



CREATING A K-12 FICTION CATALOGING SCHEME THAT WORKS

The Teaching Materials Center
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History

The Teaching Materials Center (TMC) at SUNY Cortland

- Usage: School of Education
 - Primary users: Undergraduates
 - Purposes: Course assignments, placements
 - Various levels and topics
 - Current, relevant, appealing
- Collections
 - Various Formats: Picture Books, YA Fiction/Middle Grade Chapter Books, Board Books Graphic Novels, Realia, Kits, Games, Puppets, etc

History

Why?

- Cataloging / Aleph limitations
 - Easy: Call number not "true"
 - Fiction:
 - Extended PZ 7 long numbers
 - PZ 7 and 7.1 Split
- Struggles
 - Instruction
 - Reference
- Shelving challenges
 - Overcrowding in PZ 7.1
 - Easy/Board out of order
 - Wrong sections

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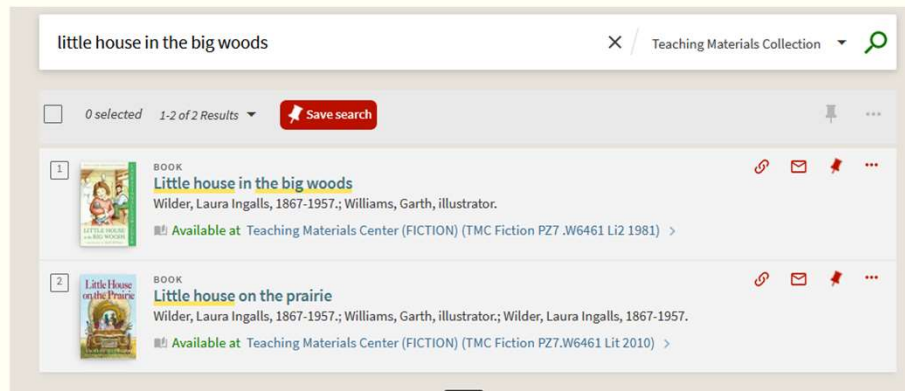
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Fox in socks
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Other struggles (Technical Services)

- Shelving / growth: PZ7.1
- Shelving / locating: non-PZ7* classifications
- MARC 852 consistency
- Shelf inventory procedure
- Aesthetics!



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Historical Procedure

- Regular copy-cataloging with 050
- Subfield k (prefix)
 - **\$\$k TMC Easy -- Filed by Author's Last Name [\$\$h DC707 \$\$i .S256 2004**
- Subfield m (suffix)
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- Colored tape



Before we begin...we weed (and hire a cataloger)!

- Makes no sense to re-catalog these items and then do weeding (cost, duplication/wasted effort by staff)
- Needed space for both Easy and PZ7.1s in FICTION
- Worked with Lisa to come up with a plan so the work could be done a few carts at a time based on her criteria – goal of < 25% reshelves
- Final pass looking for 'Ew!'
- Between Sept 2022 and May 2023, and with the help of one clerk, 3 asst librarians, we **withdrew over 10,000 items**, including 946 in Easy and 2,522 in FICTION
- In January 2023, Sue was hired as our Technical Services Librarian and asked to come up with a plan for the recataloging.

What do we want from this project?

- Browse-ability for students
- Shelve-ability for staff
- Teach-ability for librarians
- Visual aspects
- Inventory
- Virtual Browse

