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Problems with evaluating, locating, selecting and using high interest/low reading levels materials for junior and senior high school students can be eliminated with the help of a High Interest/Low Reading Level Information Packet, compiled by the ALA's Young Adult Services Division, and the Association for Library Service to Children.

This information, aimed at librarians who work with students with low reading levels and lack of motivation to read, was selected to provide an introduction to the "High/Low" area. It was originally developed and organized as an information packet for the 1978 Preconference "Dispelling the High-Low Blues." The packet includes: a bibliography of "Sources of Materials for Poor Readers;" Barbara Bates' article, "Identifying High Interest/Low Reading Level Books;" two items on readability formulas: one -- an overview and the second -- simple directions for using the Fry Readability Formula, two guides for evaluating high-low materials; a list of "Easy Reads for Teens" selected by the Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System; and a list of publishers who publish high-low materials.

The information packet was designed for the librarian who works with young people in public, school and institutional libraries. It is now available for \$1.50 (PREPAID) from the ALA/YASD Office, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.