



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

GETTING TO KNOW LIBRARIES

# WHAT ARE LIBRARIES

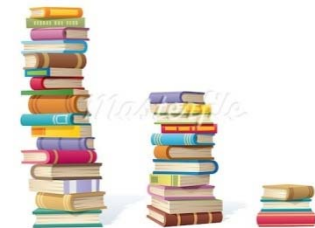
Libraries are large collections of information sources

They are also wonderful places to find awesome story books



**The information libraries contain is usually found in books, but they may also hold magazines, newspapers, maps and even leaflets. Our library also has computers for homework and school study.**

Because there is so much information, it needs to be organised, so that the information can be found quickly and easily.



**This is where the Dewey Decimal Classification system comes in**



# What is the Dewey Decimal System

- \* The Dewey Decimal System is used to classify books by grouping them into **ten** subject categories and giving each subject a number
- \* It was developed by an American Librarian, Melvil Dewey in 1876.

<b>000</b>	<b>GENERAL (including computing)</b>
<b>100</b>	<b>PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY</b>
<b>200</b>	<b>RELIGION</b>
<b>300</b>	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>
<b>400</b>	<b>LANGUAGE</b>
<b>500</b>	<b>NATURAL SCIENCE</b>
<b>600</b>	<b>APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>THE ARTS AND RECREATION</b>
<b>800</b>	<b>LITERATURE</b>
<b>900</b>	<b>GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY</b>

# What does a Dewey Decimal Number look like

A Dewey number **always** has three numbers to the left of the decimal point. For example

**796** is sport

To the right of the decimal, there is no limit on number. The more numbers to the right of the decimal the more specific the subject is -

**796.358077** is coaching youth cricket



# The Dewey Decimal System in Detail



**The Dewey Decimal System has a number for all books. Just because it is in the Dewey Decimal System doesn't mean it is NON-Fiction**

**Some examples of books in the Dewey Decimal System that are fiction are :-**

**Poetry at 821.08**

**Plays at 822**

**Folk and Fairy Tales are 398 and 398.2**



# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FICTION AND NON-FICTION

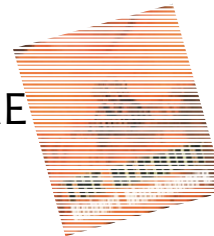


- **FICTION** – Books/Stories that are made up by the author are FICTION. Although these books do have a Dewey Decimal number, you will find them shelved together in alphabetical order by the author's last name.

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- **NON-FICTION** books are about real events, people and places and are shelved by their subjects category using the Dewey Decimal system.