Project Requirements

Make a new schema based on Author/Title

Retain Author's last name (4 letters), color coded, on spine

Only pull a chunk of books at a time – no longer than 1 day off the shelf

Project management

Collaboration and Flexibility

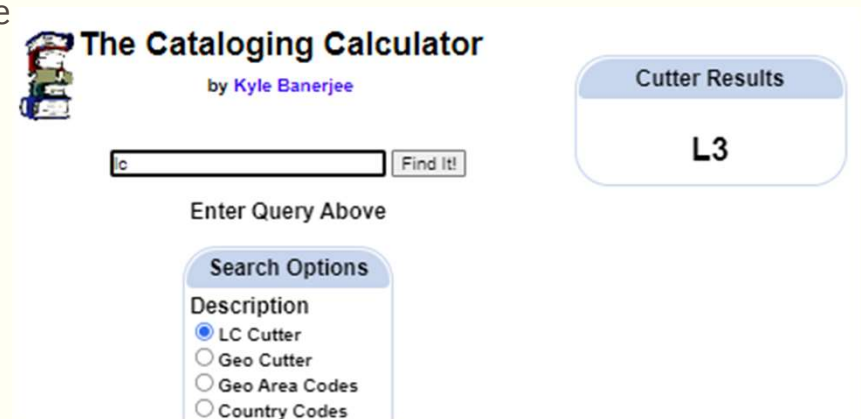
FICTION added to project

The screenshot displays a project management dashboard with two main columns: 'In Process' and 'Completed'. The 'In Process' column has a count of 7 items and 3 sub-items. The 'Completed' column has a count of 6 items and 2 sub-items. Each item includes a title, a progress indicator (percentage or status), and a 'SS' (Start-to-Start) dependency icon.

Category	Item	Progress/Status	Dependencies
In Process	2 Easy GHIJ	45%	None
	2 Easy ABC	60%	None
	2 Easy kl	85%	None
Completed	1. Sue - print labels for Easy	100%	SS
	1. Sue revise procedures as needed for Easy	100%	SS

But first...

- Devise a new schema
 - Last name / first name cutter / title / title cutter / date
- Make new call numbers for all the books
- API? 😞
- Find some colored labels that will fit
- Create workflow procedures for staff both for project and regular purchase/processing



The screenshot shows the interface of 'The Cataloging Calculator' by Kyle Banerjee. It features a search input field with the text 'lc' and a 'Find It!' button. Below the input field is the text 'Enter Query Above'. To the right, a 'Cutter Results' box displays 'L3'. A 'Search Options' section is visible, with radio buttons for 'LC Cutter' (selected), 'Geo Cutter', 'Geo Area Codes', and 'Country Codes'.

Call numbers using Excel

- Start with a report

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Call numbers using Excel

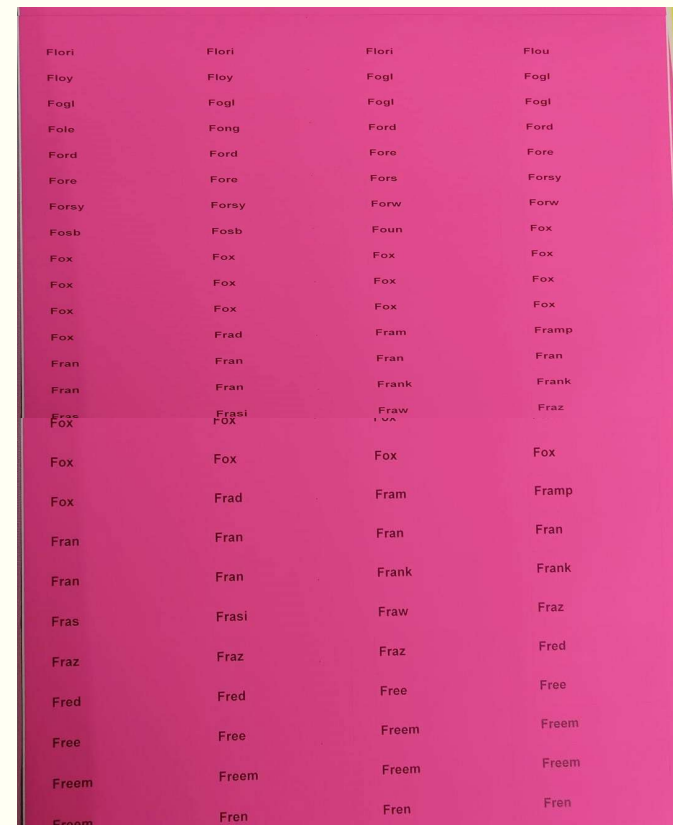
- Cutter Numbers using Kyle Banerjee's tool



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The Workflow

- Clerks pull books (about 10-15)
- Put into work order “Call Nbr Project”
- Remove the old colored tape
- Copy/paste new call number in HOL
 - Excel. Lots of formulas.
 - Must change 1st subfield to 5
 - Change settings in SpineOMatic
- Print new spine label
- Use pre-printed labels from color-coded sheets (mail-merged)
 - Initially on sheets
 - One-offs with clear labels & template



