

Book Room Map, Organization, Tips, & Categories

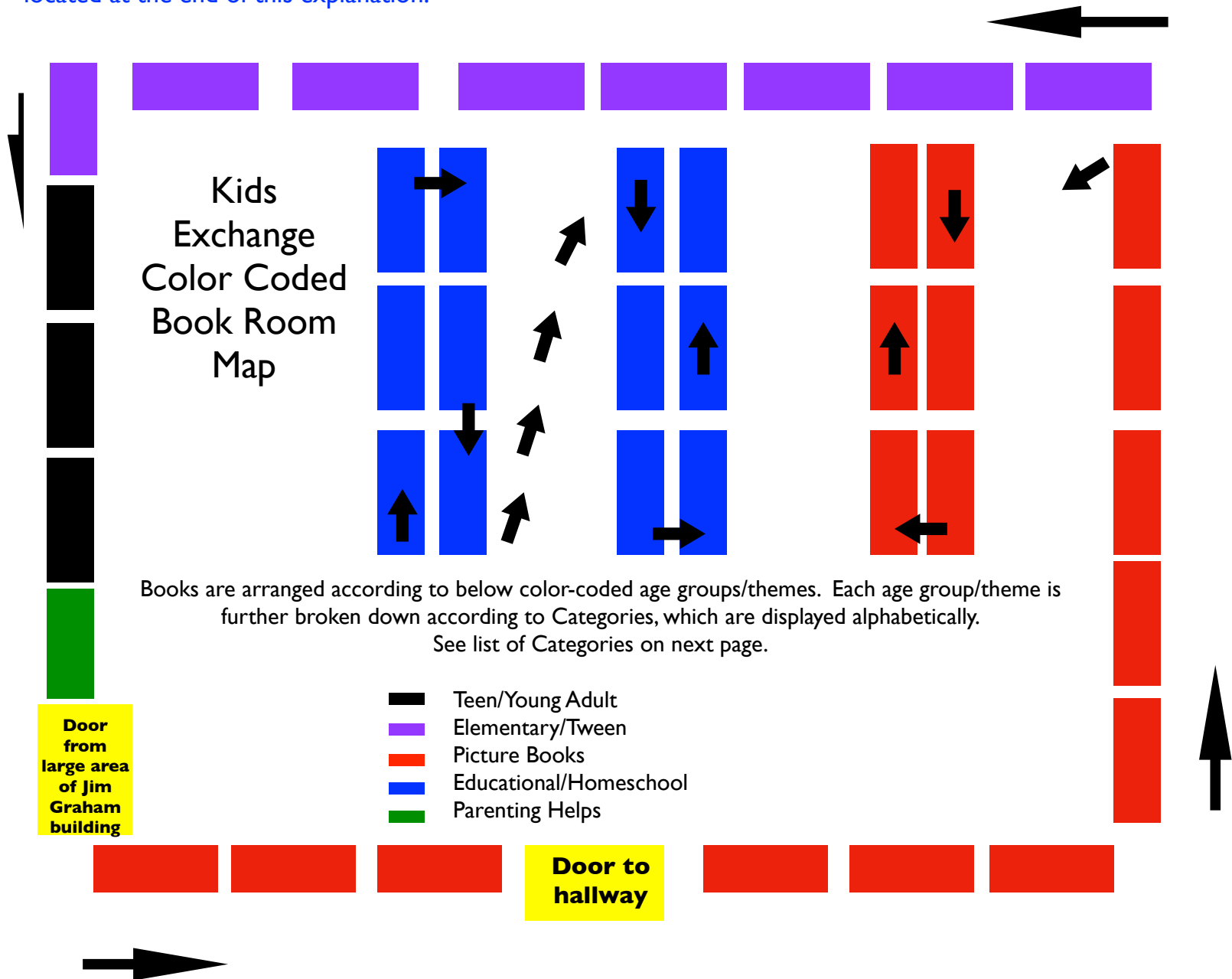
Each Seller is responsible for placing books in correct categories in the Book Room—

just as each Seller places clothes, shoes, games, and other items in appropriate locations throughout the Sale.

