

Ditching Dewey

Vermont Library Conference

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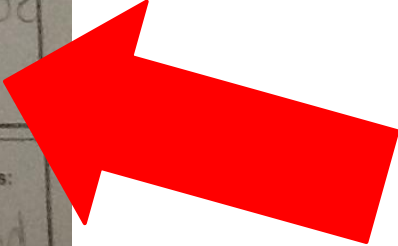
Waterbury, Vermont
Nancy Daigle, Librarian

Stats & Space

- 14,000 book collection
- preK-4 school of 400 children
...who do not learn decimals until the end of fourth grade...
- One FTE Librarian
- One .5% Assistant
- Supportive community of volunteers

In the beginning: Navigation Assessment

<p>I'm...</p> <p><u>seven</u></p>	<p>A topic I like to read about is:</p> <p>Junie B.</p>
<p>How do you find a book about it?</p> <p>I ask a teacher.</p>	<p>How do I feel when I am trying to find it?</p> <p>g sad because I can not find it.</p>
<p>My worst experience looking for something to read was:</p> <p>I do not now where they are.</p>	<p>My best experience looking for something was:</p> <p>When I find a book and it was rite there.</p>









Have you ever looked for a book in the library that you were unable to find?

93% said "yes"

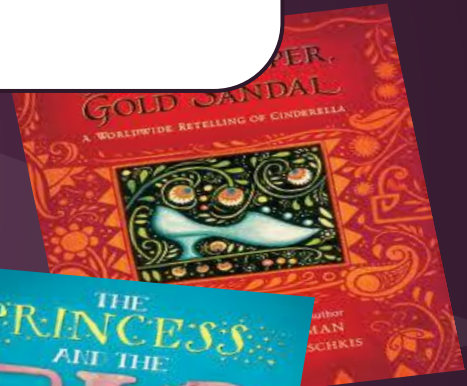
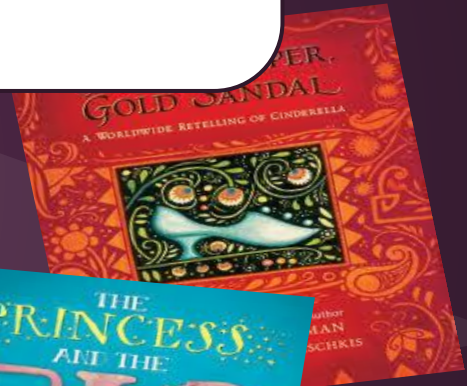
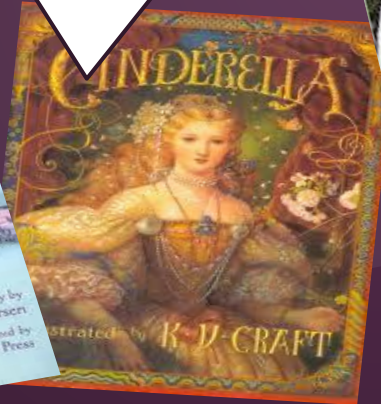
My Life:

"I WANT A
KITTY BOOK!"

"Do you
have a
book about
SNAKES?"

"Where
are the
spooky
books?"

I want a princess
book...



1-2-3 draw princesses : a step-by-step guide [Details](#)

743.4 LEV Levin, Freddie.

Published 2010

Reading Level: 1.8 Interest Level: K-3

1 of 1 available

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Fairies and mermaids [Details](#)

743.87 BER Bergin, Mark.

Published 2012

Interest Level: K-3

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920

743.67



Look and find Disney princess [Details](#)

793.73 LOO cover illustration by John Kurtz Studios ; illustrated by Jaime Diaz Stacey

Enterprises, Inc.

