



Children’s Room dumps Dewey

Category system makes books easier for kids, parents to find

♣ Dewey Decimal System maven Melvil Dewey might not approve, but the Asheboro library Children’s Room has done away with his rules for shelving library books.

Instead, children demanding “I want dinosaur books!” or “I want astronaut books!” or “I want princess books!” — and their parents and caregivers — can easily find books by the desired subject.

All it takes is a scan down the shelves to identify brightly marked categories, from animals, adventures and arts & crafts to science & technology and sports.

Within the categories, books with topics further in common are shelved together. For example, the Animals category includes sections for birds, mammals, water creatures and other types of critters.

Both the non-fiction section and picture books for pre-K kids are organized by category. Children’s fiction books are arranged by genres such as fantasy, mystery or humor — an intuitive, natural way to find books of interest.



Children’s librarian Samantha Martin peruses a book in the mystery section.

“Our foremost concern is to provide a safe space for children to hone their love of reading and learning,” says Head of Children’s Services Samantha Martin.

“Our category system is another way we’re attempting to put the love of reading first, and to hopefully ingrain that love of literacy in children by meeting them where they are.”

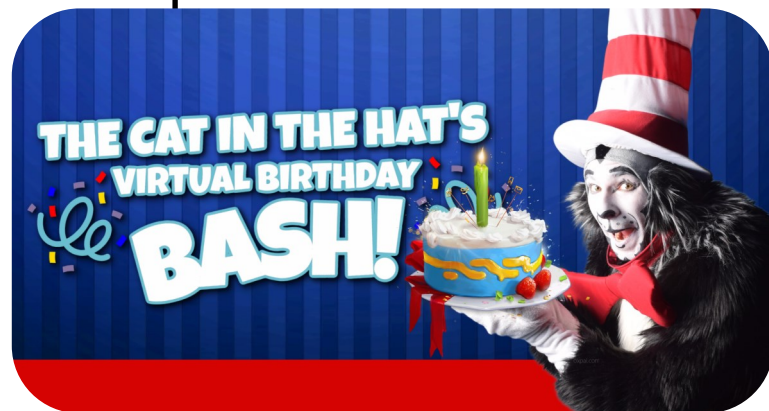
Responses to a user survey about the change are positive. “I needed help finding a book my son would read, and the categories helped me find books similar to the titles he’s already read,” one parent observed. Another commented, “With a 5-year-old who

loves dinosaurs and interactive books, we found these categories SO helpful.”

A pre-K teacher said, “Love the sections. I can browse for my weekly lessons and plan ahead by looking at other categories. Saves me so much time, so helpful.”

The survey is ongoing; share your experiences with the new arrangement at bit.ly/KidsRoomFeedback.

The Cat in the Hat is back!



♣ Join beloved magician and storyteller Caleb Sigmon for a spectacular “Cat in the Hat’s Virtual Birthday Bash,” 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at facebook.com/randolphlibrary.

The performance, which takes place on Dr. Seuss’s birthday and in celebration of National Read Across America Day, also will be streamed in the Asheboro library Children’s Room for anyone who wants to view it there. The video will be available on Facebook for one week after the premiere.

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RCPL and RPC: 'Shake and Bake!'

♣ "Shake and Bake!" yelled Ricky Bobby and Cal Naughton Jr. as they barreled across the finish line in Talladega Nights.

The Bake to our Shake (or the Shake to our Bake) long has been the Randolph Partnership for Children — but it's kids and families who are roaring into Victory Lane.

The Community Navigator program, which will make social workers available through the libraries, is our latest initiative with the Partnership. Our teamwork, however, goes back more than 20 years.

The Partnership began operation in 1999 as the local agency for distributing funds from the state's Smart Start program to prepare children to succeed in school.

Its ambitious goals ranged from improving the educational capability of the community's child care centers and increasing the capacity for parents to access affordable child care, to ensuring that fewer children entered kindergarten with developmental needs and that their medical and dental needs were met.

Our signature effort with the Partnership has been the Parents as Teachers program, which can look back on 20 years of service and see its young charges now succeeding in the academic and employment worlds.

A couple of years before PAT launched, the Partnership gave the libraries a \$181,878 grant to comprehensively upgrade our collections of material for children and parents. Another \$100,000 grant followed five years later for the same purpose, and

smaller amounts in most years until the recession hit. A 2009 news report reflecting on the Partnership's 10 years in operation noted that those books and other items had circulated some 380,000 times.

