

**2009 ILA *Some Dewey, Some Don't***  
**Gail Borden Public Library District**  
**Branch Adult Collection Development**  
Non-fiction analysis

Methodology

To obtain a reasonable understanding of the possible subject structure of the branch non-fiction collection, I ran an Innovative list of all adult non-fiction published in 2005 or 2006 that had circulated five or more times. This produced a list of 2,015 items representing 1,917 titles spread over 69 Dewey decades. Below are details of most of those Dewey numbers that included more than ten titles each, or one-half of one percent or more of the total items.

Analysis

001s: 164 titles (8% of the total), 161 of which were computer science and computer programming.

130s: 26 titles, of which 25 were 133s, including 6 ghosts, 8 witchcraft, and 6 mediums.

150s: 32 titles, including 2 152s (phobias), 3 153s (intelligence), 8 155s (differential psychology), and 18 158s (all self-help).

170s: 11 titles, ethics.

200s: 11 titles, general religion.

230s: 15 titles, Christian theology.

240s: 41 titles, 5 241s (Christian ethics), 6 242s (devotional literature), 30 248s (Christian life).

290s: 13 titles, 4 Buddhism, 3 Islam, 5 New Age, neopaganism, etc.

300s: 78 titles (4% of the total), 5 303s (social processes), 4 304s (all Jared Diamond's *Collapse*), 23 305s (social groups), 46 306s (mostly marriage and family relationships).

320s: 20 titles, of which 7 were 327s (international relations).

330s: 86 titles (4 % of the total), including 6 331s (best jobs), 62 332s (personal finance and investments), 8 333s (mostly real estate ownership and management).

340s: 14 titles, including 3 estate planning.

360s: 50 titles, including 11 362s (social welfare problems), 9 363s (other social problems), 29 364s (21 of which were true crime).

370s: 45 titles, including 29 test preparation.

380s: 13 titles, including 5 Ebay.

390s: 19 titles, including 4 clothing and 9 weddings.

460s: 12 titles, all Spanish.

590s: 12 titles, but no concentration (some insects, some birds, some mammals).

610s: 171 titles (8% of the total), including 12 610s (medicine & health, 7 of which were medical careers), 84 613s (personal health & diet), 42 616s (diseases), 18 618s (mostly gynecology & pediatrics).

620s: 28 titles, including 7 621s (electrical wiring & electronics), 12 629s (7 cars [but no car repair], 3 astronauts).

630s: 52 titles (3% of the total), including 27 635s (gardens & gardening), 24 636s (pets).

640s: 262 titles (13% of the total, the largest single decade), including 9 640s (clutter control), 163 641s (cookbooks), 24 in 643.3 to 643.7 (remodeling), 34 646s (of which were 9 personal life, 8 beauty, 5 dating), 12 648s (household cleaning), 12 649s (parenting).

650s: 107 titles (5% of the total), including 33 650.1s (personal success in business), 67 658s (management).

710s: 17 titles, all garden design and landscaping.

740s: 179 titles (9% of the total), including 64 741s (57 of which were comics & graphic novels), 37 745s (crafts, mainly scrapbooking), 45 746s (textile arts, of which were 25 knitting, 9 quilting), 26 747s (interior decorating).

770s: 11 titles, including 5 digital photography & 5 photographic techniques.

780s: 24 titles, including 10 782.42164s (rock groups), 4 787.87s (guitar).

790s: 72 titles (4% of the total), including 10 791.43s (movies), 11 793.93s & 794.8s (video games), 7 795.412s (poker), 17 796.357s (baseball), 4 798.4s (horse racing & betting).

810s: 21 titles, including 6 811s (all current American poetry).

910s: 43 titles, including 9 910s (general travel & cruises), 23 917s (U. S. travel).

920s: 124 titles (6% of the total), including 115 biographies.

940s: 24 titles, including 17 World War II.

950s: 14 titles, all Iraq or Israel.

970s: 50 titles, including 5 973.3s (American Revolution), 10 973.7s (Civil War), 6 973.931s (current American history).

With a few exceptions I believe we can take this list as a blueprint for the branch non-fiction collection (you can view the whole list in Excel at I:\BILL\colldevexperiment.xls). I would view the exceptions as:

- 304s, because this is represented by only one title.
- 621s having to do with electrical wiring.
- 746s I would spread out more evenly; the quilting and knitting concentration may be due to staff circulations.

