Review Question Answers

Chapter 7: Selecting Library Materials

1. When did US public libraries begin adding fiction to their collections?

   During the last half of the 19th century

2. What does selection tend to focus on in special and corporate libraries?

   Access to information rather than the library acquiring ownership of materials

3. List the criteria most often used by library selectors.

   a) *Subject*
   b) *Demand and usage potential*
   c) *Material construction quality*
   d) *Core collections*
   e) *Collection balance*

4. List the other considerations Disher says selectors should consider.

   a) *Author*
   b) *Publisher*
   c) *Format*
   d) *Reviews*
   e) *Cost*
   f) *Audience*
   g) *Date*

5. List the popular selection tools that can help a selector find and identify material for consideration.

   a) *"Recommended" and "Best of" lists*
   b) *Catalogs*
   c) *Dictionaries and biographies*
   d) *Patron-driven selection*
   e) *Reviews*