

Core Reference books for the small public library

Here is what I suggest a library of your size consider purchasing (minimum):

1. **World Almanac and book of facts 2011, \$12.99**

Buy annually – can contact Chris Spink, Tech Processing Dept about a standing order

Otherwise, check amazon.com

Product Details

- **Paperback:** 1008 pages
- **Publisher:** Facts on File (November 22,2010)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 1600571344
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1600571343

2. **Encyclopedia**, est. cost \$869 for 2011 edition

- have one less than 5 years old. I recommend **World Book**

Contact Chris Spink, Tech Processing Dept about ordering a set.

If you have a set less than 10 years old, you may want to have for circulation. Anything older than 10 years – **TOSS!!**

3. **Dictionary**, \$25.00 est.

– have one that is less than 5 years old

Check Proquest for current article on what is recommended

Or Amazon:

Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed.

Product Details

- **Hardcover:** 1664 pages
- **Publisher:** Merriam-Webster; 11 edition (July 2003)

- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 0877798087
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0877798088

4. Atlas, \$15.00 est

.- Rand McNally road atlas – buy every 2 years

Check Amazon

Product Details for 2011 edition

- **Paperback**
- **Publisher:** Rand McNally & Company (April 26,2010)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 0528355287
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0528355288

5. Medical dictionary

3 years or less

Ex. Dorland's illustrated medical dictionary

Hardcover: 2208 pages

- **Publisher:** Saunders; 31 edition (May 17, 2007)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 141602364X • **ISBN-13:** 978-1416023647

6. Have current local phone book (free)

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