

KEEPERS OF THE BOOKS

The Vital Importance of Establishing A Home Library

INTRODUCTION

Bloom Family Overview

DEVELOP A LOVE FOR BOOKS

CREATE A SPACE FOR BOOKS

DESIGN A PLACE FOR BOOKS

*Bookcases: (painting, staining optional)

-1" x 8" pine boards best: most practical, least expensive

-3 foot span maximum; any longer use inter-shelf support

-back with hardboard or thin plywood for rigidity, dust control, safety

*Overdoor shelves: use angle irons (shelf brackets) to support shelves; anchor to wood doorways or windows. Anchor shelf to supports.

*Crates: April pear sales- check produce department

*Bricks and boards: temporary usage

DO NOT squish books on a shelf.

DO NOT keep books that are mildewed, musty, or water damaged.

WIPE DOWN books you bring home with disinfectant wipes and let dry before putting on shelves or in boxes

DO NOT store books in damp basement, outdoor shed, or an unheated garage or attic.

Use a dehumidifier in the summer!

BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT GOOD BOOKS

- *Bloom, Jan *Who Should We Then Read?*
- *Hunt, Gladys *Honey for a Child=s Heart*
- *Macaulay, Susan *For the Children=s Sake*
- *Veith, Gene Edward, *Reading Between the Lines*
- *Wilson, Elizabeth *Books Children Love*

DISCOVER WHERE TO LOOK FOR GOOD BOOKS

- *Hooray for GPS!
 - Thrift stores such as Salvation Army, Savers, Goodwill, St Vincent De Paul -
 - Secondhand stores
 - Antique stores
 - Libraries (many libraries have shelves with "for-sale" books as well as library sales)
- *Newspaper ads or online garage sale ads. Check for estate sales, flea markets, garage or rummage sales, In my area we have "garagesalefinder" that even maps out a route!

- *Web sites for used books:
 - www.used.addall.com : This is a search engine that pulls from the inventories of more than 30 online bookstores. Some books may be shown more than once if the seller has placed them on more than one site.
 - www.bookfinder.com : like addall, with the added feature of showing if the book is available in a new, republished version
 - www.abebooks.com : a permanent on-line used bookstore
 - www.eBay.com: check out current auctions or find the book as a "buy it now".
- *Bulletin boards utilized by homeschoolers

- *Web sites for traveling:
 - www.booksalesinamerica.com or
 - www.booksalefinder.com

LEARN HOW TO REPAIR BOOKS

- www.DEMCO.com: great source for book repair supplies, mylar dust jacket protectors, and library signage

ORGANIZE YOUR BOOKS SO YOU CAN FIND THEM

***Reference Books:**

- Dictionary (not just Webster 1828)
- Thesaurus
- Geographical Atlas
- Nature Atlas
- History Timeline
- Encyclopedias: A good, colorful children=s encyclopedia
 A pre-1970's World Book set
 A computer-based encyclopedia (?)
- Bibles, Bible study helps (Bible dictionary, commentary, concordance, atlas, etc.)

***Non-fiction by subject:**

- Science: order by days of creation
- Poetry: Chaucer, Dante, Milton, Shakespeare, Anthologies, Individual Poets
- Mythology, Fairy Tales, Story Collections:
- Art: History of Art, Individual Artists, Biographies, Drawing/ Painting Guides
- Music: History, Individual Musicians, Songbooks, Hymnals, Textbooks
- History: Chronologically
- Biography: by subject
- Hobbies: How-to books, Fix-it books

*Fiction: alphabetized by author=s last name (may have books by Christian publishers in separate place)

Books can be catalogued using the Dewey Decimal System, The Library of Congress System, or an inventory listing on Microsoft WORD

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ENJOY YOUR BOOKS