

Genrefying Your Library Books

If you are working with an existing library, your books may already be organized using an existing classification system and they are placed on the shelves based on spine label information.

To make it easier and more appealing for the patrons, there are other classification systems gaining ground within the library world. One of these would be genrefying the collection. This does not mean you can't keep using the traditional system, you can actually keep the existing spine label information while also adding the new genre information.

This is how you can genrefy your collection with Mandarin. First, create a list of genres you will be using. You will need to purchase labels that will identify the genres, for example, Color-tinted see-through labels or “Genre spine labels” that can also be acquired through your library equipment supplier. **Note:** Using Mandarin to print those labels might not be a good idea, see sample label images below.

Once you've assigned a color to each genre, select a small section of your library (we suggest starting with one shelf), take each book and assign it a genre. Grab the corresponding color label and place it over or on top of the existing spine label.



After finishing the section, grab the books and scan the barcodes for these into different text files based on the genre. These text files will then be used to globally update the records in Mandarin.

The following video ([link](#)) shows the process of updating the records as well as how this will be displayed in the library catalog. If you need assistance performing the global change, send us the barcode files, along with the genre information, and we will gladly help you with the process.



Library Genre Labels

Genre Key Booklet

 LIBRARY GENRES	GRAPHIC NOVELS	SEASONAL BOOKS
AWARD WINNERS	REALISTIC FICTION	SUBJECT LEARNING
NON-FICTION BOOKS	HISTORICAL FICTION	POETRY BOOKS
POPULAR BOOK SERIES	FAIRY TALES & FANTASY	INCLUSIVITY BOOKS
POPULAR AUTHORS	MYSTERY BOOKS	SOCIAL- EMOTIONAL
	SCIENCE FICTION	BIOGRAPHY BOOKS