The entire Book Room is organized into Five Sections:

1. **Teen/Young Adult**
2. **Elementary/Tween**
3. **Picture Books**
4. **Educational/Homeschool**
5. **and one small section of Parenting Helps**

There are a number of categories under each of the five sections to better display and sell the books. **The categories in each section are alphabetized, starting at the bottom left of the map and moving counter clockwise around the room.** The complete list of Book Room Categories is located at the end of this explanation.



- When the books are easy to find, more customers will buy more books, which means more books are SOLD = more cash in Sellers' pockets!

-Sellers, as you are packing up your books to bring to the Sale, go ahead and put them in the categories (see list of categories at end) to make it easier to drop off and display them at the KidsExchange Consignment Sale.

When at Drop Off, place your books in their appropriate locations with the title showing. Display boxes are provided on top of tables. When the boxes on top of tables are filled, start filling empty boxes located beneath the tables. Place books upright so the spine is showing, or with thinner books, place books in the box, so they can be flipped through like files in a filing cabinet. (See sample photographs)



-HELPFUL HINT: attach tags to books using blue painter's tape. This practice allows the tape to not harm the integrity of books when customers remove tags once they take their purchases home.

-PRICING: As with all items at the Sale, a good rule of thumb is to price 1/4- 1/3 of the original retail. Consider the condition of the item and what price you would be excited to purchase the item for yourself.



-NOTE: Organizing books into the appropriate categories allows them to be better seen and purchased. After a recent Sale, a few boxes were discovered where sellers had dropped off their entire box of books in one place and not sorted them within the categories provided. Great books were inside, but they were unsold, because they were not located in the right place for buyers to find them. Taking the time to properly place the books in the appropriate categories could have ensured these sellers' books sold. Most buyers are searching for certain topics, age ranges, or genres, and our Book Room is way too large for them to look in every box!

Having the books organized makes it more profitable for all involved.



The various themes/categories are created with input from sellers, customers, and librarians from various libraries in our area with the goal to provide an organized way for customers to find the books they desire to purchase.

-All Sellers are welcome to leave any extra empty boxes used to bring any items to the Sale in the Book Room under tables to be used to display additional books. As available boxes on top of the tables get full, feel free to start new display boxes on the tables in the appropriate category & section as needed. When the table in the appropriate section/category gets full, then display boxes can be added on the floor underneath the correct categories.



HOORAY—these books are neat & tidy—ready to sell!



Above is an example of books displayed well for shoppers to clearly see what books are available. Consigners can use extra boxes placed underneath the tables when current boxes on the tables are filled.

Uh oh—the below books are NOT ready for customers to easily find & purchase.



The untidy picture shows books that are NOT ready for shoppers to be able to clearly see what books are available.

If a display box of books is full, please start a new box on or under the correct table category to efficiently display your books, rather than piling books on top. The goal is for shoppers to see the books Sellers took the time to find, price, and bring to the Sale.

-HELPFUL HINTS: When packing up books, organize them according to the List of Book Room Categories listed on the next page.

If a seller has a wide variety of books to bring, placing an index card with the theme/category written and tucked inside first of a set of books (similar to using a bookmark) **makes for easier drop off and display, even if the person dropping off items is not the person who priced/organized books.** The index cards can even be saved and set aside to use for the next Sale.



Thank you ahead of time for helping us to have an inviting Sale, making it easier for customers to find then & purchase your books. Having the books organized makes it more profitable for all involved.

LIST OF BOOK ROOM CATEGORIES—July 2026

Each category is located alphabetically within each of the five sections around the room

(Categories with * & highlighted are new or updated)

TEEN (Young Adult)

- Biography/True Life Stories
- Books of Faith/Inspirational
- Fantasy/Science Fiction
- Graphic Novels/Manga/Anime
- Historical Fiction
- Mystery
- Non-Fiction
- Popular Authors/Series (ex: *Warrior Cats*, *39 Clues*, James Patterson, *Percy Jackson*, etc.)
- Realistic Fiction (about relationships, everyday life, etc)

ELEMENTARY/TWEEN

- American Girl
- Animals
- Award Winning Books (example: Caldecott, Newberry, etc.)
- Biography/True Life Story
- Books of Faith/Inspirational
- Chapter Books for Early Readers— (example: *Amelia Bedelia*, *Flat Stanley*, etc)
- Disney Chapter Books
- Fantasy/Science Fiction
- Graphic Novels/Comic Books
- Historical Fiction (example: *Magic Tree House*, *Imagination Station*, *History Smashers series*, etc.)
- Holiday/Seasons
- Legos
- Minecraft/Video Game Inspired books
- Mystery (example: *Nancy Drew*, *Hardy Boys*, *Theodore Boone*, *A-Z Mysteries*, *Boxcar Children*, etc.)
- Popular SERIES for Tweens (example: *Harry Potter*, *Emily Windsnap*, *Mysterious Benedict Society*, etc.)
- Realistic Fiction (about relationships, everyday life, etc)

—Sports

—Star Wars

—Well-Known AUTHORS (example: Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary, Andrew Clements, etc.)

