Checklist for choosing Nonfiction titles for your classroom

• Cover

- Is it attractive and not too busy?
- Is the title short and enticing?

• Topic or content

- Are there interesting facts?
- Is the topic interesting to young children?
- Is it age appropriate content?

• Accuracy and authenticity of the content

- Is the information current?
- Is the content reliable and accurate?

• Photographs/illustrations

- Are the illustrations large and bright, but not overly busy?
- Are the photographs inviting?
- Do the photographs and or illustrations enhance the text?
- Are captions and labels included?

• Organization

- Are text features included when appropriate?
- Are there headings and subheadings included with clearly divided sections?

• Font size

- Is the font size large and simple?
- Does the spacing make the text easy to read?