Published 2008

0 of 1 available

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E
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Paths to peace : people who changed the world [Details](#)

920 ZAL Zalben, Jane Breskin.

Published 2005

Reading Level: 7.5 Interest Level: 3-6

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Mad for Miley : an unauthorized biography [Details](#)

92 CYR Alexander, Lauren.

Published 2007

Reading Level: 4.2 Interest Level: 3-6

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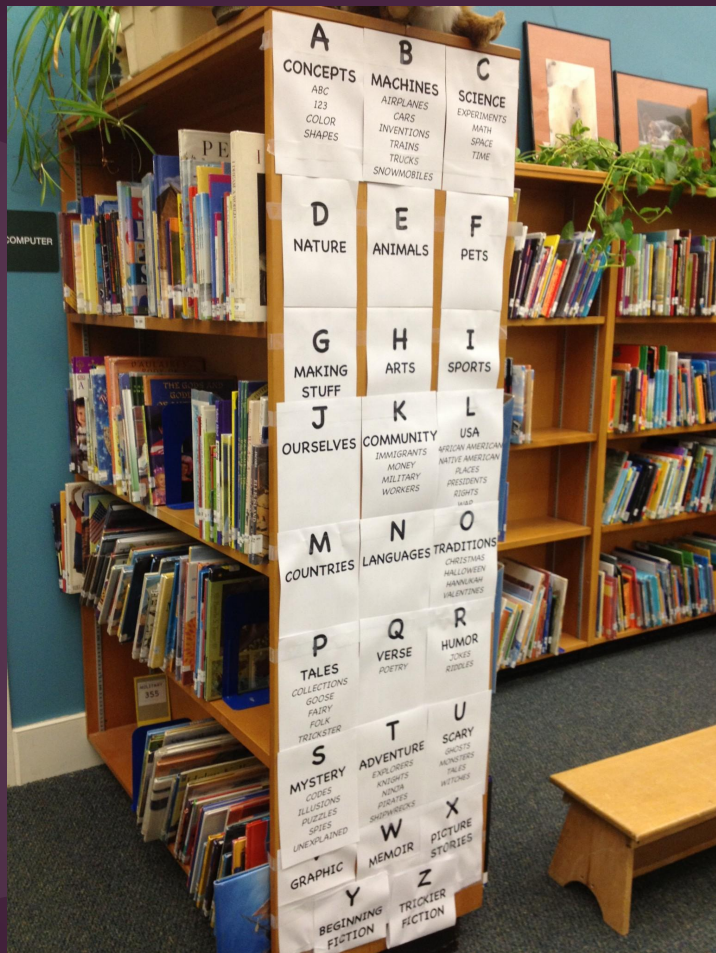
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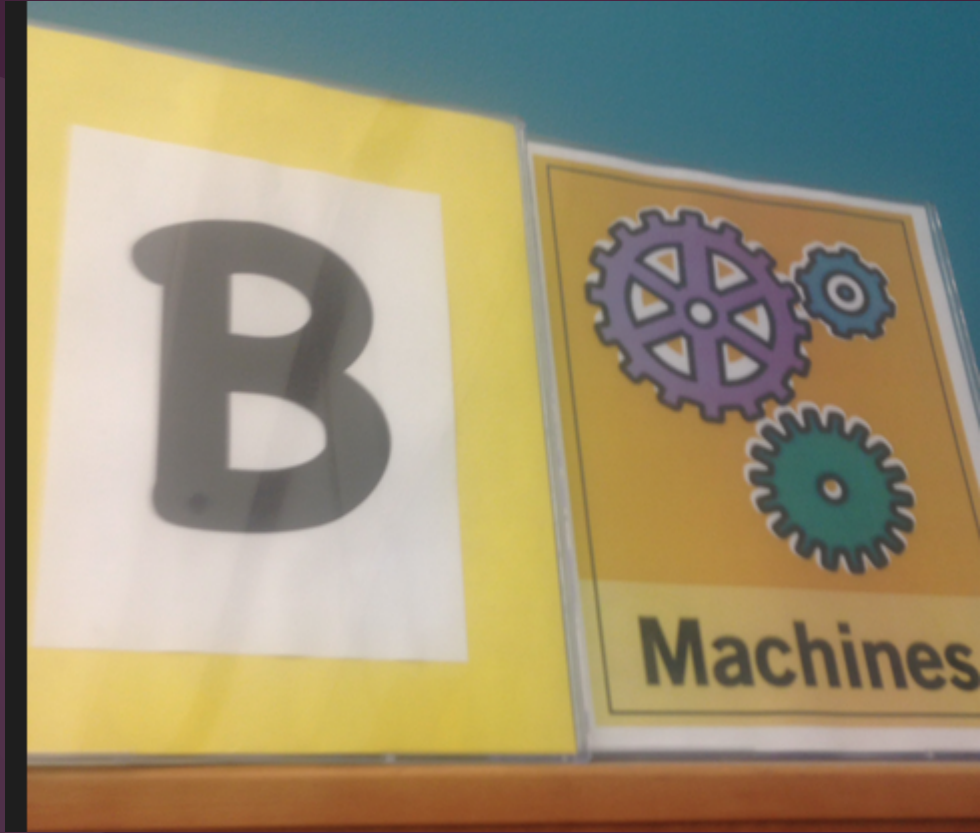


