

Where are the
pirate books?



picture book organization simplified

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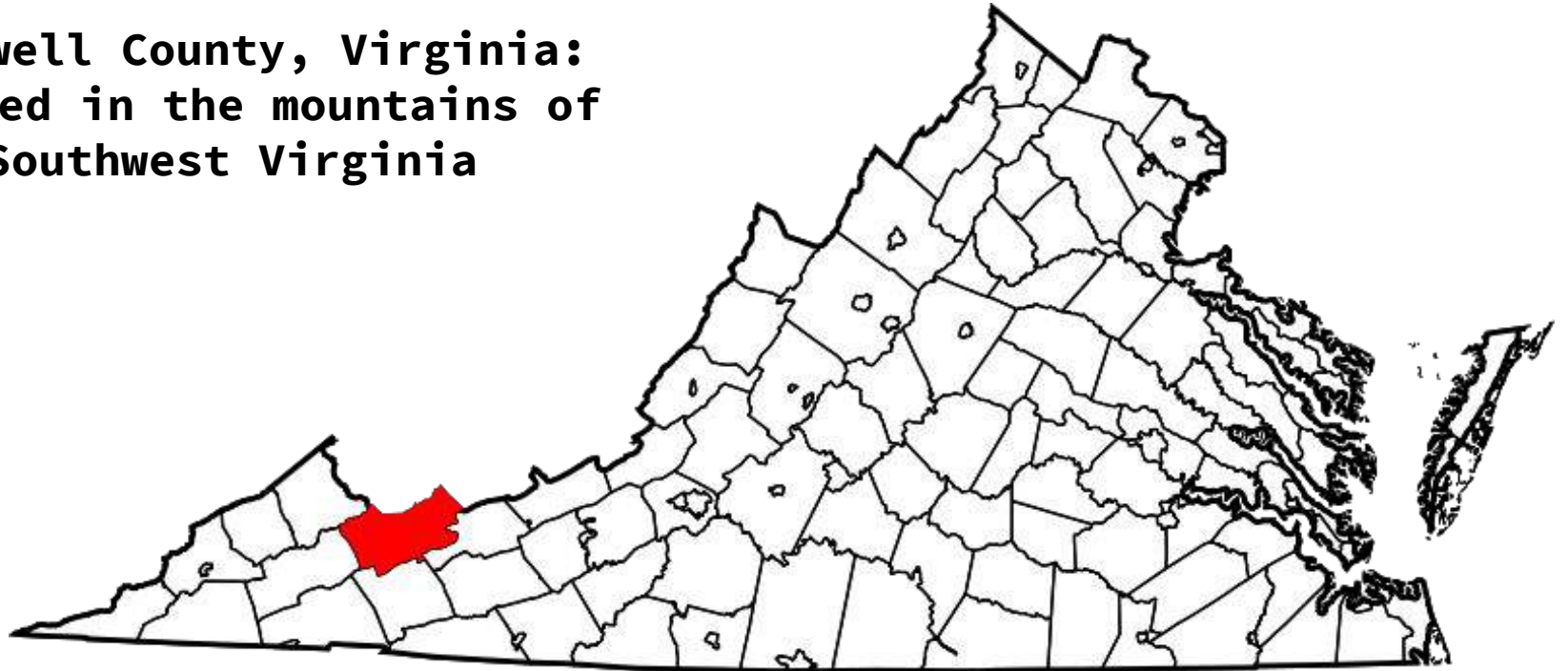
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**Tazewell County, Virginia:
Located in the mountains of
Southwest Virginia**



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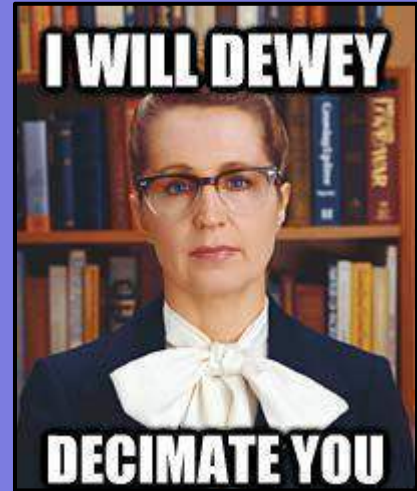
Three locations: Tazewell Main / Bluefield Branch / Richlands Branch

What we did

**Organized our
picture book
collection
into 41 categories,
which we call
“Subject Shelves.”**

Are we:

- Ditching Dewey?
- Doing away with Dewey?
- Numbering Dewey's days?



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Why? Why? Why? Why?

WHY? Why? Why?

why? Why?

Why?

Where are the
----- books?

