Changing From Dewey

Another Way to Organize Your Informational Collection

September 27, 2012, Wyoming Library Association
Welcome to the Children’s Library.
Reasons for Change

- Libraries need to be responsive to patrons.
- Want collection to be user-friendly.
- Have a system to arrange collection.
- Still able to use WORK FLOWS and Director’s Station.
Non-fiction books by subject.

- Dewey Decimal System Introduced 1876
- Detroit Public Library, Michigan, approx. 1957 (phased out after a few years)
- *Perry Branch of The Maricopa County Library District, Gilbert, Arizona– 2007
- *AnyThink, Rangeview Public Library–2009
- Reference Collection, Natrona County Public Library–March 2010
- Children’s Library, Sheridan County Public Library System– 2010
- Your Library?
Public Library Association Conference 2010

Heard first hand about the “why”, “how”, and “result”.

Chatted with the presenters.

Had good contacts to do the project.
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Collection Evaluation

- Identified large title collections:
  - Animals
  - Folk and Fairy tales
  - Native Peoples

- How to separate sub categories so shelved alphabetically, i.e. Animals.

- What should be alphabetically or historically arranged

- Consistency
My blank “grid” Use pencil so can change mind.
Final draft grid for J HISTORY; note the professional notations.
Blank working grid
Working Grid for HISTORY
Sample notes on each Main grid

Materials that have a world scope of History

- Focus on one country: J. COUNTRY
- Focus on U.S. history: J. U.S. HISTORY

Women - group biography

A just of one country then under J. COUNTRY

* Military and World cultures in order of subheadings listed - not alphabetically

Ancient Civilization: EGYPTIAN 3

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GREEK 4

INCA 5

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Subject Headings to Neighborhoods

Main Subject Headings-Alphabetical
- ACTIVITIES
- ART
- BIOGRAPHY
- COMMUNITY WORKERS
- CONCEPTS
- COOKING
- COUNTRIES
- ECOLOGY
- FARM
- FOOD
- GARDENING
- HEALTH
- HISTORY
- HOLIDAYS
- INFORMATION
- LANGUAGE
- LAW/GOVERNMENT
- LITERATURE
- MATH
- NATIVE PEOPLE
- PARENTING
- PETS
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SPORTS
- TRANSPORTATION
- UNITED STATES

SUBJECT NEIGHBORHOODS
- BIOGRAPHY
- INFORMATION
- GOVERNMENT/LAW
- RELIGION
- HOLIDAYS
- MATH
- SCIENCE
- ECOLOGY
- ANIMALS
- PETS
- FARM
- GARDENING
- FOOD
- COOKING
- HEALTH
- PARENTING
- CONCEPTS
- COMMUNITY WORKERS
- TRANSPORTATION
- LANGUAGE
- HISTORY
- NATIVE PEOPLE

Subject Headings

Neighborhoods
“Neighborhooods”
Neighborhoods for their Children’s section
Our “Neighborhoods”
All the information from AnyThink (Rangeview)

Can be found on their website:
http://www.anythinklibraries.org/anythinktank
Decisions

- Create and maintain Authority File.
- Grids are flexible; only have headings for materials have.
- Call Numbers match spine labels.
- Spine Labels will be all capitals and left-justified.
  - Eight characters per line
  - Seven lines per label

- Final shelving is by title, then author; title does not appear on the label
Members of the Team

- Michelle Havenga, Children’s Librarian
- Cathy Butler, Library Director
- Linda Hossfeld, Technical Services Manager
- Jessica Mydland, Assistant Children’s Librarian
- Patti Wilson, Assistant Technical Services
- Library staff and patrons
- Cameron Duff, present Director (came on six months after project)
Ready or Not—Here We Go!

HOLD ON TIGHT
AND
PRETEND IT'S A PLAN
Let’s Do It!
All books are off the shelves and sorted
More sorted piles. Now to start on each stack.
Sample Spine Lables
One of the more unusual headings; not possible with Dewey
Since Project

- Used same HEADINGS for Books on CD, DVDs, and EASY INFORMATION COLLECTION.
- This year, incorporated the BIOGRAPHY into the subject collection. Teachers “assigned” Biographies. Kids like to read in subject area. Now they can choose a biography in area of interest. Biographies have a sticker and coded in WORK FLOWS.
- Reworked ART; increase in materials, so expanded the sub-headings.
- Completed another weeding; need to shift collection-any offers of help.
- To do: Convert SpellSpiner Collection materials to SUBJECT rather than Dewey; need new grid.
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Yes, I am so happy we did it!