In 2007, we again teamed with the Partnership for the Raising-a-Reader program, which for four years provided take-home bags of books for each child in several day cares. "It changed families," says coordinator Melina Simpson, who's now one of our Extension librarians.

Of course, we're not the only partners of the powerhouse Partnership. The organization's activities involve any agency or organization that has an interest in early childhood development, and today include:

- Providing in-depth and extensive professional development for early childhood educators;
- "Reach Out and Read," an early literacy program which reaches families through healthcare providers;
- NC Pre-K, for children who don't otherwise have access to preschool;
- Child care subsidies via the Randolph County Department of Social Services;
- WAGE\$, a salary supplement program for early childhood educators;
- Randolph CHAMPS, which strengthens leadership capacity in the local early childhood system; and
- The Basics Randolph, which offers parents, caregivers and organizations tips resources and support for nurturing early brain development.

There's more; visit www.randolphkids.org to find out all about the Partnership.



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Talk to focus on WWII's 'Lady Death'

♣ By 1942, Soviet sniper Lyudmila Pavlichenko had become known as "Lady Death" among her German enemies.



Lyudmila Pavlichenko; Connie Gentry

Historian Connie Gentry will explore Pavlichenko's experiences and legacy in a virtual talk at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at <https://tinyurl.com/lpwwii>.

Pavlichenko's sharpshooting was responsible for the confirmed deaths of 309 enemy soldiers during her time on the front lines of World War II. After suffering a combat injury, she became a spokeswoman for the Soviet Union, traveling to Allied countries to rally support for a second front — an invasion of

their country in the conflict.

Gentry is a project manager at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. Her current research and fields of interest are war and memory, and the cultural effects of the war on participating nations. She holds a masters degree in public history from the University of New Orleans.

German-held Europe by U.S., British and other Allied forces.

Pavlichenko is remembered as a hero in Russia's history of the war, but she was one of nearly one million Soviet women who fought for

Attract pollinators, control garden pests and more activities at libraries around the county

♣ Learn about "Attracting Pollinators and Controlling Insects" in your garden at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the Asheboro library.

North Carolina Master Gardeners Julie Robbins-Muff and Cabel McBride will offer two short classes on attracting beneficial pollinators like butterflies, hummingbirds and honey bees to your yard, and controlling insect pests organically.

"THINK SPRING" painting

Visit the Liberty library to make a spring flower painting, 3 p.m. Thursday, March 17. Call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

Seeds at Seagrove, Franklinville

Find out all about seeds in events at Franklinville and Seagrove in March.

First, learn how seeds germinate and grow into plants in "Seed Necklaces," with Randolph County 4-H. Franklinville, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 8; Seagrove, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15.

Then, turn seeds and dirt into plantable "Seed Bombs." Franklinville, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22; Seagrove, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 29.

Journal Making

In "Journal Making," teens and adults at the Seagrove and Franklinville libraries can try their hands at making a journal with handmade paper. All materials provided. Seagrove, noon Saturday, March 19; Franklinville, 1 p.m. Sunday, March 20.

Science of Balance

Explore "The Science of Balance" in a Leap Into Science workshop, 4-5 p.m. Friday, March 25, at the Asheboro library.

In the walk-through event, participants can observe how balance is affected by manipulating weight in toys, structures and their own bodies. Best for ages 4 and up.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29.

Liberty Book Club: *Blacktop Wasteland* by S.A. Crosby, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17. Call 336-622-4605 or stop by the library for copies of the book.

Liberty adds hours

The Liberty library now is open two nights each week. New hours effective in February are: Monday-Tuesday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jigsaw tourney

Liberty's Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament, postponed due to weather, will take place from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

Work in teams to complete a 500 piece puzzle to celebrate National Puzzle Day. Register in teams of 2-3 people, or join a team on arrival. Call 336-622-4605 for details.

Book Sale

The Liberty library will host a book sale in the building, March 18-30 during open hours.

Podcast hosts 'Talk Back' in latest episode

"The Hosts Talk Back" in the latest installment of the "Dave and the Borrowers" podcast, going live on March 31. Guest Jessi Bowman of the Asheboro library Circulation

Department takes the helm to ask hosts Dave, Sam, Savvy and Alexis questions they have received from listeners. Find the podcast at dave-and-the-borrowers.simplecast.com.



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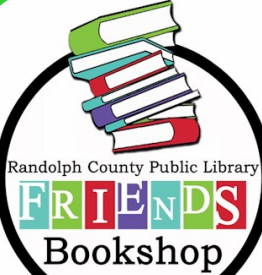
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