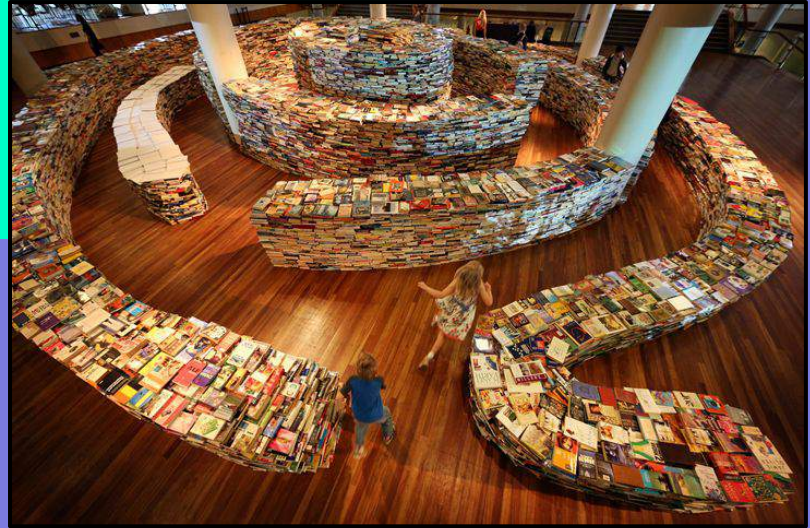
Well...





The before picture

Careful and thoughtful
preparation of the
environment





Our
Goal



So, it's
time to reorganize.



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What do you mean,
re-organize?

Before you begin:

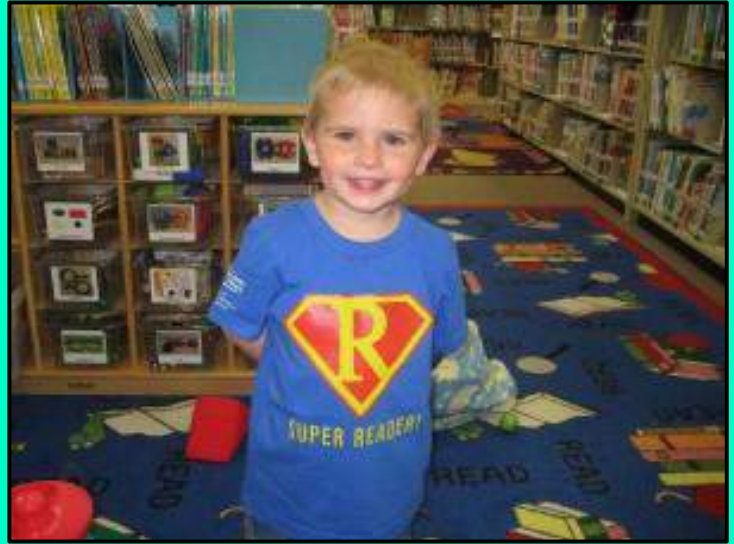
- Do some research
- Come up with a plan
- Convince other key staff

Read up!

Similar projects in other libraries:

- Addison Public Library in Illinois
- Folsom Public Library in California
- Darien Library in Connecticut
- G.E. Bleskacek Memorial Library in Wisconsin
- Ethical Cultural Fieldston School in NYC

- Kid-driven
- Simple
- Visual



It's all about the kids!



Observe



Listen




Dinosaur
books?

Pirate
books?

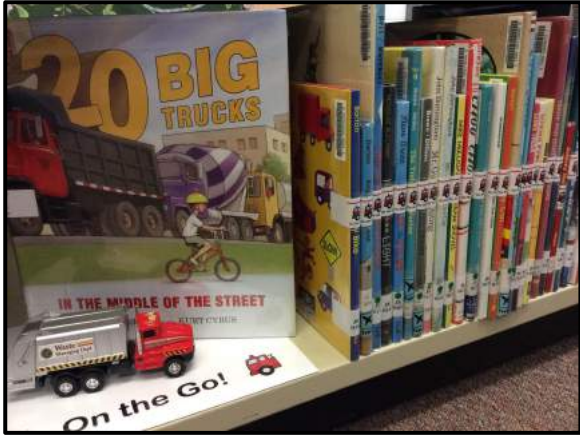
Princess
books?

Truck
books?

Subjects

 Animals=A	 Faiths
 A-Backyard	 Family
 A-Bears	 Favorite Friends
 A-Birds	 Food
 A-Bugs	 Gardening
 A-Cats	 Heroes
 A-Dinosaurs	 Library
 A-Dogs	 Math
 A-Farm	 Nursery Rhymes
 A-Horses	 On the Go!
 A-Rabbits	 Pirates
 A-Water	 Princess
 A-Wild	 Ready for K
 Arts	 School
 Baby	 Seasons
 Bed & Bath	 Sing-a-Long
 Black History	 Space
 Cultures	 Sports
 Easy Reader 1	 Western
 Easy Reader 2	 Holidays
 Fairy Tales	 More Stories

Kids



Adults



Displays & Holidays



Labeling

jEasy
People
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What one
library
did



