



## **Books Between Kids Book Categories**

**Picture Books** - Picture Books is our largest category. They typically have rich illustrations with a bit of text. These books can typically be read aloud to children by adults. Older children (1-5 grade) can typically read these books themselves. This category also includes poetry and fairy tales that stronger readers in grades 3-5 might pick. Imagine a mom reading a bedtime story or a teacher reading a story aloud in their classroom. Ex: Goodnight Moon, If You Give A Mouse a Cookie, Dr. Seuss, Shel Silverstein

**Beginning** - These are books, typically fiction, that a K-2 child will read as they are learning to read. There are pictures and only a few of lines of text per page. Publishers may label these as “I Can Read.” It’s any book that a very young reader may be able to read on their own. The front cover typically has a level reading icon on top right corner. These are typically level 1-5. All these books are usually the same size.

**Non-Fiction** - All levels of children’s non-fiction books go here. Examples are books about real things or true events such as animals, planets, the moon landing, etc. These books have colorful pages and larger font. If a book has too much information and is written in small font, most likely won’t be elementary level and we need to sort those out.

**Chapter Books** - Fiction books with chapters — there is a wide range of readability, everything from Junie B. Jones to Magic Tree House books to Harry Potter. Chapter books may have a few pictures (i.e. Diary of a Wimpy Kid) and Graphic Novels are also included in this category. Check the back for a reading level to indicate if it is for ages 10 years and younger or reading level (RL) 6 and lower.

**Board/Toddler** - These books have very thick, cardboard-like pages that young children can turn without tearing. They can be concept books about colors, shapes, or opposites. PK and K kids are the typical audience for these books. They can be smaller than a regular picture book, so babies and toddlers can handle them.

**Spanish** - Any PK-5 book in Spanish. No other sorting needed. (Fiction/Non-fiction, etc.). If you do not speak Spanish or are unsure of the book level, please ask someone who does to check that the reading level is elementary and appropriate.

**Young Adult** - Typically chapter books with a high reading level and usually includes teenage characters. Includes Twilight, Divergent, and Hunger Games series. If the books are donated by a library, they may have a white or yellow sticker on the side with letters “YA”. If you are unsure, check the book summary on the back or inside cover to see if it has teenage themes.

**Other Programs** – Textbooks, old or out of date non-fiction (i.e. books about the internet being new), religious books, dictionaries, coloring books.

**When in doubt, ask BBK staff or a Book Brigade member!**