collection. WorldCat indicates 418 libraries have this magazine.

Selection Justification: As this magazine is geared especially for North East gardening and is free of ads, the content is very appropriate for the Durham community. Plus, the Garden Gate website offers users “web extras” free of charge that include informative videos that augment its articles; this promotes the goal of the Philadelphia Free Library to provide electronic resources.

Price: \$20/year (6 issues). Price provided by Ulrich’s International Periodical Directory.

2. Smith, J. N., Harder, C., & Jannotta, S. (2010). *Growing a garden city: How farmers, first graders, counselors, troubled teens, foodies, a homeless shelter chef, single mothers, and more are transforming themselves and their neighborhoods through the intersection of local agriculture and community--and how you can, too.* New York: Skyhorse Pub. ISBN: 9781616081089

Format: E-book

Description: Describes the huge community efforts of Missoula, Montana to implement a city garden. Also describes how these efforts can be replicated in other cities.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Starred review in Booklist. ▪ Made “top” lists in both Booklist and Fact & Fiction. ▪ Gardening Best Seller of 2011 from Library Journal.
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electronic version makes for easy portability. ▪ Amazon indicates because of its layout, this book is optimized for larger

		screens.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Message of book directly connects to collection and Obama’s book that serves as inspiration for the collection.
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author is a professional writer as well as professional speaker on issues of the environment and globalization.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot view much of book to make an accurate assessment as a whole, but have learned it contains “How it Works” sections and information for dozens of additional resources to start a community project.
Currency of information	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes a community gardening effort from 2010.
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonable price and great added value to collection as it directly connects to the collection’s goal of spurring community involvement.

Selection Aids Used: Author’s website gave additional information about the book that I couldn’t find elsewhere as well as credentials. Booklist provided a star review of the book and Library Journal noted it as a bestseller in 2011, all of which was a good indication of its quality. WorldCat shows 591 libraries owning the item.

Selection Justification: This book’s status based on critic reviews makes it an excellent selection choice. It meets all seven selection criteria and is directly tied to the goals and objectives of this subject collection.

Price: \$24.95 provided by Booklist review. Amazon indicates a Kindle version for \$0.99, but not sure about this price for a public library’s use.

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- Wolford, R., Stack, G., Scherer, J., & Hawley, M. (2012). My first garden: A guide to the world of fun and clever gardening. *University of Illinois Extension*. Retrieved from <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/firstgarden/index.cfm>

Format: Website

Description: This website, sponsored and maintained by the University of Illinois Extension, is a kid centric resource showing the full process of gardening; from first steps to choice in vegetation. The website also hosts a teacher’s resources area providing explanation and justification for each part of the website.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewed by Internet Scout. ▪ Positive review in Library Journal.
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requires internet connection, but library has computers. ▪ CD version also available which could be checkout for those patrons without internet access.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Written in age appropriate language. ▪ Interactive content. ▪ Reviews of website say the intended audience is “4th graders” and “Gr. 3-5.”
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Created by horticulture, family planning, and urban planning instructors with U of Illinois Extension program.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kid friendly: very visual through graphics and pictures.
Currency of information	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website maintained and updated. ▪ Latest copyright 2012.
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Free and likely falls within the fair-use purpose of teaching, but this would need to be confirmed. ▪ CD version is inexpensive.

Selection Aids Used: Internet Scout provides reviews of websites by information professionals (Evans & Saponaro, 2012). Library Journal featured a review of this website and stated the “cartoon illustrations” and language choices made the site very accessible.

Selection Justification: As children and community organizations such as schools are a primary audience for this subject collection, I wanted to select a resource suitable for this audience. This resource can be used by children at home or by schools interested in starting a garden. The

website has two positive reviews, one from Internet Scout the other from Library Journal. It also meets all seven criteria.

Price: Website: free digital resource. CD: \$16.99 provided by website itself.

4. American Community Gardening Association. (n.d. *). ACGA: American community gardening association. Retrieved from <http://communitygarden.org/index.php>

Format: Website

Description: The American Community Garden Association (ACGA) website is a definitive resource for establishing a community garden. It provides basic information as well as detailed resources for aspects of community gardening not present in other selections. This includes pre-made forms and letters, information about insurance, membership, training, publications, its listserv, etc.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommended resource from Purdue and serve.gov. ▪ Michelle Obama endorsement video on website.
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requires internet connection, but library has computers.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defines a community garden. ▪ Addresses how to start a community garden, provides resources, and addresses training. ▪ Very detailed info about all aspects of starting a garden including insurance, membership, troubleshooting, etc. These issues have not been addressed in any other resource I've come across. ▪ Listserv capabilities.
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nonprofit organization. ▪ Founded in 1979.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easy navigation through header and side bar.

Currency of information	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Doesn't provide a copyright or update reference, however the listserv is current.
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free digital resource.

