

Lakewood High School Library Genrefication

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The Challenge:

Lakewood High School students have reported dissatisfaction with the library

- The fiction books are organized by author's last name, which can be cumbersome when browsing for books
 - The library's online catalog records are inconsistently formatted, making it difficult for students to search the catalog
- To address this, Librarian Lauren Weeks planned to genrefy the library's fiction collection; however...
- The LHS Library has just two staff members, who have extremely full workloads



Lakewood High School Library:
The first four shelves are the fiction collection

In Response:

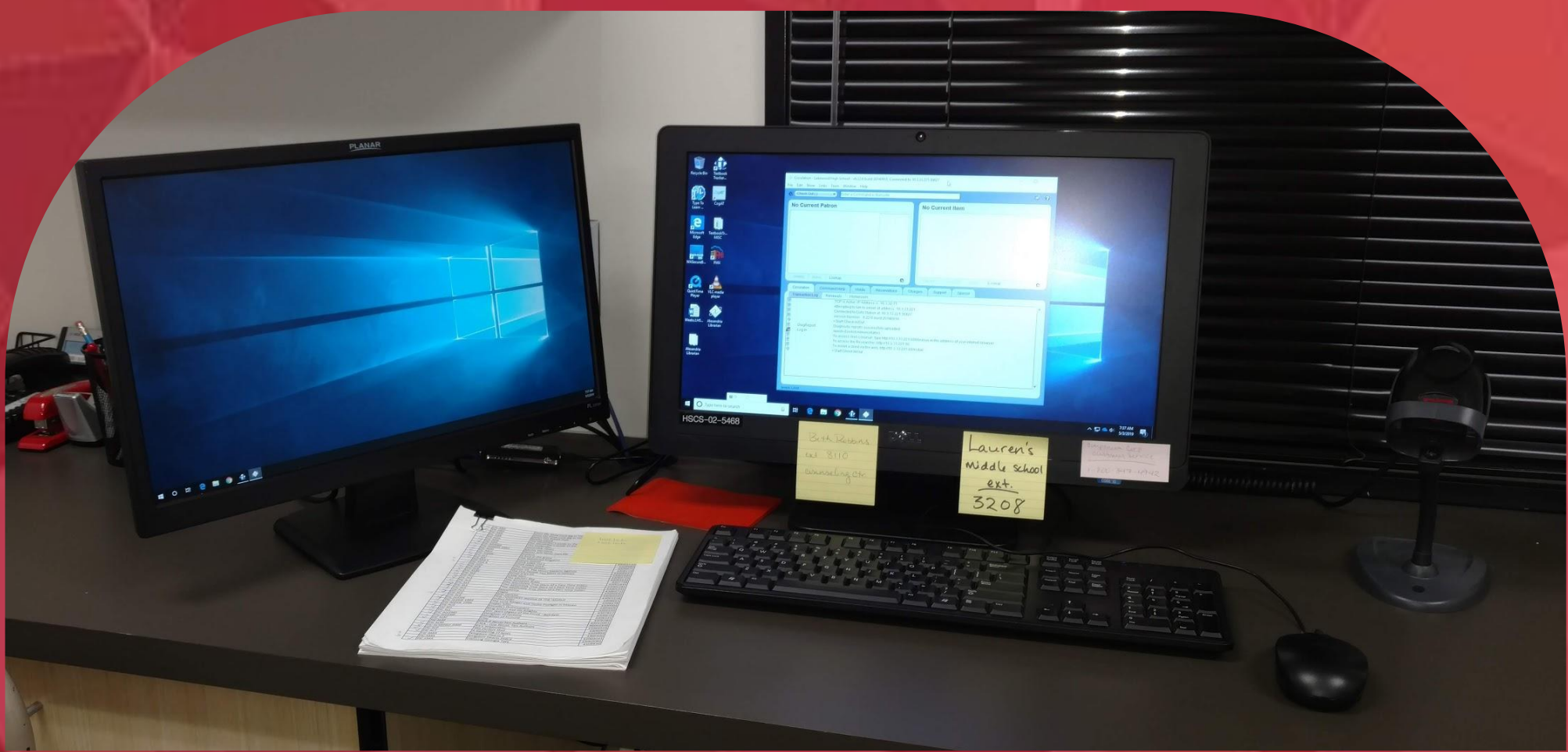
Our objective was to genrefy the LHS Library's fiction collection; to do this, we have

- Assigned genre classifications and added genre labels to the books in the collection
- Updated the books' catalog records to reflect proper subject headings and keywords

Deliverables:

For each of the ~3000 books in the LHS Library's fiction collection, there is now

- a genre label
- an updated catalog record



Our workstation at Lakewood High School Library

Impact:

Our project benefits LHS students, staff, teachers, and administration by

- Allowing users to more efficiently browse and search the library's fiction collection, both in the stacks and through the online catalog
- Generating more interest in, and use of, the library
- Serving as a model for the genrefication of the Lakewood Middle School Library's fiction collection

Next Steps:

After the completion of our genrefication project

- The LHS Library staff will reorganize the fiction collection
- Lauren Weeks will plan the genrefication of the Lakewood Middle School Library's fiction collection



Some re-catalogued materials in their natural habitat