Princesses



Seasons



Favorite
Friends



A
Dogs

What we
did

Workflow: Technical Services

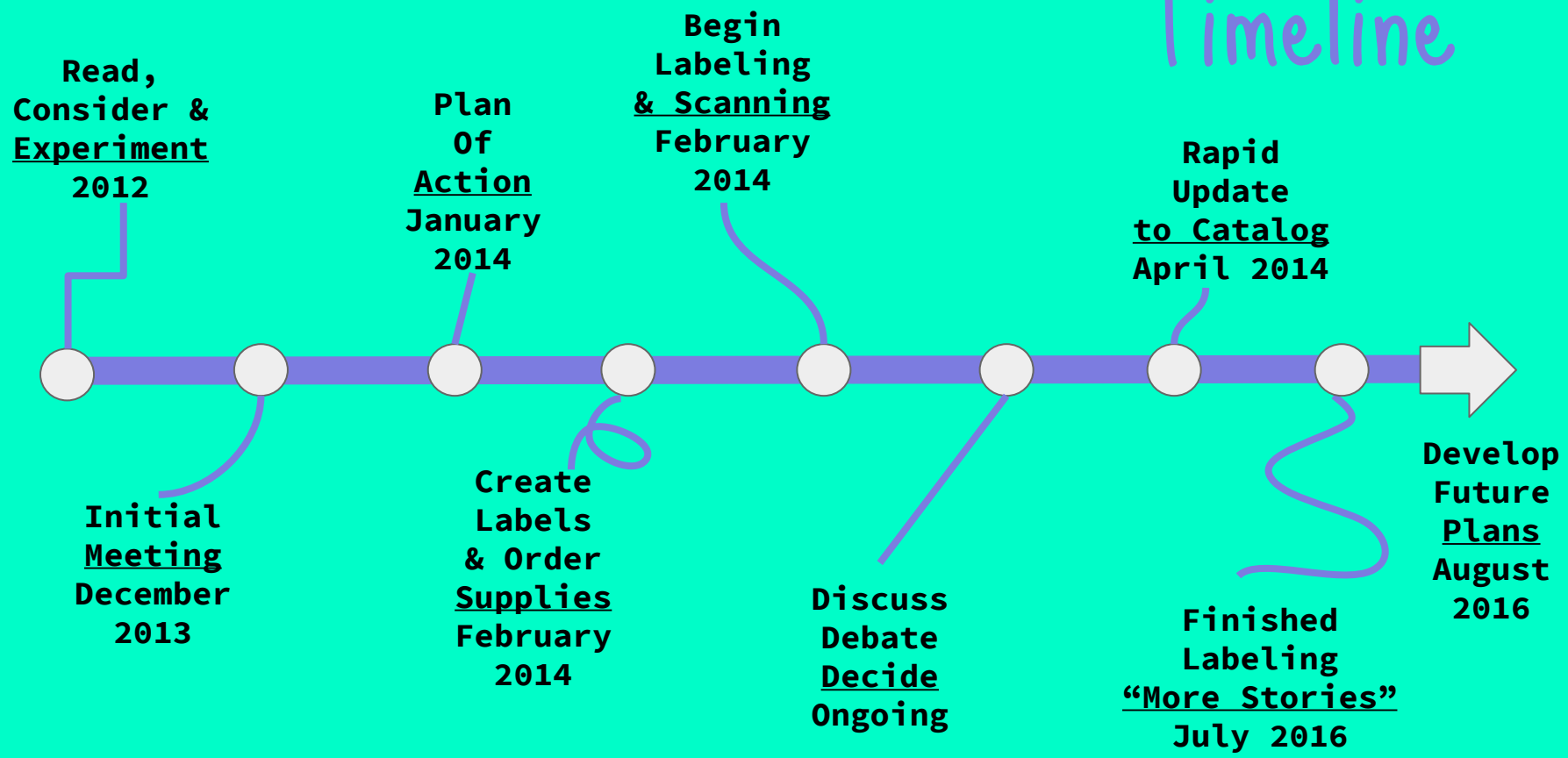
- **Create lists based on relevant keywords and subject headings**
- **Send to Children's Dept**
- **Receive finalized list from Children's Dept**
- **Update call numbers via Rapid/Global Update in Sierra**

