

## Darien Library Children's Collections

### F5:

- **Learn:** easy-reader books aka beginning chapter books; phonics readers. For emerging readers up to 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- **Nature:** animal stories (non-anthropomorphized); animal easy non-fiction; seasons; earth; natural cycles; environment.
- **Favorites:** classic authors and illustrators of picture books (for children up to age 5), Caldecott winners (all from the current decade 2000–2010 and other stand outs), ultra popular series picturebooks (such as Clifford or Berenstain Bears)
- **FTales:** fairy tales and folk tales for children up to age 5
- **Concepts:** ABCs, numbers, shapes, colors, opposites, and other simple concepts.
- **Growing Up:** milestones such as first day of school, losing first tooth; books about sibling relations/rivalry; family relations; manners; emotions.
- **Transportation:** cars, trucks, planes, construction equipment, etc.
- **Rhymes & Songs:** books in rhyme; books based on a song (such as The Wheels on the Bus); nursery rhymes, mother goose
- **Stories:** other great picturebooks that do not neatly fit into any of the other categories. Dinosaur adventures, pirates, ballerinas, elephants who roller skate, etc. can all be found here.
- **Celebrations:** Valentine's Day, Easter; St. Patrick's Day; Halloween; Christmas; Jewish Holidays; all other observed holidays; stories about world festivals, carnivals, etc.; birthday stories.
- **Parents:** parenting advice and guidance; human sexuality; death and grieving; special needs; potty training; new baby; adoption; divorce.
- **Board:** sturdy board books for babies.

### Kids:

- **Fiction:** novels for children generally covering grades 4 to 6.
- **NonFiction (and Poetry):** informational books generally covering grades 1 to 6. The 811's (Poetry) are pulled out and shelved in a separate section of the room.
- **I Read (and I Read Picturebooks):** chapter books for children generally in grades 1 to 3.
- **Biographies:** autobiographies and memoirs generally for children in grades 1 to 6.
- **Graphic Novels:** comic-style, illustrated novels generally for children in grades 3 to 6.



- **Reference:** World Book Encyclopedia, specialized multi-set volumes (like the Wildlife Encyclopedia), dictionary, atlases, almanac, etc. For in-Library use only (however, in special circumstances, we will allow patrons to check them out if no circulating copies are available.)
- **Languages:** Materials which encourage native English speakers to learn a different language. Including (but not limited to) picture books, easy readers, dictionaries, visual dictionaries, dvds, and audio books.

