

Guidelines for Fiction Categorization
Followed at PNLs

- E One page of Text to 1 page of pictures;
Chapter books written for a grade 1-2 level
Board books
Easy format tales
Note: (depending on local situations)
 Counting books are put in 513.2
 Legends are put in 398.2
 Colour identification is put in 535.6
 Poetry is put in 811 (American), 819.1 (Canadian), 821
(British)
- J Fewer pictures
Written for grades 4-6
Protagonists younger than 13
Shorter in length than YA and larger print and more white space
Some older level content picture books like Asterix, Tintin, graphic
novels
- Y Reading level grades 7-9
Protagonists are teenagers
Fewer or no pictures,
Smaller print
More mature or controversial subjects like sex, rites of passage
which comment directly on growth to adolescence as a process
High school or junior high setting
- F Adult fiction
Protagonists are adults or older teens
Usually no pictures
Small print
Mature subjects
Work or home setting

813.54, 819.3, 823 - Do not use. These are fiction books so use the
above categories.

Nonfiction – Limit the number to four places after the decimal point or less.
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