

Dewey for kids

I use this for all grades, substituting the numbers in parenthesis for students using regular nonfiction. Feel free to substitute any hand movements that make sense to you.

Books in the 1s (100s) (show 1 finger) are about thinking and feelings (use one finger to point to head & heart)

Books in the 2s (200s) (show 2 fingers) are books about God (use 2 fingers to point up high)

Books in the 3s (300s) (show 3 fingers) are about living and learning together (shake hands with self using 3 fingers on each hand)

Books in the 4s (400s) (show 4 fingers) are about words and languages (touch 4 fingers to mouth and then move hand away symbolizing words coming out of your mouth)

Books in the 5s (500s) (show 5 fingers) are about nature and numbers (with 5 fingers wiggling, move them down, representing rain)

Books in the 6s (600s) (show 6 fingers...3 on each hand) are about making, selling, and fixing things. (extend arms out from side to represent an airplane)

Books in the 7s (700s) (show 7 fingers...5 on one hand, 2 on other) are about arts and play (I pretend the 5 fingered hand is a baseball glove and I curl the 2 fingers down to make the "ball" and put it in my "glove")

Books in the 8s (800s) (show 8 fingers...4 on each hand) are books of poems (Put hands together and open and close like a book.....book of poems)

Books in the 9s (900s) (show 9 fingers) are about people, places, and events. (I put my hands up and wave goodbye over both shoulders because most of the books are about things that happened long ago or places that are far away.)

Books in the 10s (show 10 fingers) are a mixture of things that don't fit in any of the other groups.

OR

Books in the 000s are the leftovers. They don't fit into any category because they often include information from more than one (encyclopedias, books of world records, books about internet) and even though we talk about them last, they are shelved first, at the beginning of the nonfiction.