PICTURE BOOKS

- Animals/Insects
- Bedtime/Story Collections
- Books of Faith/Inspirational
- Board Books
- Board Books with special features (example: *Lift the Flaps*, *Pop-ups*, *Indestructibles*, etc.)
- Dinosaurs/Dragons/Monsters
- Disney Picture Books
- Fairy Tales/Fables/Values
- Golden Books
- Holidays/Seasons
- Nursery Rhymes/Poetry
- Princess/Fancy Nancy/Barbie/Fairies
- Realistic Stories about Life, Jobs, Family, etc.
- Super Heroes/Pirates
- Things that Go (example: *Cars*, *Trucks*, *Boats*, *Trains*, *Construction*, etc.)
- Well-Known AUTHORS (example: Mo Williams, Eric Carle, Laura Numeroff, etc.)

PICTURE BOOKS—CONCEPTS

- CONCEPTS: Alphabet/ Letters/ Numbers
- CONCEPTS: Colors/Coloring books/Shapes/ Opposites
- CONCEPTS: First words (ex. First 100 words, *Big Books of Words*, *Wonderful Words*, etc)
- CONCEPTS: New Experiences (example: *Adoption*, *Going to the doctor*, *Going to school*, *New baby*, etc.)

PICTURE BOOKS—

- SKILLS: Bath Time/Potty/Other

PICTURE BOOKS—POPULAR SERIES:

- Berenstain Bears/Bluey/Little Critters/Winnie the Pooh
- Dr. Seuss
- Nick Jr. Characters (example. Dora, Diego, Franklin, Little Bear etc.)
- PBS Kids (example: Clifford, Curious George, etc.)
- Sesame Street & Elmo

EDUCATIONAL/HOMESCHOOL

(This section is organized by SUBJECTS & RESOURCES)

- SUBJECT: Biblical/Faith Instruction & Materials
- SUBJECT: Classics Literature books (example: *Romeo & Juliet*, *Treasure Island*, etc.)
- SUBJECT: English/Grammar/Literature/Poetry
- SUBJECT: Graded Readers (see picture for examples)



- SUBJECT: Phonics (example: *Bob Books*, Phonic sets, etc.)
- SUBJECT: Foreign Languages
- SUBJECT: Geography/History/Social Studies/Culture
- SUBJECT: Math
- SUBJECT: Science/Technology/Health/Magic School Bus books

EDUCATIONAL/HOMESCHOOL

- RESOURCE: Academic School Workbooks
- RESOURCE: Books with Puppets/Stuffed Animals
- RESOURCE: Cookbooks
- RESOURCE: Flash Cards—any subject
- *—RESOURCE: Learning Games—any subject
- RESOURCE: Fun Activity Books for Kids (example: word mazes, fill in the blank, *Mad-Libs*, etc.)
- RESOURCE: How-to Books for Kids/Crafts
- RESOURCE: Jokes/Riddles
- *—RESOURCE: Learning CDs/Audio Books— all ages; Toniebox Figures & Accessories, Yoto Cards/Machines
- RESOURCE: Music CDs, Music Education
- RESOURCE: Non-Fiction Fact Books for Children
- RESOURCE: Reference books (example: Dictionary/Thesaurus/Atlas)
- RESOURCE: Social/Emotional/Friendships
- RESOURCE: Study Guides/Test Preparation Resources
- RESOURCE: Usborne/DK Books
- RESOURCE: Actual School Supplies (example: notebooks, journals, desk items, etc.)

*—PARENTING (new location)

- Parenting Helps: Pregnancy—Preschool
- Parenting Helps: Child
- Parenting Helps: Teen
- Parenting Helps: General

(NOTE: these four sections are ONLY books for ADULTS at the Kids Exchange Sale)