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

I'm: Heaven

A topic I like to read about is: Junie B.

How do you find a book about it?
I ask a teacher.

How do I feel when I am trying to find it?
I feel sad because I can not find it.

My worst experience looking for something to read was:
I do not now where they are.

My best experience looking for something was:
When I find a book and it was right here.
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...
The System

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
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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:

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**Trashy town**

Only status and bar code numbers are required.

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**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
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.

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Youth Categories

- Adventure
- Historical Fiction
- Humor
- Realistic Fiction
- Science
- Sports
- Multi Cultural
- Animals
- History
- Making Stuff
- O & OC
- Scary
- Sci-Fi Fantasy
- Mystery
Catalog Records - Youth
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)
Cost

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

- 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
Goals & Objectives

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

**BISAC = Book Industry Standards & Communications**

- **ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES**
- **ART**
- **ARCHITECTURE**
- **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**

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**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**
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

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Suggestions from VTLIB

Sharon Colvin, Youth Services Consultant
Advice

Things to consider

- community
- space
- collection
- consistency
Hybrid Models

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,
Questions?
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