

Picture Book City – Overview

In Picture Book City, books are organized by subject first, sub-subject second, and then author's last name. For easier understanding, we call these subject organizations "Neighborhoods" and sub-subjects "Streets."

A typical Picture Book City call number reads like this:

Concepts / ABCs
Bryant-Mole

In this example, "Concepts" is the neighborhood, "ABCs" is the street. Author's last name is always on its own line, under the neighborhood and street.

Not every book in Picture Book City has a street. In that case, please shelve these more general titles before you shelve any books with a street. For example,

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Special Shelving, Sections, and Rules:

Special Stickers

In neighborhoods, we shelve according to special stickers which are on the tops of each book spine. We use special stickers in Picture Book City in only two neighborhoods: Celebrations and Favorites.

We shelve alphabetically according to sticker. In “Celebrations,” shelve in this order: Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Patrick’s Day, Thanksgiving, Valentine’s Day. In “Favorites / Awards,” shelve in this order: Caldecott, Monarch.

Character Books

In the case of character based books where multiple authors have contributed to the titles, character names or franchises are used in place of the author’s last name. All of these books are located in the Favorites neighborhood.

Current Characters: Arthur, Barbie, Barney, Blue, Caillou, Clifford, Diego, Disney, Dora, Eloise, Hello Kitty, Magic School Bus, Olivia, Sesame Street, Spiderman, Spongebob, Thomas

Current Neighborhoods and Streets:

Neighborhoods	Streets	Sticker
Bedtime		Purple
Celebrations		Red
Concepts	123s, ABCs, Colors, Opposites, Shapes, Size, Time	Orange
Fairy & Folk Tales		Pink
Favorites	Awards	Blue
Growing Up	Baby, Family, Feelings, Health, Jobs, Loss, Manners, School	Yellow
Nature	Bugs, Dinosaurs, Farm, Forest, Ocean, Pets, Seasons, Zoo	Green
Rhymes & Songs		Lavender
Stories	Libraries, Monsters, Pirates	White
Transportation	Cars, Con (Short for Construction), Truck	Tan