

Multiple Copy Books

Multiple copy books are available for loan to all participants in the GST BOCES 508 Library Services/Media CoSer. Currently our collection contains over 550 titles.

How are these books selected? Each spring the School Library System (SLS) sends out a request for titles that is to be distributed to all faculty members in your school. All requests are returned to the SLS Office. We compile a complete bibliography including reading level and cost per title. This bibliography is then distributed to a committee of librarians who meet during the summer to select the titles to be purchased. Each title is considered and a final list for ordering is compiled. A complete list of updated titles can be found on the Bright Ideas webpage

Teachers or librarians may request the title and number of copies needed and when. Generally the loan period is six (6) weeks; however, extensions can be issued unless the book has been requested by another school. Our office is then responsible for shipping out the requested titles with a sign-out sheet. We will check each book to make sure it is in good condition, i.e., without torn pages, frayed corners, dog or other animal damage, water damage, etc.

Playaways are also available for loan. Playaways are audio players with audiobooks loaded onto the player and cannot be changed or copied by the user. Each Playaway holds an entire audiobook, regardless of length. The user can easily navigate back and forth through chapters and automatic bookmarking remembers where you stopped listening. They are described as the “ultimate in portability.” We currently have over 550 titles available for loan ranging from grades Pre-K12.

If the teacher requests the multiple copy title or Playaway – the order will be shipped directly to the librarian. Upon delivery to the school, the librarian/teacher is responsible for distributing the materials. A sign-out sheet is provided for all multiple copy books to aid in the tracking of missing books. If materials are not returned after the six week loan, we will contact the librarian/teacher for assistance locating the books and if necessary replacement of these materials.

We order the replacement copy/ies and then bill the school directly, unless other arrangements have been made with the System. We try not to purchase paperbacks unless no other options are available because of the number of the circulations the books are undergoing in a one-year period.

If you have any additional questions about multiple copy books, please contact Laura Underhill at the School Library System: 607-739-3581 ext. 211 6 or lunderhill@gstboces.org