Workflow:
Children's
Department

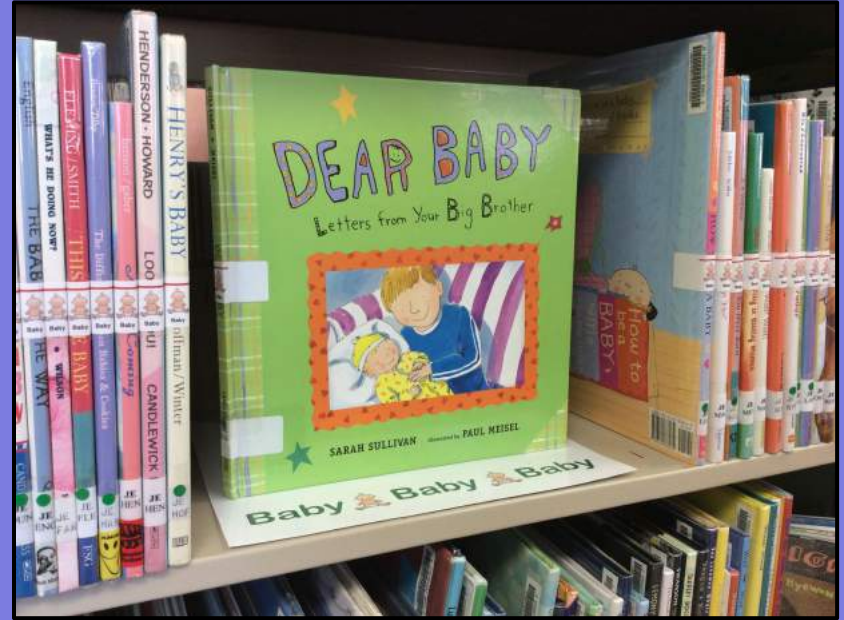
- Pull the books
- Scan barcodes into list
- Add subject labels
- Shelf the books

The books never went to Tech Services!

Timeline



What does it look like?





Before



After



Amy and the Farm Shelf



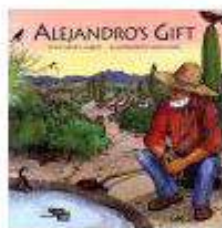
Laken and the Sports Shelf



Morgan and the Lego Shelf



Tasha and the Favorite Friends Shelf



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Book

Author **Albert, Richard E., 1909-**
Title **Alejandro's gift** / by Richard E. Albert ; illustrated by Sylvia Long.
Imprint San Francisco : Chronicle Books, c1994.

Copies

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS
TCPL Tazewell Juv Easy	JE Animals - Backyard ALB	CHECK SHELVES

Descript [26] p. : col. ill. ; 26 cm.

Summary Lonely in his house beside a road in the desert, Alejandro builds an oasis to attract the many animals around him.

Subject **Desert animals -- Juvenile fiction.**

Alt Author **Long, Sylvia.**

ISBN 0811804364

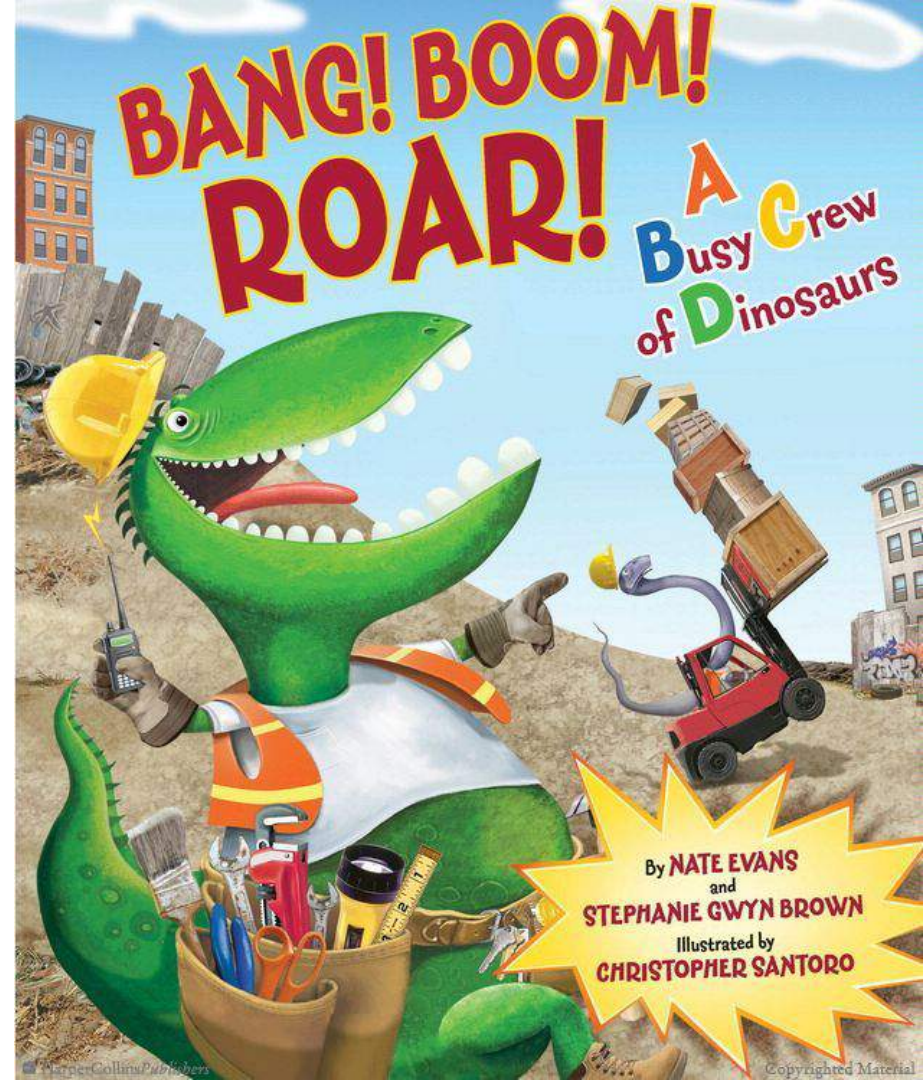
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Fine-tuning and Clean-Up



Where does it go?

