



Where can I find....?



Fiction vs. Nonfiction

FICTION

- Books that are made up by the author, or are not true, are fiction.



NONFICTION



- is the opposite of fiction
- Books that are nonfiction, or true, are about real things, people, events, and places.

How are fiction books shelved?

- Fiction books are put on the shelf in alphabetical order by the author's last name.



- Let's pretend you wrote a book and your last name was Cleary. If kids liked your book, they would want to read more of them, so by having your books in the same place it would make finding them a lot easier.



How are nonfiction books shelved?

- Non-Fiction books are shelved by their subject's category



- For example, if you wanted a book about cars, you would want them to be in the same area. You wouldn't worry about the author, you would just want the facts about cars.

Call Numbers

Each book has a number.
This number is called a **call number**.
It is found on the spine of the book.

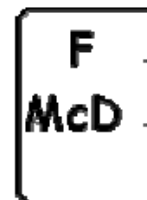
A **call number** is a group of numbers and/or letters that tell you where to find a book.

Remember: A call number is not made up of just numbers. Some call numbers are made up of letters or both numbers and letters.

Call numbers for FICTION books

F = Fiction

McD = first 3 initials of the author's last name



F for Fiction or sometimes we use FIC

The first three letters of the author's last name

Dewey Call Number

- A **Dewey** call number **always** has **three** numbers to the **left** of the decimal.
- To the **right** of the decimal, there is **no limit** on number.
- The more numbers you add to the **right** of the decimal, the more **specific** the subject is.



Did you know that not all books with Dewey Decimal numbers are Nonfiction?!

The Dewey Decimal System has a number for all books. Just because it's in the Dewey Decimal System doesn't mean it's nonfiction.



Fiction books could actually be classified in the 813's. It would take up way too much space here so most libraries just have a separate section for fiction books.

Some examples of books in the Dewey Decimal System that are fiction are:

Folk and Fairy Tales – 398
Riddles – 398.6
Poetry – 811
Plays – 812



The **Dewey Decimal System** is a system we use to classify books by grouping them in 10 categories.

10 Categories!

The 000's - Generalities

- All reference books such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, etc
- Also, myths or unproved phenomena

In our media center, we keep these in a separate section.

The 100's - Philosophy

- Philosophy – how different people think about life and about the world
- Psychology – how people feel and act the way they do



The 200's - Religion



- Bible, prayers, and religious myths
- People's ideas about God

The 300's – Social Science

- Government, transportation, education, holidays, legends, folk tales, fairy tales



- Also, how people live and get along



The 400's - Language

- Grammar



- Foreign Language

The 500's - Science

- Books about plants, wild animals, the planets, landforms, weather, dinosaurs, and arithmetic



The 600's – Useful Arts (Applied Science)

- Books on making or doing useful things such as cooking, nursing, homemaking
- Also, pets, inventions, safety and health, space exploration



(ways people use Science)



The 700's – Fine Arts

- Books on painting, music, dancing, hobbies, crafts, riddles, games, and sports



The 800's - Literature

- Poetry
- Plays
- Short stories



The 900's - History

- Books on other countries, people, and history



The End



Yea !!