

Adult fiction stock quality health check: Deliberate inclusion

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Where are we going in this session?

- What is the adult fiction stock quality health check?
- What does the adult fiction stock quality health check spreadsheet look like?
- Why should my library fill it in?
- How will it help with collection management?



Sustainable Development Goals stretch targets for Australian libraries

Diversity
and gender
equality



Target 8

Library workforce, collections and services reflect the diversity of Australia's population and local communities. Asylum seekers and refugees have access to library collections and services which recognise their needs.

SDG alignment

SDG 4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.



Deliberate inclusion

...rather than 'accidental' exclusion



Genres included

- Action adventure
- Contemporary
- Crime mystery
- Fantasy
- Historical
- Horror
- Romance
- Science fiction
- Thriller suspense



The checklist comprises 500 adult fiction titles which are representative across designated areas of adult reading interest. They are indicative titles rather than prescriptive, and the titles should not necessarily be seen as a list for purchase. The list has been compiled by collections and readers' advisory staff from a representative set of small, medium and large libraries from country and metropolitan areas. Acknowledgement: original spreadsheet developed by Libraries Alive! P/L. This list has a focus of diversity, equity and inclusion to help you to think about titles and authors you may otherwise miss. It has a separate set of calculations for diversity.

The 500 titles are divided into 9 categories:

	Number of titles
Action adventure	30
Contemporary	85
Crime mystery	80
Fantasy	50
Historical	55
Horror	40
Romance	70
Science fiction	50
Thriller suspense	40

How to use the tool:

- 1 Save a local copy of this spreadsheet to your computer. You may wish to include your library name in the file title
- 2 Select the tab for the genre you will start checking.
- 3 Check the titles against your catalogue:
If you have the title in your collection (in any format* or edition), enter '1' in the **Held?** Column. Only use the number 1 (not other numbers).
If you do not have the title (in any format* or edition), leave the **Held?** column blank.
For some titles graphic novel has been specified.
- 4 Your scores will be calculated automatically, by category and with an overall total, and you can assess your performance against the key.

Tips: Save your file regularly during checking.

Checking in Title Browse is likely to be quickest, usually around 30 seconds per title.

* 'any format' includes print, large print, audio book, e-book, graphic novel, and titles in compilations.

Read me first

Action adventure

Contemporary

Crime mystery

Fantasy

Historical

Horror

Romance

Science fiction

Thriller sus



Genre/topic	Title	Author	Date	Held? If 'Yes', enter '1'; if 'No', leave blank	Gender	Nationality
Fantasy	Amongst our weapons	Aaronovitch, Ben	2022	1	male	English
Fantasy	The blacksmith queen	Aiken, G A	2019		female	American
Fantasy	Magic triumphs	Andrews, Ilona	2018		female and male	Russian and American
Fantasy	The last smile in Sunder city	Arnold, Luke	2020		male	Australian
Fantasy	Legends & Lattes	Baldree, Travis	2022		male	American
Fantasy	The fall of Babel	Bancroft, Josiah	2021		male	American
Fantasy	A strange country	Barbery, Muriel	2020		female	French
Fantasy	When women were dragons	Barnhill, Kelly	2022		female	American
Fantasy	Crowbones	Bishop, Anne	2022		female	American
Fantasy	Soul taken	Briggs, Patricia	2022		female	American
Fantasy	Winterlight	Britain, Kristen	2021		female	American
Fantasy	The blacktongue thief	Buehlman, Christopher	2021		male	American
Fantasy	The unbroken	Clark, C L	2021		female	American
Fantasy	A master of Djinn	Clark, P. Djèlí	2022		male	American
Fantasy	Piranesi	Clarke, Susanna	2020		female	English
Fantasy	The binding	Collins, Bridget	2019		female	English
Fantasy	Forest of a thousand lanterns	Dao, Julie C	2017		female	American
Fantasy	Kellynch: dragon persuasion	Grace, Maria	2020	female	English	
Fantasy	The hunger of the gods	Gwynne, John	2022	male	English	
Fantasy	Sucker punch	Hamilton, Laurell K.	2020	female	American	
Fantasy	The Russian cage	Harris, Charlaine	2021	female	American	
Fantasy	The ten thousand doors of January	Harrow, Alix E.	2019	female	American	
Fantasy	Moon witch, spider king	James, Marlon	2022	male	Jamaican	
Fantasy	The city we became	Jemisin, N K	2019	female	American	
Fantasy	The Hob and Hound Pub	Kelly, Seana	2022	female	American	
Fantasy	The house in the Cerulean Sea	Klune, T J	2020	male	American	
Fantasy	Dominion : an anthology of speculative fiction from Africa and the African diaspora	Knight, Zelda (ed) & Ekpeki, Oghenechovwe Donald (ed)	2020	1	female and male	American and Nigerian
Fantasy	Empire of the vampire	Kristoff, Jay	2020		male	Australian
Fantasy	Babel, or the necessity of violence: an arcane history of the Oxford Translators' Revolution	Kuang, R.F.	2022	1	female	American