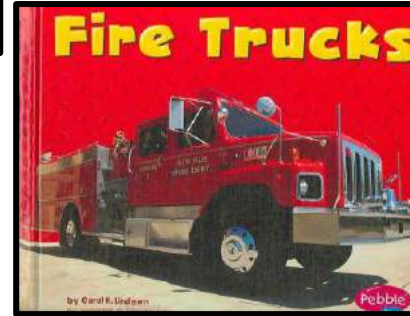
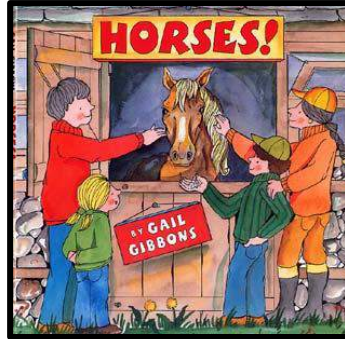
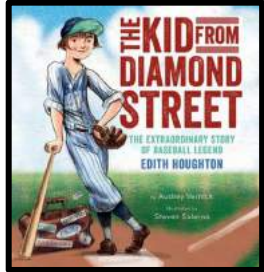
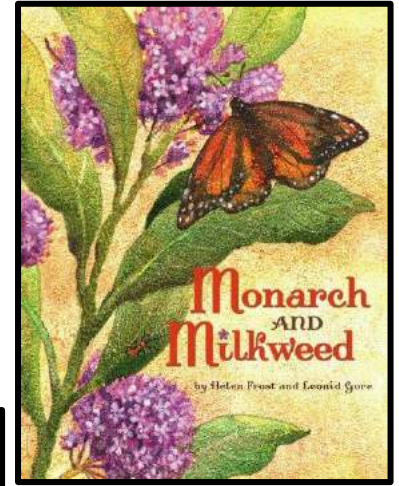
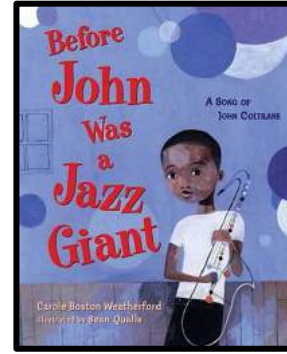
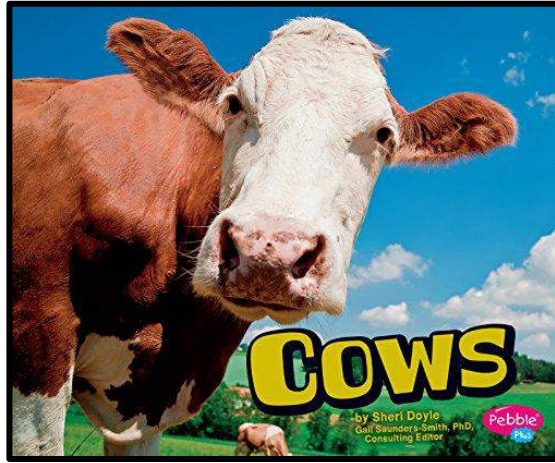
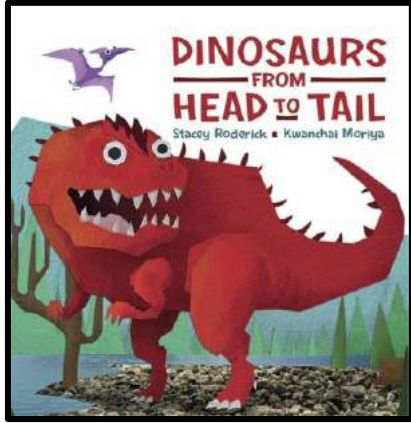
- Discuss
- Disagree
- Debate
- Decide