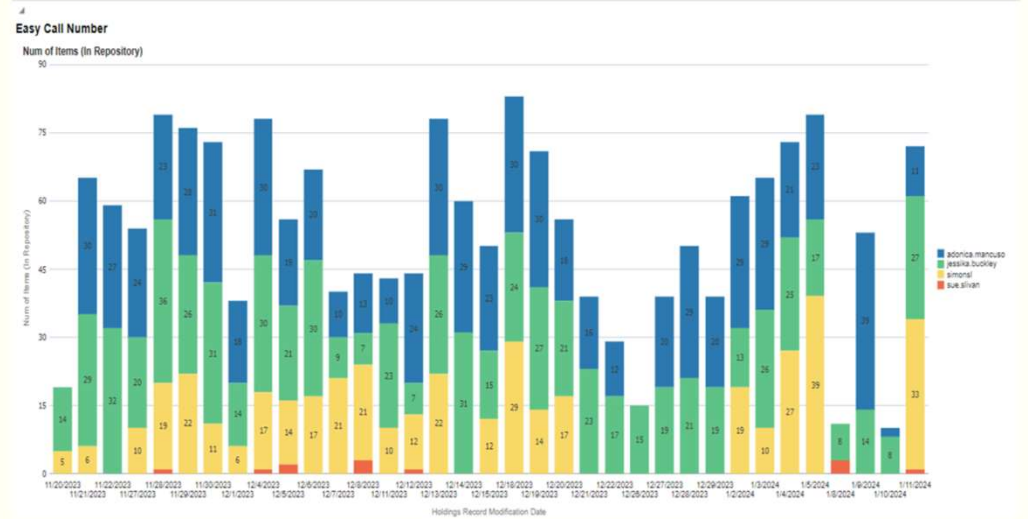
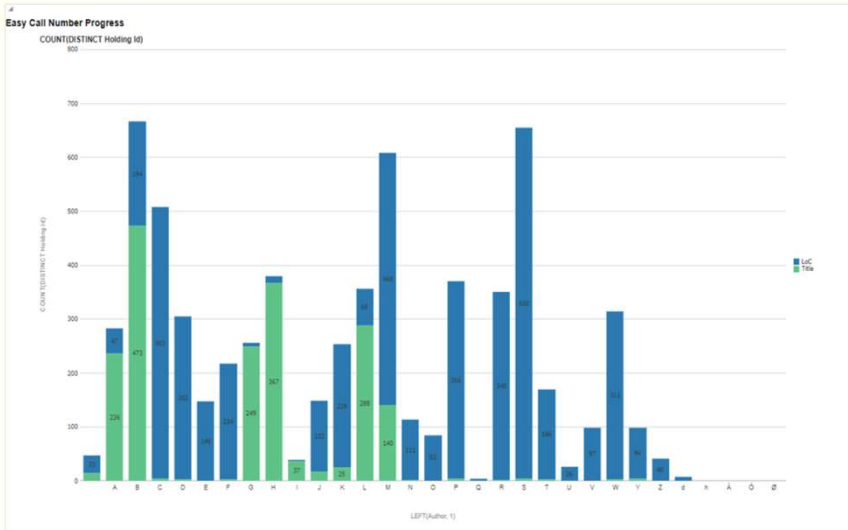
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The Workflow

- Use Sue's problem cart for...problems.
- Shelf books, and repeat.
- Data collection
 - Able to project end dates - About 80-90 books a day, start to finish



Data Collection



Challenges?

