Genre

**BIOGRAPHY:** is an account of the life of an individual. Find biographies throughout juvenile nonfiction (JUV). Look for the biography sticker. Examples:

- *Duke Ellington* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges
- *Journey to Ellis Island: How My Father Came to America* by Carol Bierman

**Tip:** Biographies are shelved by topic. For example, a biography on the Wright brothers will be found in JUV 629.13 along with books on airplanes.

**FANTASY:** is fiction that contains unrealistic or unworldly elements. It includes modern fantasy (which has a known author) and science fiction. Find fantasy books in the picture books (EAS) and chapter books (FIC); look for the fantasy and science fiction stickers. Examples:

- *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams
- *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- *The BFG* by Roald Dahl

**Tip:** Modern fantasy stories contain talking/feeling animals, personified objects, supernatural beings, magic, time travel, or other fantastical elements.

**HISTORICAL FICTION:** is drawn from the writer's imagination but is true to life in some period of the past. Find historical fiction in the picture books (EAS) and chapter books (FIC); look for the historical fiction sticker. Examples:

- *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco
- *Sarah Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachan
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

**INFORMATIONAL:** texts provide ideas, facts, and principles that are related to the physical, biological, or social world. Find information books in juvenile nonfiction (JUV). Examples:

- *Nature's Green Umbrella: Tropical Rain Forest* by Gail Gibbons
- *Castle* by David Macaulay
- *Photo by Brady: a Picture of the Civil War* by Jennifer Armstrong

**REALISTIC FICTION:** is drawn from the writer's imagination but is true to life. It often focuses on universal human problems. Find realistic fiction in the picture books (EAS) and chapter books (FIC). Examples:

- *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera Williams
- *Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

**Tip:** Contemporary realistic fiction stories feature real people (not animals) dealing with real problems, such as family issues, problems with peers or at school, or the death of a loved one.