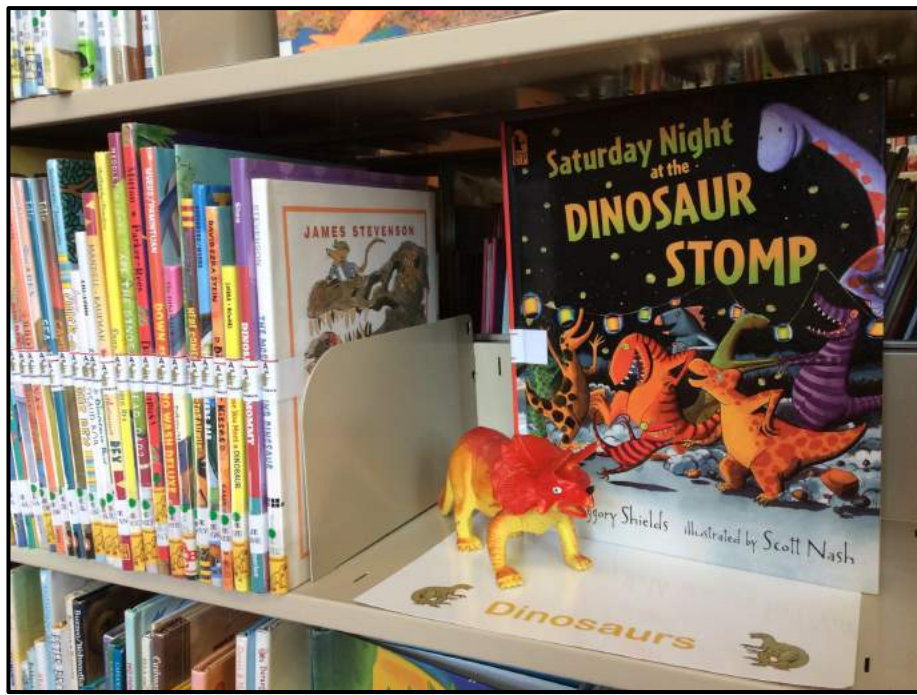
Unexpected Discoveries

- Peppa Pig likes mac 'n cheese
- We have more books on the School shelf than the Heroes shelf
- We have enough books for a Food shelf
- “Wow! I didn't know we had this book!”