Areas that had no titles circulating five or more times were:

- 030 through 060s (encyclopedias, serials, and organizations).
- 140s, 160s, 180s, 190s (philosophical schools of thought, logic, philosophy).
- 210s, 250s (philosophy of religion, Christian pastoral practice).
- 310s (statistics).
- 410s, 430s through 450s, 480s (linguistics, Germanic languages, Romance languages other than Spanish, Greek).
- 560s (fossils & prehistoric life).
- 670s (manufacturing).
- 830s through 890s (non-English literature).
- 900s, 980s, 990s (world history, South American history, history of Australia & Oceania).

I believe we may safely eliminate these Dewey decades from the branch collection, with perhaps one or two minor exceptions, such as a set of *World Book Encyclopedia* in a reference collection and current titles on world history and prehistoric life.

To arrange the list to show the most popular items, we arrive at the following:

- 163 cookbooks
- 161 computer science and programming
- 115 biographies
- 84 personal health and diet
- 67 management
- 62 personal finance and investments
- 57 comics and graphic novels
- 46 marriage and family relationships
- 45 textile arts
- 42 diseases
- 37 crafts, mostly scrapbooking

- 33 personal success in business
- 30 Christian life
- 26 interior decorating
- 25 occult
- 23 U. S. travel
- etc.

This represents both a wide variety of subject matter, and yet quite focused on particular aspects of these subjects. We will need to pay attention to these subtleties in selecting for the branch.

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### Final Adult Branch Categories

Shelf #	CATEGORY NAME/SIGN	SUBJECTS	DEWEY AND DESCRIPTION	COUNT	KW LABEL	
A20-21	ARTS AND CRAFTS	Arts & Crafts	646.1-646.2999 741-741.29 745.5-745.999 746.4-746.5999	226	CRAFTS	
A7-8	REAL PEOPLE/ REAL STORIES	Biography	B	226	PEOPLE	
B65-66	BUSINESS AND CAREERS	Business	650.1-650.144 658-658.18 658.3-658.899	260	BUSINESS	
B61-62	EDUCATION AND TEST PREP	Exams and Education	004.076 005.44076 150.076 340.076 351.076 355.076 363.2076 371.042 371.262-371.264 383.1076 468.076 515.076 530.076 540.076 570.076 610.73076 621.3192076 657.076 696.1076 820.076 909.076 973.076	260	EDUCATION	
B59-60	DIGITAL LIFE	Computers	004-006.999 651.74-651.8999 652.3-652.3999 775-775.999 778.3 786.76-786.76999	260	DIGITAL	
B53-55	COOKING AND ENTERTAINING	Cookbooks and Entertaining	641-641.877999 793.2 793.22	390	COOKING	
B56	CRIME SCENE	True Crime	364.106-364.1092 364.133 364.15-364.1525	130	CRIME	

B67	RELIGION	World Religions	200-209.999 230-236.999 239-239.999 241-242.999 248-248.999 294.343-294.37999 294.39-294.3928999 296.3-296.75999 297.5-297.5999 297.8-297.8999 299.1-299.1999 299.5-299.94999	130	RELIGION	
A19	FOOD AND FITNESS	Diet & Exercise	613-613.999	113	FITNESS	
A17-18	HEALTH AND WELLNESS	Health and Wellness	616-616.999	226	HEALTH	
A24-26	DO-IT-YOURSELF	Home maintenance and decor	363.70525 643.3-643.7999 648-648.999 693-698.999 728.3-728.373 747-747.999	339	DIY	
A22-23	GREEN AND GROWING	Gardens	635-635.999 712-712.999 714-717.999 728.9-728.98	226	GREEN	
B68-69	IN THE PAST	History	932-932.016 936-936.40299 937-937.0999 938-938.0999 940.3-940.459 940.53-940.54879 956.05-956.054999 956.70442-956.70443 956.94054- 956.953999 973.931-973.932	260	PAST	
A9-10	IN THE NEWS	Current Events	320.052 322.42-322.42099 323.6-323.69 327.1273 328.73-328.73999 330.94-331.25999 331.7-331.70235	226	NEWS	
B64	MONEY MATTERS	Money	332-333.999 346.052-346.056999 346.73052- 346.73056999	130	MONEY	
B63	LEGAL...EASE	Law	341.7306-341.73078 346.078 346.73015- 346.730186	130	LEGAL	
A15-16	YOU AND YOUR CHILD	Parenting	618.24-618.92999 649.12-649.799 793.21	260	CHILD	