50	Total Genders	52		Total Nationality	52.00	Total Nationality (Distinct)	12	Total Australian First Nations People	0	Total Australian First Nations People Held	0	Total First Nations People	1	Total
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	% Female	65.38%	% Female held	11.76%	% American	% American held	10.34%							
	Total Male	16	Total Male Held	3	Total Australian	Total Australian held	0							
	% Male	30.77%	% Male Held	18.75%	% Australian	% Australian held	0.00%							
	Total Non-binary	2	Total Non-binary Held	1	Total Canadian	Total Canadian held	1							
	% Non-binary	3.85%	% Non-binary Held	50.00%	% Canadian	% Canadian held	33.33%							
					Total English	Total English held	0							
					% English	% English held	0.00%							
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					% French	% French held	0.00%							
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			Total Nigerian	1	Total Nigerian held	0
			% Nigerian	1.43%	% Nigerian held	0.00%
			Total Polish	1	Total Polish held	0
			% Polish	1.43%	% Polish held	0.00%
			Total Puerto Rican	1	Total Puerto Rican held	0
			% Puerto Rican	1.43%	% Puerto Rican held	0.00%
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			% Scottish	1.43%	% Scottish held	0.00%

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e	21	Total Female Held	0	Total American	32	Total American held	0%
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	50.98%	% Male Held	0.00%	% Australian	11.76%	% Australian held	0.00%
nary	4	Total Non-binary Held	0	Total Canadian	3	Total Canadian held	0
ry	7.84%	% Non-binary Held	0.00%	% Canadian	5.88%	% Canadian held	0.00%
			Total Chinese	2	Total Chinese held	0	
			% Chinese	3.92%	% Chinese held	0.00%	
			Total English	4	Total English held	0	
			% English	7.84%	% English held	0.00%	
			Total French	1	Total French held	0	
			% French	1.96%	% French held	0.00%	
			Total Japanese	2	Total Japanese held	0	
			% Japanese	3.92%	% Japanese held	0.00%	
			Total Welsh	1	Total Welsh held	0	
			% Welsh	1.96%	% Welsh held	0.00%	

Horror | Romance | Science fiction | Thriller suspense | **Summary** (+) : ◀



My Library (Gender)*		Nationality		My Library (Nationality)		Australian First Nations People		My Library (Aus First Nation)	
		Total Nationality (distinct)	5			Total Australian First Nations People	0	Total Australian First Nations People Held	
Total Female Held	2	Total American	14	Total American held	3	% Australian First Nations People	0.00%	% Australian First Nations People Held	#DIV
% Female held	12.50%	% American	46.67%	% American held	21.43%				
Total Male Held	1	Total Argentinian	1	Total Argentinian held	0				
% Male Held	7.14%	% Argentinian	3.33%	% Argentinian held	0.00%				
Total Non-binary Held	1	Total Australian	6	Total Australian held	0				
% Non-binary Held	100.00%	% Australian	20.00%	% Australian held	0.00%				
		Total Canadian	1	Total Canadian held	0				
		% Canadian	3.33%	% Canadian held	0.00%				
		Total English	8	Total English held	0				
		% English	26.67%	% English held	0.00%				
		Total Nationality (Distinct)	19			Total Australian First Nations People	11	Total Australian First Nations People Held	
Total Female Held	6	Total American	15	Total American held	2	% Australian First Nations People	12.94%	% Australian First Nations People Held	27.2
% Female held	9.52%	% American	17.65%	% American held	13.33%				
Total Male Held	0	Total Australian	47	Total Australian held	4				
% Male Held	0.00%	% Australian	55.29%	% Australian held	8.51%				
Total Non-binary Held	0	Total Canadian	1	Total Canadian held	0				
% Non-binary Held	0.00%	% Canadian	1.18%	% Canadian held	0.00%				
		Total Cypriot	1	Total Cypriot held	0				
		% Cypriot	1.18%	% Cypriot held	0.00%				
		Total English	3	Total English held	0				
		% English	3.53%	% English held	0.00%				
		Total Ghanaian	1	Total Ghanaian held	0				
		% Ghanaian	1.18%	% Ghanaian held	0.00%				
		Total Haitian	1	Total Haitian held	0				
		% Haitian	1.18%	% Haitian held	0.00%				
		Total Indian	1	Total Indian held	0				
		% Indian	1.18%	% Indian held	0.00%				
		Total Irish	1	Total Irish held	0				
		% Irish	1.18%	% Irish held	0.00%				
		Total Japanese	1	Total Japanese held	0				
		% Japanese	1.18%	% Japanese held	0.00%				
		Total Korean	1	Total Korean held	0				
		% Korean	1.18%	% Korean held	0.00%				
		Total Malaysian	1	Total Malaysian held	0				
		% Malaysian	1.18%	% Malaysian held	0.00%				

Send your completed spreadsheets to me

- No libraries will be named in the data reported
- Helps with state wide overview
- Helps to plan for targeted professional development about collections



Please complete the adult
fiction stock quality health
check...



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