**Metis Categorization Schedules
by Sue Giffard, Revital Balas Kaplan,
Jennifer Still, and Andrea Dolloff**

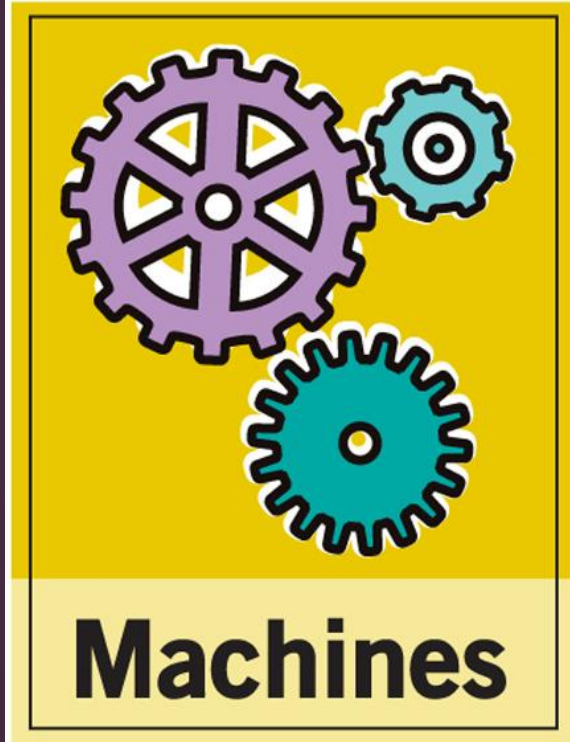
Metis System Overview

- 26 Categories arranged by **topic**
- Fiction, nonfiction and picture books are **intershelved**





ALPHABETICAL



B = MACHINES

B CARS


B SNOWMOBILES

B TRAINS

B TRUCKS




I stink! [Details](#)

 Call #: B TRUCK McMullan, Kate.
Published 2002
Reading Level: 2.2 Interest Level: K-3




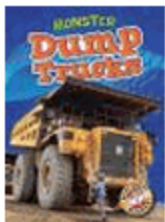
Ice road trucker [Details](#)

 Call #: B TRUCK Gordon, Nick.
Series: Dangerous jobs
Published 2013
Reading Level: 3.6 Interest Level: 3-6




Little blue truck [Details](#)

 Call #: B TRUCK Schertle, Alice.
Published 2008
Reading Level: 1.5 Interest Level: K-3



Monster dump trucks [Details](#)

 Call #: B TRUCK Gordon, Nick.
Series: Blastoff! readers, 1. Monster machines
Published 2014
Reading Level: 1.7 Interest Level: K-3

Transition Process

- One Year
- 6-8 hours of volunteer time per week
- Goal: 100 books a day
- 3 weeks of school vacation
- Section by section

Cost

Stickers \$500.00

(rolls of 200 stickers per section)

Labels \$100.00

(3 boxes of Avery 5160)

(Volunteer Goodies)

Pros & Cons

Cataloging
+ Navigation
+ Role
+ Service

Winooski Memorial Library Youth Collections

Jessica Summer, Youth Services Librarian

Winooski Library Space

- We don't have a separate room for children's programs or materials.
- One FTE Library Director, One .7 FTE Youth Services Librarian, One .35 FTE Library Clerk

Winooski Youth Statistics

- Collection size, picture books -- 1,444
- Circulation stats, picture books -- 3,071*

- Collection size, youth books -- 1,044
- Circulation stats, youth books -- 1,541*

*Just under 1 year of circulation data

Why make changes?