B58	PETS	House Pets	636.6-636.999	130	PETS	
B74	DATES AND MATES	Relationships	306.8-306.8999 362.8292-362.8298 392.5-392.5999 646.77-646.77999 781.587 793.2	130	DATES	
B49	THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!	Entertainment and The Arts	781.6-781.66 782.14 782.42 785.42-785.4299 786.2-786.2799 786.9-786.95 787.87 788.7-788.74 788.9-788.92 791.4-791.4575	130	ENTERTAINMENT	
B75-76	SCI-TECH	Science, Math & Technology	512.9-512.9426 513.2-513.265 516.2-516.35 519.2-519.39999 551-551.699 557-557.999 567-569.999 582-585.999 591.5-591.5999 595.789 598-599.999 629.1-629.2999	260	SCI-TECH	
B73	SELF HELP	Self Help	158-158.2999 646.4-646.7699 646.78-646.7999	130	SELF HELP	
B57	SPORTS AND GAMES	Sports	793.7-793.734 793.9-793.932 794-796.48999 796.7-796.9899	130	SPORTS	
B50-52	PACK YOUR BAGS	Travel	448.3421 458.3421 468.3421 647.94-647.94999 796.5-796.6499 910.202 914.1.914.2999 914.4-914.5999 917.3-917.9999	390	PACK	
B70-72	AND MORE...	Misc.		390	MORE	
A34	FACTS AT HAND	Ref.	Manually created list	130	FACTS	
A11	OF INTEREST	Seasonal		113	NO LABEL	
A1-4	NEW AND HOT	New Books	Rental vendor lists	452	<i>Use genre label and 'NEW' sticker</i>	
A5-6	QUICK PICKS	Quick Picks	Rental vendor lists	226	Use genre label and QUICK PICK sticker	
A27-28	THRILLER	Thriller		226	THRILLER	
A29	HORROR	Horror	Manually created list	113	HORROR	

A30	SCIENCE FICTION	Science Fiction		113	SCIENCE FICTION	
A31	FANTASY	Fantasy		113	FANTASY	
A32	INSPIRATIONAL	Inspirational		113	INSPIRATIONAL	
A33	CHICK LIT	Chick Lit	Manually created list	113	CHICK LIT	
B43-44	LARGE TYPE	LT		130	LARGE TYPE	
B45-46	ESPAÑOL	Spanish		260	ESPAÑOL	
B1-12	MYSTERY	Mystery		1560	MYSTERY	
B13-24	ROMANCE	Romance		1560	ROMANCE	
B25-42	FICTION	General Fiction		2340	FICTION	
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**Category Names and Descriptions for the Rakow Branch of  
the Gail Borden Public Library District  
Elgin, Illinois**

**Youth Services Department**

*Preschool*

<u>Category Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
All Time Favorites	Classic books and favorites, such as Corduroy, Curious George, Where The Wild Things Are, Dr. Seuss
Building Blocks	Basic concepts: shapes, counting, alphabet, colors
Seen on TV	Media character tie-ins: Dora, Blues Clues, Spiderman, Bob the Builder, etc.
Growing and Changing	Coping with new experiences, such as new baby, first day of school, going to the doctor, learning to ride a bike
I Like Animals	Dinosaurs, animals in nature, anthropomorphized animal stories that do not fit in other categories
Once Upon a Time	Fairy tales and folk tales for preschoolers, holidays
Vrroom! Vrroom!	Trains, planes, cars, boats, construction machines, fire trucks, etc.
Toddlers	Board books for birth through 2 years old

*Kids Fiction (Elementary Age)*

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
Action and Adventure	Action and adventure, sports
Blue Ribbon Books	Award winners and classics, such as <u>Charlotte's Web</u> , and the Ramona books
Ready to Read	Beginning readers, very early readers through second grade
Kid Approved	Favorites, such as <u>The Wimpy Kid</u> , Judy Moody, <u>Secret Garden</u>
Stories of Long Ago	Historical fiction

Stories to Solve	Mystery
Ready for Chapters	First chapter books, such as <u>Gooney Bird</u> , <u>Stink</u> , Arthur chapter books
Libros para Niños	Spanish favorite fiction for all ages
Super Series	Publisher's series, such as <u>Magic Tree House</u> , <u>My Weird School</u> , <u>BabyMouse</u>
Imaginary Worlds	Fantasy and science fiction

### *Kids Nonfiction*

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
Try It!	Crafts, cooking, sports, sign language
Comics	Graphic novels rated for all ages
Paws, Scales, and Tails	Kinds of animals most asked for like snakes, sharks, mammals; pets and dinosaurs included
Then and Now	History, inventions, cars, trains, planes, biography
Silly, Scary, and Strange	Jokes, riddles, silly poetry, paranormal, magic, nonfiction, trivia, Guinness, and Ripley's

### *Teen Fiction*

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>
Graphic Novel	Selected graphic novels rated for teen
I Want to Know	Selected popular nonfiction, such as personal relationships, spirituality, some poetry, self-help