- Finding stickers
- Getting the old tape off
- Duplicates
- Wrong author



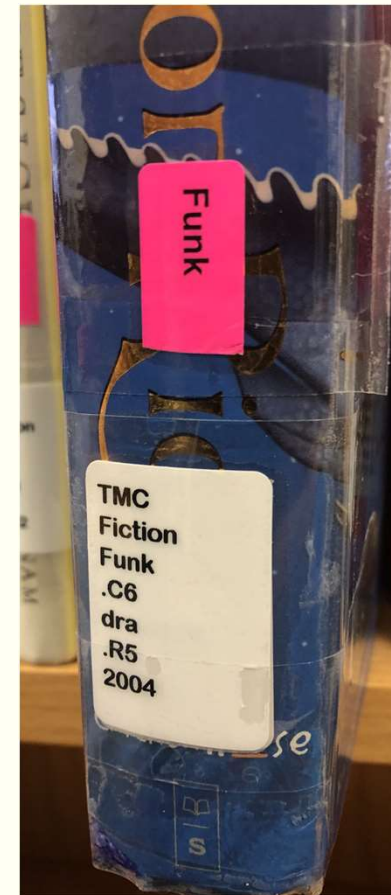
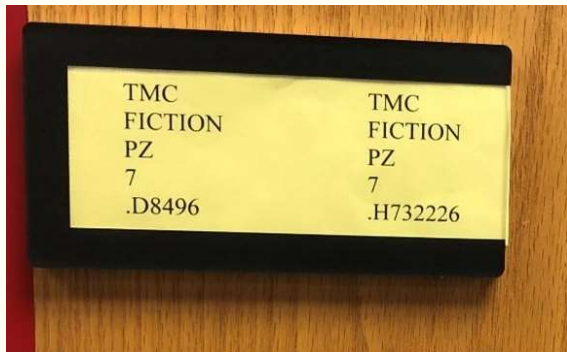
Challenges?

- Call numbers that don't work in planned schema
- Loan returns after the fact
- TMC shutdown for lobby remediation

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The Results: Navigation on Shelves


- Fiction: fully alphabetical
- Board/Easy:
 - Cleaner spine labels
 - "Best of both worlds": simple (author last names) but organized (additional call number)



The Results: Navigation in ONESearch

True call numbers

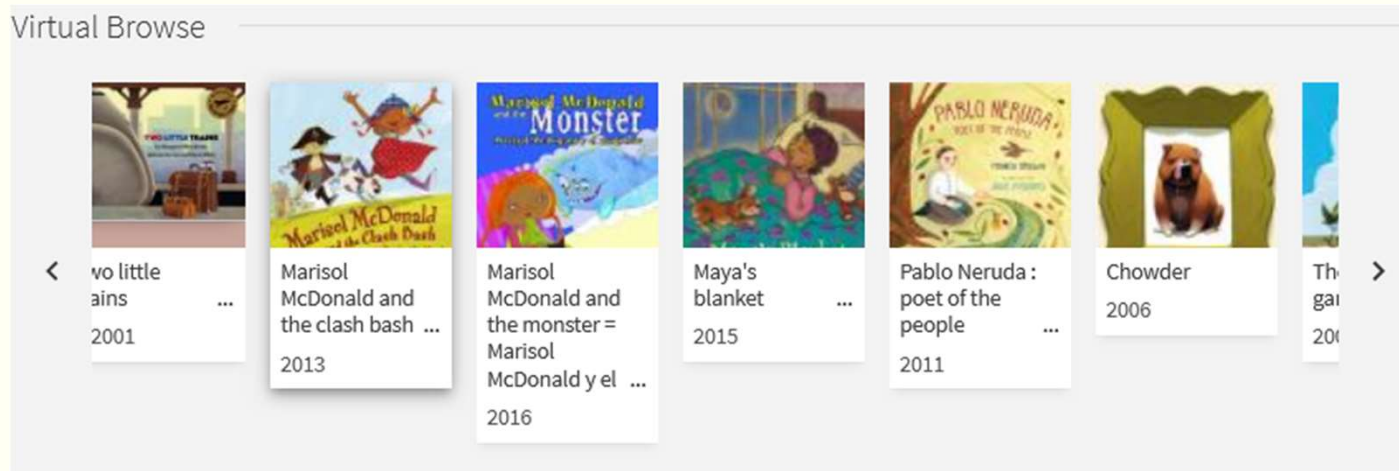
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The Results: Navigation in ONESearch

Virtual Browse and Results Lists

Virtual Browse



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Maya's blanket ... 2015

Pablo Neruda : poet of the people ... 2011

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The Results: Instruction and Reference



- Call Number Construction: Minimal disruption
- Less time spent explaining/teaching call numbers
- Less confusion
- Class: Board Book Call Number Question: they "get" it!

Questions?



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Avery clear labels for DYMO thermal printer
https://www.staples.com/Avery-3-5-x-1-12-Thermal-Multi-Purpose-Labels-Clear-1-Pack-4151/product_469825

Kyle Banerjee's Cataloging Calculator <https://calculate.alptown.com/>