

METHOD	CIRCULATION RECORDS		CHILDREN'S ORAL REPORTS/INTERVIEWS		OPEN-ENDED SURVEYS						
STUDY	McCarty 1950	Bard & Leide 1985	Stanchfield 1962	Bvers 1964	Rudman 1955	Lauritzen 1974	Chiu 1984	Greenlaw 1988	SmartGirl 2001	Sturm 2003	
Children's Age	13-18	6-12	10, 12, & 14	6	10-15	7-12	6-12	10-18	14 (mean)	2-18	
CHILDREN OF INTERESTS RANKED					reading preference	information need					
		General Fiction Adventure Fiction Animal Fiction Biography and Autobiography Mystery and Detective Fiction Miscellany Hobbies and Sports Fiction War and Defense Career Fiction The Arts Science History and Geography Humor Mythology and Fairy Tales Occupations	Imaginative Literature Information Books Realistic Fiction Mysteries	Outdoor Life Explorations & Expeditions Sports & Games Science Fiction, Sea Adventure, Fantasy Historical Fiction Humor Everyday life adventures of boys Outer Space Cowboys & Westerns Transportation Fables Bible Stories Teenage Romance Riddles and Puzzles Weather and Climate Mathematics Birds & Insects Occupations Fairy Tales Plants Music Plays Art Family & Home Life Poetry	Science & Nature pets birds fish and sea life plants reptiles wild animals insects amphibians Possessions Personal Experiences Family & Home Activities Outdoor Recreation Girls swimming horseback riding boating fishing basketball catch Boys fishing swimming horseback riding hunting skiing boating skin diving baseball catch football bowling Books Clothing Events Moving Pictures & TV Music & Recordings	Literature Animals Sports & Rec. Social Studies Machines and Applied Science Famous People Other School Subjects Miscellaneous Physical Science Biological Science Personal Problems Fine & Applied Arts	Social Studies Animals Other School Subjects Famous People Physical Science Biological Science Miscellaneous Machines & Applied Science Literature Sports & Rec. Fine & Applied Arts Personal Problems	Animals Mystery Science History People Make-believe Sports Social Studies Transportation Adventures Comedy House & Home Science Fiction Religion Hobbies Occupations Romance Other Other Countries Modern Situations Religion Social Studies	Animals Make-believe Mystery Jokes/Humor Adventure Sports Social Studies Comedy Adventures Transportation Science Fiction Religion Romance Poetry	Mystery Fantasy Jokes/Humor Adventure Sports	Many Passions Sports Reading Other Sports Music Animals Theater Romance Careers Shopping Internet Friends/Family TV/Movies Religion School Art Related Writing Religion Babysitting