

FIGURE 6. 3

Kerby's Chart of Considerations: Possible Quantities and Ages by Section

Use this chart when making judgments about how to improve your collection.
The suggestions are considerations only.

	Grades K–5		Grades 6–8		Grades 9–12	
Category	Approximate Percentage of Items*	Average Age of Items (Years)**	Percentage of Items	Average Age of Items (Years)	Percentage of Items	Average Age of Items (Years)
000	.5–1	5	1	6	1	7
100	.5–1	11	1	11	1	10
200	.5	11	.5–1	11	.5–1	9
300	6–10	11	7–10	10	10	7
400	.5	12	.5	11	.5	9
500	12.5	8	6–7.5	7	5–6	7
600	5–7	9	5–7	8	5–7	7
700	5.5–8	9	6–8	8	6–8	9
800	2–2.5	11	2.5	7	6–8	13
900	6.5–8	8	12	9	12	9
92/920 Biography	5.5	10	9	12	5–9	10
Easy Fiction	28	11	na	na	na	na
Fiction	22	12	38–40	12	26–30	12

*The "Approximate Percentage of Items" is based on Mackin's recommendations and a small group of Maryland school library collections.

**The "Average Age of Items (Years)" comes directly from Mackin. Realistically, you may not be able to meet these averages, but they should help with your decisions for your school library.

Sources: Mackin's 2017 Collection Analysis Recommendations, author's survey of Maryland school library collections in spring 2018, and a chart appearing in Betty Thomas's 2004 textbook, *Administering the School Library Media Center*.