Where are the pirate books?

picture book organization simplified
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Tazewell County, Virginia: Located in the mountains of Southwest Virginia

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?
Where are the _____ books?

Well...
The before picture
Careful and thoughtful preparation of the environment
Our Goal
So, it's time to reorganize.

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!
Listen

Dinosaur books?

Pirate books?

Princess books?

Truck books?
### Subjects

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Kids

Adults

Displays & Holidays
Labeling

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People
Princess
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What one library did

Princesses

Seasons

What we did

Favorite Friends

Dogs

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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
- Shelve the books

The books never went to Tech Services!
Develop Future Plans August 2016

Timeline

Read, Consider & Experiment 2012

Initial Meeting December 2013

Plan Of Action January 2014

Create Labels & Order Supplies February 2014

Begin Labeling & Scanning February 2014

Discuss Debate Decide Ongoing

Rapid Update to Catalog April 2014

Finished Labeling “More Stories” July 2016

Develop Future Plans August 2016
What does it look like?
Amy and the Farm Shelf
Laken and the Sports Shelf
Tasha and the Favorite Friends Shelf
**Author** Albert, Richard E., 1909-
**Title** Alejandro's gift / by Richard E. Albert ; illustrated by Sylvia Long.

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**Description**
[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
Fine-tuning and Clean-Up
Where does it go?

- Discuss
- Disagree
- Debate
- Decide
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
Picture Book Circulation

- May 12 - Apr 13
- Apr 13 - Mar 14
- Apr 14 - Mar 15
- Apr 15 - Mar 16

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