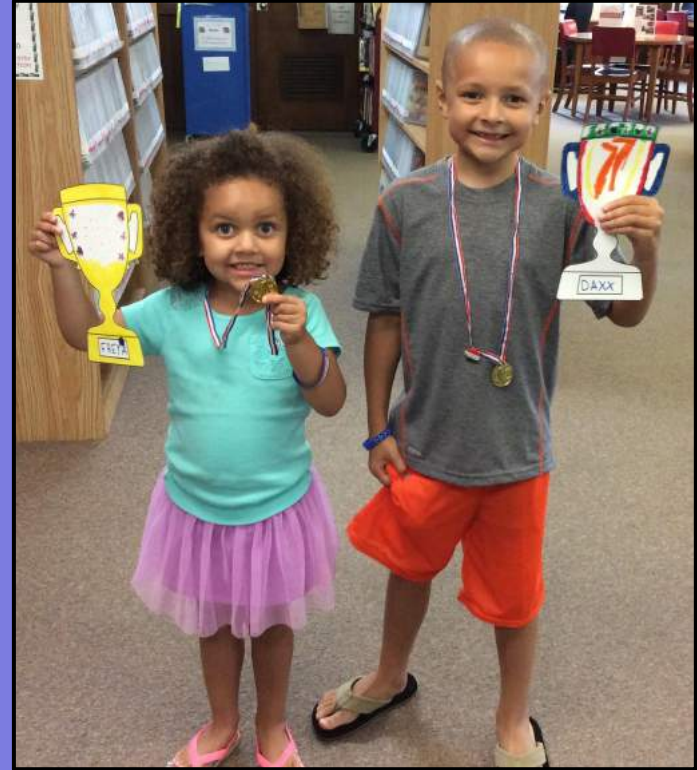


Include some non-fiction



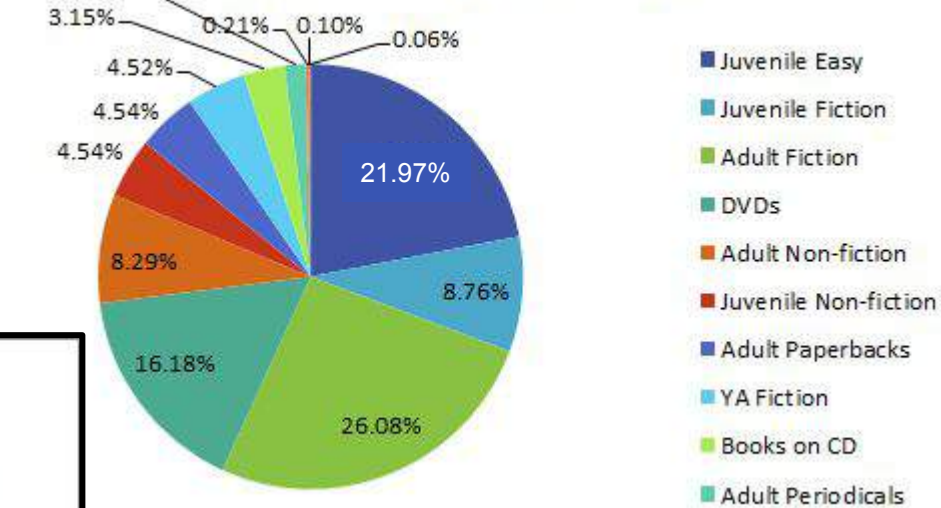
Signage & Marketing

Circulation Boosts and Smiles

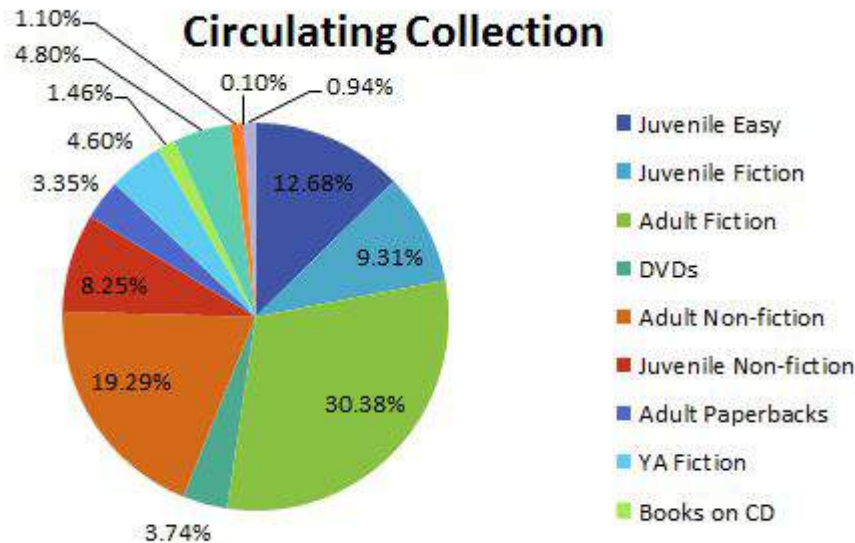


Picture books more than pull their weight in checkouts

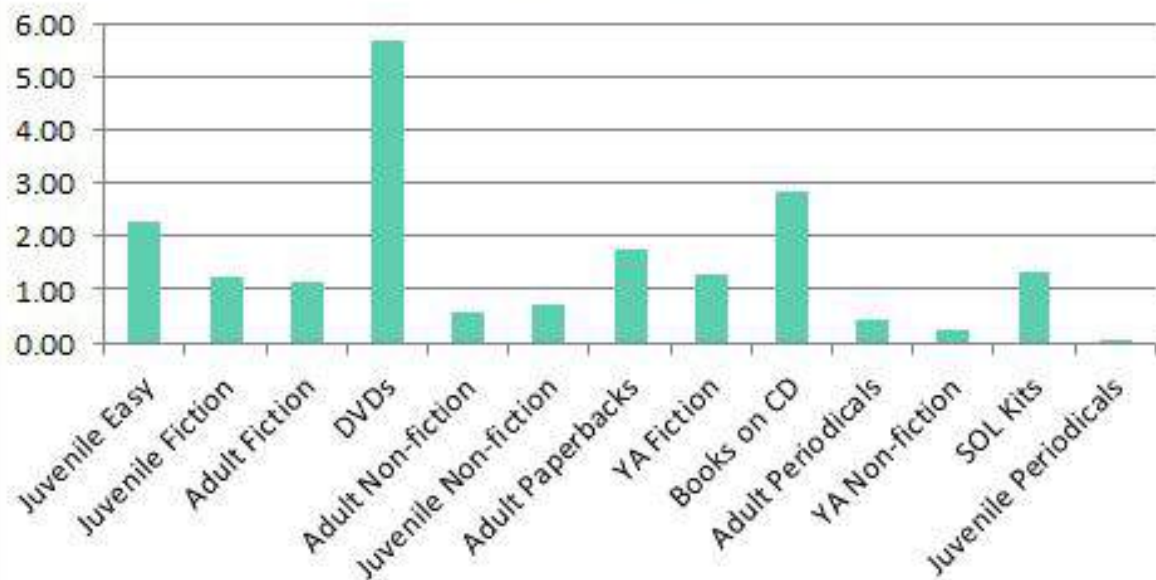
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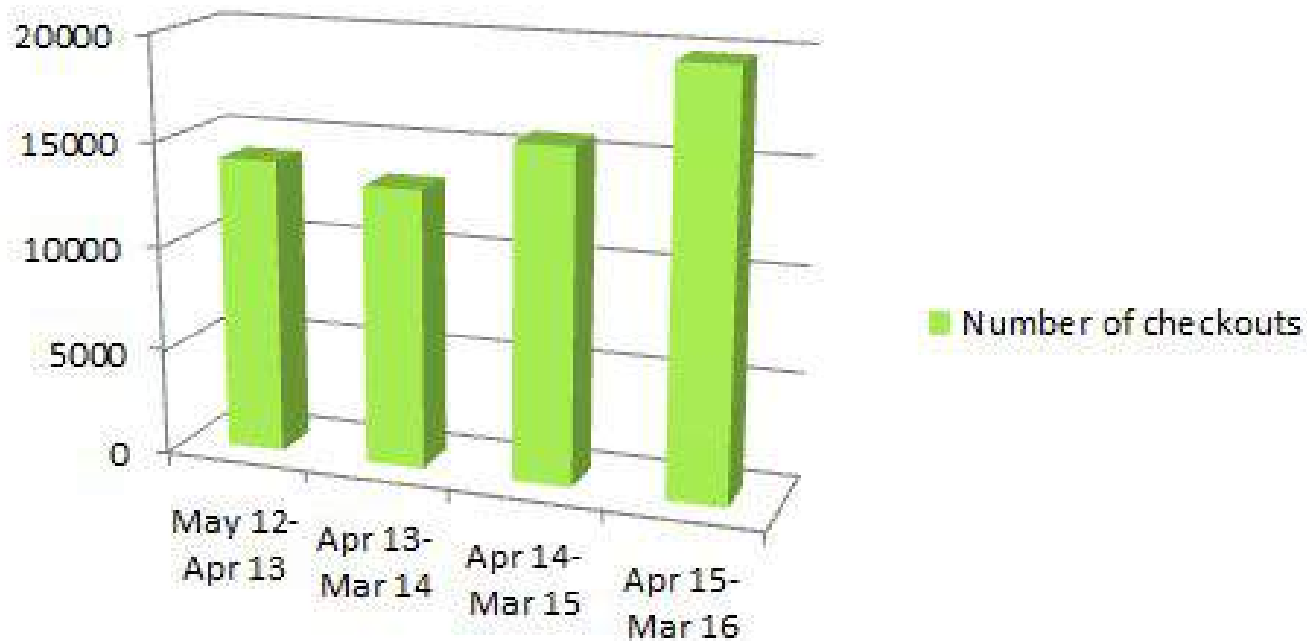