Selection Aids Used: Purdue University Extension provided a link to the ACGA website on its Urban/Community Garden resources page which demonstrates its authority. On their website, National Public Lands Day promotes its partnership with ACGA, linking to this website. The Government's United We Serve campaign cites this website numerous times as a resource for getting involved with community gardening.

Selection Justification: As the entire purpose of ACGA is to promote community involvement through gardening, it seems a vital resource to have available to the Durham community. It's a canonical resource and would likely be consulted in any community gardening effort around the U.S.

Price: Website: free digital resource.

5. Schmid, M., Petersen, L. C., MacInnis, M., Tree Media Group., & Choir Vandals (Firm). (2011). *Urban roots*. Santa Monica, CA: Tree Media Group.

Format: DVD

Description: This documentary profiles Detroit's urban farming initiative. Community members have worked together to turn vacant lots into usable, sustainable farms.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press attention from NY Times and TreeHugger.com. Reviews from earthtimes.org and Utne Reader (independent press and media focus). Screenings at various libraries around the country.
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DVD format popular in library. Though digital, this format is durable for circulation.

Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides example of implementing urban gardening. ▪ Suitable for community organizations, leaders, and members (primary audience).
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documentary film. ▪ Tree Media Group’s (the film’s production company) mission is to create media that “supports and sustains civil society.”
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Common format (DVD) users are familiar with. ▪ Video presents visual depiction of urban gardening.
Currency of information	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Film copyright 2011
Cost	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DVD itself is inexpensive, however the license is costly.

Selection Aids Used: The film’s website provided reviews, press attention, and a preview of the movie. Utne Reader gave a positive review of the film. Library websites (Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, New Haven, etc.) announced movie screenings which demonstrates public interest in the film and subject. IMDb rates the film 9 out of 10 through user reviews.

Selection Justification: This film is a great demonstration of how a blighted area, much like that surrounding Durham Library, can become a source of inspiration and power for a community. It meets nearly all criteria with the exception of cost.

Price: \$19.95 for DVD; \$150 for public library license provided by the film’s website:
<http://www.urbanrootsamerica.com/urbanrootsamerica.com/Home.html>

6. McKelvey, B. (2009). *Community gardening toolkit: A resource for planning, enhancing and sustaining your community gardening project*. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Extension. Retrieved from
<http://extension.missouri.edu/explorepdf/miscpubs/mp0906.pdf>

Format: PDF

Description: This ready-to-distribute resource is very valuable in planning, enhancing and sustaining a community gardening project. It is highly detailed, down to action steps to get started, budgeting, plot leasing, and additional resources to consult.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WorldCat shows only 2 library holdings. ▪ Recommended resource by ACGA.
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessible either online or can be printed. Printed form would require reinforcement much like magazines for circulation.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fits subject collection goals. ▪ Suitable for community organizations, leaders, and members (primary audience).
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Publication produced by U of Missouri. ▪ Written by university extension associate who is part of the Healthy Lifestyle Initiative.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contains lots of information, but presented in a logical, clear, often visual way. ▪ Detailed Table of Contents for quick reference.
Currency of information	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website describing resource indicates 2009, though resource itself has no date indicated.
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Free and likely falls within the fair-use purpose of teaching, but this would need to be confirmed. ▪ Permission required to make 2 to 100 copies (per U of Missouri Extension website).

Selection Aids Used: ACGA provides a link to this resource on its website. As ACGA is a reputable, nonprofit organization, their recommendation comes highly regarded. A subject

annotated bibliography from graduate research at Webster University indicated this resource as “invaluable.”

Selection Justification: This selection meets nearly all criteria. Its ready-to-distribute format makes it a perfect resource for organizations in the Durham Library area looking for a quick-reference guide for getting started on a project.

Price: Free digital resource, though permission must be obtained to make copies. This information provided by the University of Missouri Extension’s website.

<http://extension.missouri.edu/publications/copy.aspx>

7. Iannotti, M. (2011). *The Beginner's guide to growing heirloom vegetables: The 100 easiest-to-grow, tastiest-to-eat vegetables for your garden*. Timber Press, Incorporated. ISBN: 9781604691887

Format: Print book (also available as an e-book, but suggest the printed form as the primary purchase).