- Parents asking for books based on topic rather than author.
- Children not able to navigate the system
- 1970s-era record bins for picture book shelving, dangerous and hard to keep in order

“Dewey Lite” Overview

“Dewey Lite” was pioneered by Darien Public Library in CT, and offers 10 categories for books for children 0-5 based on topic:

Celebrations	Folk & Fairy Tales
Rhymes & Songs	Growing Up
Concepts	Stories
Favorites	Nature
Transportation	Learning to Read

Picture Book Categories

*All About Me

Bedtime

Celebrations

Concepts

Fairy Tales

Favorites

Nature

Stories

Transportation

All About Me

New Baby

Community

First Experiences

Family

Feelings

Friendship

Manners

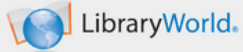
Pets

Potty Training

School

Catalog Records - Picture Books

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Trashy town /

Only status and bar code numbers are required.

Status: Bar Code Number: Copy No.:

Branch: Location: Collection:

Call Number: Call Cutter: Price: [ex. 99.99]

Comments: Loan Period:

Volume: Issue: Bound Indicator (Y/N):

Publication Date: Expected Date: Received Date:

Inventoried: (Y/N) Inventoried Date: (YYYY-MM-DD)

Transition Process -- Picture Books

- 2 days -- sorting, labeling, cataloging books physically in the library
- 4 months -- processing returned books handful at a time
- kept library open and serving patrons during transition with single staff member
- one volunteer for 6 hours



The before...



Day One, Picture Book Transition



Day Two, Morning



End of Day Two



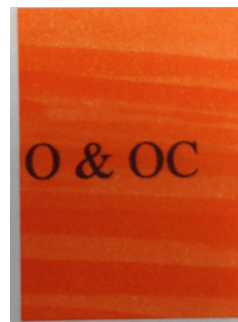
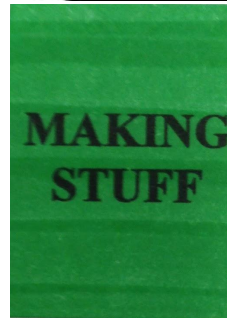
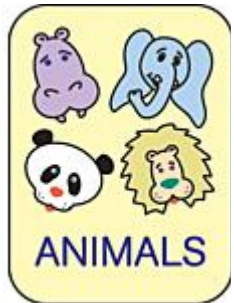
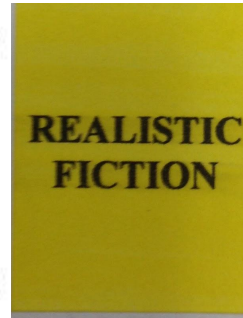
Learning to Read

Youth Approach

Adapted Metis to blend fiction and non-fiction,
but created own categories.

Realistic Fiction	History	Historical Fiction
Cultures & Traditions	Science	Making Stuff
Adventure	Mystery	Animals
Scary	Humor	Sports
Ourselves & Our Community	Science-Fiction/Fantasy	Series

Youth Categories



Catalog Records - Youth

LibraryWorld | Cloud Libr... x Trello x VLA Presentation Thoug... x Foster & Kinship Foster C... x Amanda

www.libraryworld.com/cgi-bin/lw3.pl?command=catalog_editcopy&cat_id=20479¤trecord=1&totalrecords=1&search

Apps | Inbox | B&T TS360 - Home | PUBCAT | VALS | logindo | 2014 Presentations [...] | Social media | Libraries and Englis... | www.heidsongs.co...

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The adventures of a South Pole pig /
Only status and bar code numbers are required.

Status: Bar Code Number: Copy No.:

Branch: Location: Collection:

Call Number: Call Cutter: Price: [ex. 99.99]

Comments: Loan Period:

Volume: Issue: Bound Indicator (Y/N):

Publication Date: Expected Date: Received Date:

Inventoried: (Y/N) Inventoried Date: (YYYY-MM-DD)

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Temple Grandin : how the girl who loved cows embraced autism and changed the world /
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Transition Process -- Youth

- 2 days -- sorting non-fiction and youth fiction into categories
- 3 weeks -- changing catalog records and making/applying spine labels
- 2 months -- deciding on final homes for each section on the shelves
- project completed during library hours



The Mess (Day One)



Finished!!