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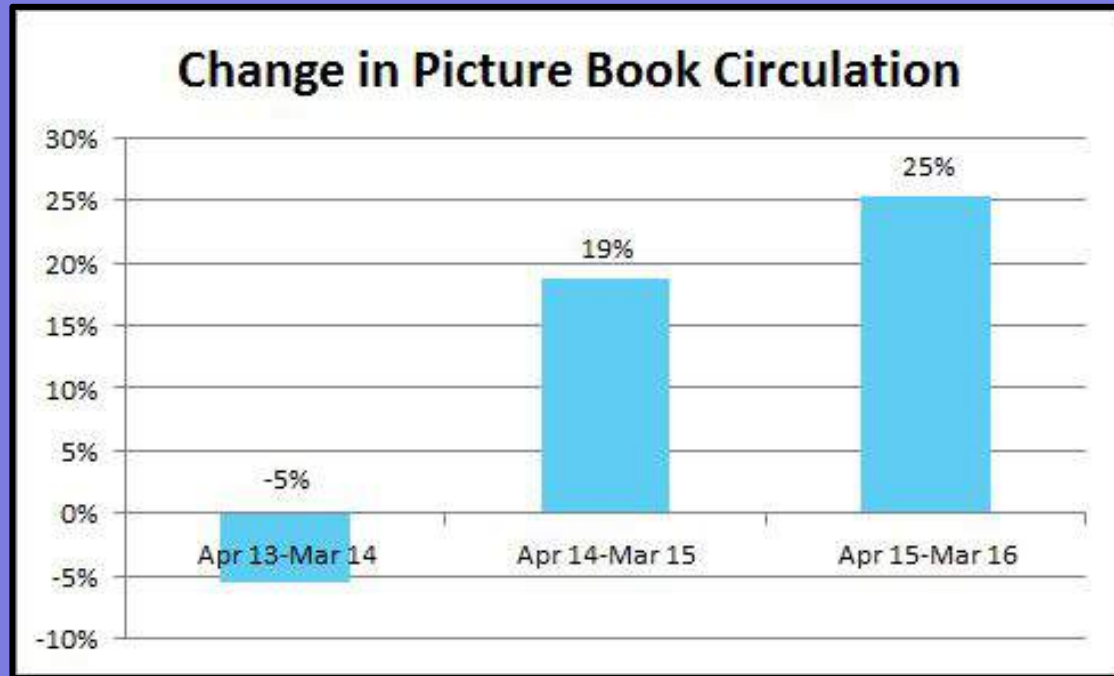
Turnover



Picture Book Circulation



Beginning to end of project: over 40% increase in checkouts





Staff, Patrons & Volunteers

**“Before, little kids couldn’t
find books.**

This is so much better.”

-Bella

"I'm in the truck aisle!"

-Jake to his little brother

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