

Preview Program

The preview program at Library Resources is arranged so the Anchorage School District librarians can examine and review new library materials from a wide variety of publishing houses. New material comes to Library Resources twelve months a year.

Librarians may select twenty-five titles at one time. Once the reviews are done, another 25 titles may be selected. Inform Terri Douthitt at Library Resources when you are coming to select by sending her an e-mail. Preview selection activity should have a particular schedule agreement with Library Resources.

Preview titles are added to ASD catalog with a note that a copy is available at Library Resources Preview collection. When the book is selected Terri D will add your holding and remove the note. Please bring your own barcodes. You are welcome to leave barcodes at Library Resources for future visits. The selected books will be left with Terri D so that accountability can be arranged for your selections and she will send them to you.

Librarians will enter reviews into LS2 PAC. Under the Borrower Reviews tab click on Add Review and log on. Staff members pin is the last 3 digits of their Borrower ID. Enter your review and notify Terri D that the review has been entered. She will enter the reviews in OCLC Open World Cat for Anchorage Schools. Content guidelines for LS2 PAC are very similar to the guidelines for Open World Cat.

Content guidelines for LS2 PAC:

LS2 PAC requires a title for your review that is between 10 and 40 characters long. You must also select a rating for the book. They use stars for rating, one star being poor and five stars being excellent.

The recommended length for a review is 75 to 300 words. You are allotted up to 10,000 characters. The best reviews include not only whether you liked or disliked something, but also why. Feel free to mention other items that you consider similar and how this item rates in comparison to them. Below are some tips to assist with writing your review:

- Focus your review on the item.
- Be clear and concise.
- Describe your personal experience on whether you liked or disliked the item and why.
- Provide other readers with a taste of the plot, so they can gather enough information to see if they would like the item. However, do not give away surprises, especially the ending of a story!
- Do not use offensive language or profanity.
- Do not add contact information.
- Do not include html, javascript, css, or images.

When you have finished writing your review, please add your name and submit the review. In order to successfully submit a review all fields must be complete including the star rating. Failure to complete all fields will result in an error message. Once you click submit you will not be able to edit your review.

By implementing some accountability, publishing houses continue to send us preview materials. They are very interested in your reviews.

We need your sincere commitment to this program in submitting reviews. Your participation is important to make it work. We are able to add over 2000 to 3000 new titles a year to the ASD library collection with your participation.

Additional materials like posters, book marks, and other promotional material may be available when publishing houses pass on the options. Terri will occasionally let you know by e-mail when other options are feasible. You may help yourself whenever you come to visit the preview book shelves.