The Logistics of Genrefying: Decisions, Decisions...

Identifying the genres:
- Transparent colored labels over spine?
- Genre stickers & clear labels?
- Colored dots/tape?

Suggestion: If you already have some genre stickers on books, stick with using genre stickers and cover up what you already have. You don’t want to confuse your users!

Signage: What to include?
- Genre name
- Sticker/label
- Brief description of that genre
- Something fun?
- Will you purchase display stands? Laminate & tape up? Buy frames?

For the Word documents Rachel created for her library, look on the Sched page or email her at ragrover@fcps.edu.

Moving your books:
- Will you genrefy one section at a time to see how students/circ respond?
  - Pros:
    - Won’t waste a lot of time to see how users respond
    - Good circ data & feedback to bring to admin to show your new idea is successful
  - Cons:
    - As you genrefy more sections, shifting your books will be tedious and necessary
    - Locations of books may become confusing for students through the process

OR
- Will you start labeling the books alphabetically and move everything all at once?
  - Pros:
    - Books stay in the same order students are used to while you label & change the catalog location
    - You feel really accomplished when it’s all done!
  - Cons:
    - Lack of student feedback until “the big move”
    - Will need extra manpower (and carts!) to move everything at once
    - Takes a lot of prep beforehand
      - Having all signage ready
      - Organizing volunteers
      - Having a plan for what genres go where

Need some help or more ideas?
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