



Talking points for the transition to our new, topic-driven (work in progress) collection:

- This system uses common subject names to make our non-fiction materials more accessible by removing the Dewey Decimal System.
- Main topics will be shelved alphabetically, as will the sub-topics within those.
- It will be easier to browse, because books on similar topics will now be shelved together.
- It will be easy to search for a specific book, because all books will still have a specific shelving location.

Please do:

- Be positive about this change when speaking to or around patrons. The library has decided to go in this direction, and as an employee you need to be supportive.
- Be excited about this change! Once the hard work is over, it will be easier for all of us to find items, reshelve, and talk to patrons about how to find items. Patrons will get a new sense of awareness of our collection, a newfound confidence in finding what they want without help from us, and enjoyment because they are quickly and easily able to find what they need.
- Understand that the library has been moving in this direction already. In Special Collections, we have been grouping items into categories to make it easier for staff to locate and shelve, and easier for the patrons to find. Inspirational, Western, Mystery, SciFi have been pulled out of the Fiction Collection to make those genres more accessible for their fans. The Children's Department created a Board Books section, and Leveled Reader section. This change is just an extension of the work we've been doing already.

Please do not:

- Use the term "Bookstore Model." It's not. Each item will still have spine labels and have a specific shelving location. The only difference is the location will be words, rather than numbers.
- Be negative about this change when speaking to or around patrons. This can't be stressed enough.

If you have questions or concerns, or simply want a further explanation of what is happening, please speak with Katie. She encourages your input and is open to these conversations.