Cost

- picture books: \$ 53 (most \$5/roll of 500)
 - picture books: \$ 34.85 (box of 10,000)
 - picture book shelving: \$ 3,400*
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- youth books: \$ 100 (\$7.55/roll of 500)
 - youth books: \$ 34.85 (box of 10,000)
 - youth book shelving: \$ 1,000*

Pros & Cons

Pros

- Easier for children and parents to find books on their own.
- Staff can show sections to patrons rather than run back and forth to catalog for each title in a search

Cons

- Messy space during transition process
- Staff-intensive project
- Volunteers actually made much of the project more difficult

Winooski Memorial Library Adult Collection

Amanda Perry, Library Director

Winooski Collection

Overview:

Total Collection Size: 12536

Fiction: 1548

Mystery: 1142

Romance: 303

Fantasy & Science Fiction: 380

Nonfiction: 2284

Registered patrons

Adults: 2888

Youth: 589



Why ditch Dewey?

*It's not how patrons look for books.

WHY WE DROPPED DEWEY

- Eliminate barriers
 - Dewey was intimidating
 - Dewey was a 'secret' code
 - Dewey was constraining



anythink

Goals & Objectives

- * Improve user experience
- * Increase browsability
- * Increase circulation
- * Categories that reflect needs of users



BISAC

- ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- BIBLES
- BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY
- BODY, MIND & SPIRIT
- BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
- COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS
- COMPUTERS
- COOKING
- CRAFTS & HOBBIES
- DESIGN
- DRAMA
- EDUCATION
- FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS
- FICTION
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY
- GAMES
- GARDENING
- HEALTH & FITNESS
- HISTORY
- HOUSE & HOME
- HUMOR
- JUVENILE FICTION
- JUVENILE NONFICTION
- LANGUAGE ARTS & DISCIPLINES
- LAW
- LITERARY COLLECTIONS
- LITERARY CRITICISM
- MATHEMATICS
- MEDICAL
- MUSIC
- NATURE
- PERFORMING ARTS
- PETS
- PHILOSOPHY
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- POETRY
- POLITICAL SCIENCE
- PSYCHOLOGY
- REFERENCE
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SELF-HELP
- SOCIAL SCIENCE
- SPORTS & RECREATION
- STUDY AIDS
- TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING
- TRANSPORTATION
- TRAVEL
- TRUE CRIME

BISAC = Book Industry Standards & Communications

CRA045000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Model Railroading
CRA020000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Models
CRA053000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Nature Crafts
CRA022000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Needlework / General
CRA004000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Needlework / Crocheting
CRA044000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Needlework / Cross-Stitch
CRA008000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Needlework / Embroidery
	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Needlework / Felting see Felting
CRA015000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Needlework / Knitting
CRA016000	CRAFTS & HOBBIES / Needlework / Lace & Tatting

Transition Process

*Fiction by genre - Fiction, Fantasy & SF, Mystery & Romance



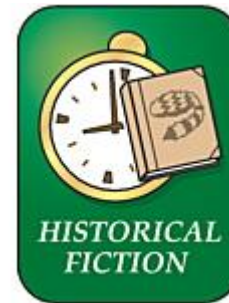
*Nonfiction now by BISAC headings

Cost

Spine Labels: 34.85 (box of 10,000)

NF Spine Labels: 29.00 (box of 3000)

Genre Labels: 7.55 (roll of 500)



Pros & Cons

Pros

- *Ease of use
- *Happy patrons
- *Increased circ
- *Opportunity to clean up catalog errors

Cons

- *Change is hard
- *Staff & volunteers have to learn new system
- *Can be time-consuming