Description: This book, ideal for beginners and experienced gardeners, is a comprehensive guide to 100 varieties of heirloom vegetables. For each vegetable and fruit, the author provides seed information, tips on planting/transplanting, and harvest information, plus large, color photographs for easy identification.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Positive review from NY Times, Chicago Tribune, and Publisher’s Weekly. ▪ Starred review in Booklist ▪ Library Journal recommends in its “Wyatt’s World: Going “American Grown” with Michelle Obama” article. ▪ 3.69 out of 5 stars at GoodReads
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Due to pictorial content, print format is preferred. ▪ Paperback book with some cover reinforcement is ideal for heavy circulation.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Content is suitable for all primary audiences of this collection as well as

		secondary audiences.
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timber Press only publishes books on “gardening, ornamental and edible horticulture, garden design, sustainability, natural history, and the Pacific Northwest”—from website. ▪ Author writes the gardening guide for About.com—from Timber Press website.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large photographs of each fruit and vegetable. ▪ Quick reference notes in addition to narrative content.
Currency of information	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Published in 2011.
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inexpensive

Selection Aids Used: Newspaper reviews (NY Times and Chicago Tribune), Publisher’s Weekly, and Booklist all provided positive reviews of the book. Library Journal suggested this book is appropriate for creating a collection in conjunction with Michelle Obama’s book. GoodReads gave public opinion of the book, all of which is positive. Also, by using the “Look Inside” feature on Amazon, I could get a feel for the contents, organization, and ease of use of the book. This helped determine to purchase the book in print format versus e-book.

Selection Justification: This book meets all criteria. It has received much attention from critics and reviewers, all positive. It’s is also very current and provides the Durham community a look at heirloom gardening, not something addressed in any other selection.

Price: \$19.95 provided by Booklist review.

8. Tornio, S. (2012). *Project garden: A month-by-month guide to planting, growing, and enjoying all your backyard has to offer*. Avon, MA: Adams Media. ISBN: 9781440527722

Format: Print book (also available as an e-book, but suggest the printed form as the primary purchase).

Description: This book’s month to month organization provides families with solid information to start and sustain a garden throughout the year. Also suggests projects and recipes that center on gardening.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Journal recommends in its “Wyatt’s World: Going “American Grown” with Michelle Obama” article. 4 out of 5 stars at GoodReads
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paperback book with some cover reinforcement is ideal for heavy circulation.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content is suitable for all primary audiences of this collection as well as secondary audiences. Is especially suitable for families and children in the Durham Library area.
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author is editor of Birds & Bloom magazine, a master gardener, and teaches gardening classes at U of Wisconsin.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Layout makes for easy reference. Provides lists of materials, directions, pictures, etc. for projects. Month-by-month organization is helpful.
Currency of information	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Published this year.
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inexpensive.

Selection Aids Used: Library Journal suggested this book is appropriate for creating collection in conjunction with Michelle Obama’s book. GoodReads gave public opinion of the book, all of which is positive. Also, by using the “Look Inside” feature on Amazon, I could get a feel for the contents, organization, and ease of use of the book. This helped determine to purchase the book in print format versus e-book. The publisher’s website, Adams Media, provided a summary of the book and the author’s credentials.

Selection Justification: In addition to meeting all criteria, this is the only book selection aimed at families. Not only does it provide sound gardening advice in a monthly format, it presents readers with projects and recipes centered around the garden to do as a family. The book's theme of 'gardening as a family' is directly connected to this subject collections' goals.

Price: \$11.53 (discounted) from Adams Media website, the book's publisher.

Selection Process of Retrospective Material

To select retrospective material for the community and urban gardening subject collection, the following selection process was implemented. All of the selection criteria used to select the current materials was used to select retrospective materials. While retrospective purchases made in a public library are often for replacement copies, as this is a new collection for the Durham Library, retrospective selection will be made to identify those resources of continuing value (Evans & Saponaro, 2012, p. 92). Retrospective materials are selected when current materials are not adequate to address specific information needs. For example, the first retrospective selection below, *Month-by-Month Gardening in Pennsylvania*, while approximately ten years old addresses a topic that is so specific it is not available in popular current media.

The first step in selecting retrospective materials is to assess what information is missing or not presented through current materials selections. Gaps are noted and used to identify retrospective materials. This process is different from selecting current materials because with retrospective selection, format variety is not as big a driving force, but rather content.

The following three selection aids are useful for selection of older materials:

- **Book Review Index Online:** This database is helpful because it a comprehensive resource for reviews dating back to 1965. For searches (subject, title, author, etc.) it provides a list of all reviews and review sources.

- Subject Bibliographies: This selection aid is helpful because they are often developed by experts in a field who can provide citations to resources not ordinarily found through popular selection aids like review sources.
- Subject Databases: This selection aid is helpful because a particular database can provide background information about identified gap topics as well as citations to resources that may not appear in reviews.

Retrospective Materials Selection

1. Ball, L. (2001). *Month-by-month gardening in Pennsylvania*. Franklin, Tenn: Cool Springs Press. ISBN: 978-1930604506

Format: Print book

Description: The book gives readers month-by-month advice for gardening specifically to the Pennsylvania area.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All positive reviews provided by readers on GoodReads.
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Standard paperback book that will need cover reinforcement.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meets needs of primary user communities for collection. ▪ Specific to Pennsylvania.
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Publisher devoted only to state and regional gardening. ▪ Author lives in Pennsylvania.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes maps specific to Pennsylvania. ▪ Many charts for easy reference. ▪ Glossary included.