Jessica & Amanda's Resources

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Suggestions from VTLIB

Sharon Colvin, Youth Services Consultant

Advice

Children's Books Color Coding System

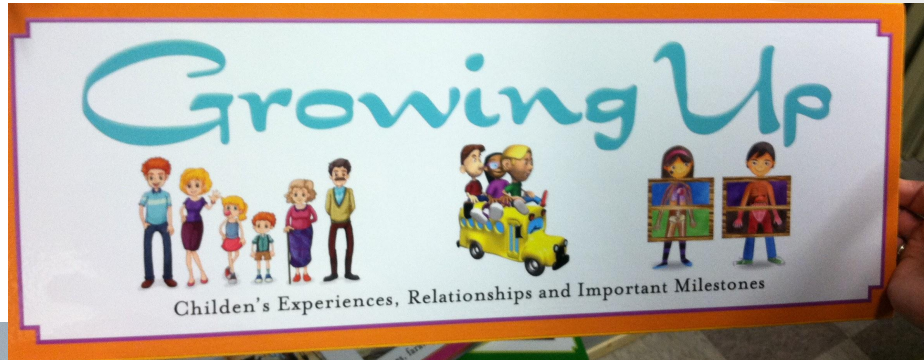
- **Nature:** These books are about animals, dinosaurs, weather and our natural world; pets and animal stories, (non-anthropomorphized); animal easy non-fiction; Seasons; earth; natural cycles; environment.
- **Concepts:** These books are about the ABCs, numbers, shapes, colors, time opposites, and other simple concepts and basic ideas.
- **Growing Up:** These books are about the child's experience, relationships and important milestones: First day of school, losing first tooth; sibling relations/rivalry; family relations; manners; emotions.
- **Transportation:** These books are about cars, trucks, planes, construction equipment, bikes, boats, and all manner of things that go!

Things to consider

- community
- space
- collection
- consistency

THE MANCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY		Getting to Know the Glades
<small>- based subject areas that group similar areas of the Dewey Decimal System</small>		
COLOR CODE	GLADE	SUBCATEGORIES
	Art & Lit	Architecture, Fine Arts, Instruction, Literature, Performing Arts, Poetry
	Gardening	Design, Farm Lit, Farming, Flower Arranging, Flowers, General, Landscape, Lit, Organic, Pests, Trees & Shrubs, Vegetables
	Food	Beer & Wine, Cookbooks: American Cuisine, Baking, Diet & Nutrition, International Cuisine, Entertaining, Grilling, Habits, Lit, Preserving
	Health	Alternative Medicine, Breast Cancer, Cancer, Caregiving, Diseases, Fitness, General, Men's Health, Mental Health, Women's Health
	Lives	No subcategories
	Mind & Soul	Aging, Death, General, Parenting, Psychology, Relationships, Religion, Spirituality
	Nature	Animals & Pets, Environment, Math & Science
	Places	Guidebooks, Language, Lit
	Play	Crafts & Collectibles, Interior Design, Sports & Rec, Transportation
	Times	Current Events, Disasters, History, True Crime, Vermont
	Work	Business, Careers, Education, Finance, General, Gov & Law, How To, Technology

Hybrid Models

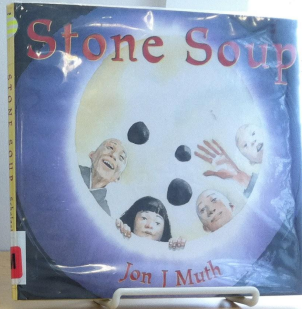
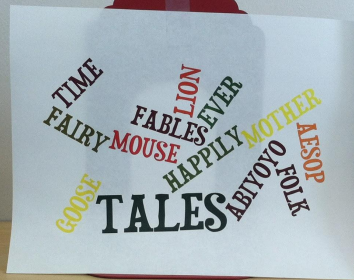


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The Children's Library picture book section has gone through some changes. The books are now organized by the following categories, and you will find both fiction and nonfiction in each category!

- **FAVORITE**, magenta: This category includes classics, as well as popular characters, authors, and illustrators.
- **CONCEPTS**, yellow: This category includes books about letters, numbers, colors, shapes, basic ASL, etc.
- **FOLKLORE**, orange: This category includes fairy tales, tall tales, myths, and folklore.
- **GROWING**, blue: This category includes books about emotions, relationships, and milestones (first pet, losing a tooth, first day at school).
- **HISTORY**, light blue: This category includes books that are about or are loosely based on true people or events or are set in distinct time periods.
- **NATURE**, green: This category includes books that are about wild animals, pets, farm life, and various scientific topics (seasons,



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More information

http://libraries.vermont.gov/services/children_and_teens/resources/colldev

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