Currency of information	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2006 edition available, but lacks detail of the 2001 edition.*
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High value to the collection as it specific to the Pennsylvania area.

Selection Aids Used: GoodReads provides very positive reviews (4.11 out of 5 stars) by readers. Amazon.com was helpful in providing users’ opinions on differences between different editions of this book. Also, by using the “Look Inside” feature on Amazon, I could get a feel for the contents, organization, and ease of use of the book.

Selection Justification: *This book was revised and republished in 2006, however based on reviews from Amazon, I elected to select the 2001 edition. Amazon users noted the 2006 edition virtually eliminated the vegetable section that was present in the 2001 edition. It would be advisable to purchase both versions to have more current information plus detailed information for vegetables. Meets nearly all criteria and is the only selection aimed specially that the Pennsylvania geographic area with respect to gardening.

Price: \$24.99 provided by Cool Springs Press.

- McGee, R. M. N., & Stuckey, M. (2002). *McGee & Stuckey's the bountiful container: A container garden of vegetables, herbs, fruits and edible flowers*. New York: Workman Pub.

Format: E-book

Description: This book, written by two expert horticulturists, demonstrates how to create container gardens of vegetables, herbs, fruits, and edible flowers.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive review in Publisher’s Weekly. 4.23 out of 5 stars on GoodReads
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic version makes for easy portability. Format is durable for circulation. Book does not provide full color illustrations, so electronic version is suitable for use.

Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One of the few selections dealing with space limitations in gardening. ▪ Urban gardening.
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Written by expert horticulturalists.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Text heavy, but does provide headings for reference.
Currency of information	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retrospective material from 2002
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reasonable price, though licensing costs need to be considered. ▪ Value it brings to the collection is great because it's the only resource dealing with urban gardening space issues.

Selection Aids Used: Publisher’s Weekly provided a positive review and summary of the book. GoodReads presented public opinion about the title. Also, by using the “Look Inside” feature on Amazon, I could get a feel for the contents, organization, and ease of use of the book. I learned this book is will be equally valuable in electronic form versus print form.

Selection Justification: Though this selection does not meet two criteria, it does provide information about a gap topic in the collection, urban gardening. Not all Durham users interested in gardening have space to accommodate a full-sized garden. It has received attention from Publisher’s Weekly and is written by horticulturalists with expert experience which make this selection important.

Price: \$9.87 (does not include licensing costs) provided by Amazon.

3. Corona, C., & Lakeshore Learning Materials (Firm). (2004). *Growing things*. Carson, CA: Lakeshore. ISBN: 9781589706934

Format: Kit (CD and Big Book)

Description: This CD and accompanying big book are aimed at child audiences of three to seven years old.

Selection Criteria Used:

Criteria	Meets Criterion	Justification
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Attention of critics, reviewers, media, and the public	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some customer reviews provided on publisher's website, but cannot find more reviews in more prominent sources.
Suitability of format for library use and content	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CD format popular in library. Though digital, this format is durable for circulation.
Suitability of subject and style for intended audience	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big book format is appropriate for young audiences, which are prevalent in the Durham Library community. Interactive songs to connect with book content.
Authority/reputation/qualifications of creator	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lakeshore is an educational publisher.
Organization and ease of use including clarity, accuracy, and presentation	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kit comes in a bag to contain all pieces. User guide provided.
Currency of information	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational resource, so currency is not as relevant as with other informative resources.
Cost	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both book and CD can be purchased for less than \$30.

Selection Aids Used: The publisher's website, Lakeshore, provided an opportunity to listen to some CD tracks and learn about the intended audience. WorldCat showed that twenty libraries have holdings to this resource. While that is a small number, it demonstrates it is resource of continuing value or it would have already been weeded.

Selection Justification: Meets nearly all criteria. This selection is the only CD and serves the primary audience of school-age children and families. The Big book format is appropriate for this audience and can serve as inspiration for gardening among families.

Price: \$9.95 for CD and \$24.95 for book. Provided by Lakeshore website.

Assignment Reflection

I never realized how intensive and time consuming a collection selection process is. Though the process is elaborate, this assignment has been informative and demonstrates that the time and effort used for collection development is merited. Throughout the selection process, I constantly felt that a second opinion as to a material's worth and value to the collection would be helpful. In an actual library setting, having another librarian or selection committee would be extremely valuable not only for advisement but to help eliminate bias as well. This assignment opened my eyes to the wealth of selection aids available. When I typed up the list of selection aids to include in the introduction, I was shocked at how many aids I actually consulted. While the assignment and process have been long, I very much appreciate the opportunity to experience selection and collection development as a whole. It will be valuable in any information work environment in the future.

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