

Do you wanna build a library?

Collection Development for a Bilingual Preschool Library & Listening Center

Little Seedlings Bilingual Preschool is a new preschool in the Renton, WA, and has no budget to build a Vietnamese and English library for their preschool students. The Director's **Information Need** is to expand their small library with not only Vietnamese and English books, but also collect read-along books to stimulate their students' literacy skills and encourage independent reading. Through this project, iSchool Student Charlene developed a Collection Development Policy for the library, fund-raised \$275 for the Listen Center, cataloged and weeded 400+ books using LibraryThing, and organized the library space for better access and browsing for students.

Steps to Success

Step 1: Research & Collection Dev Policy



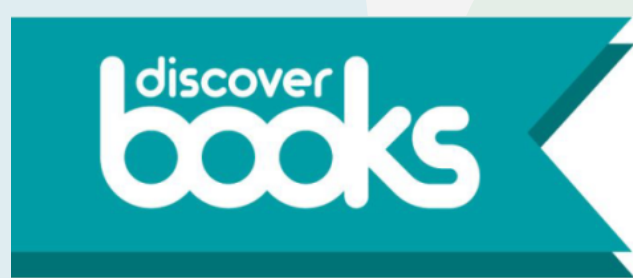
- Established the library's mission, selection criteria, and management policies
- Research appropriate preschool-age books for collection wish list

Step 2: Fundraiser thru Crowd Sourcing



- Finding the right online fundraiser platform: Facebook!
- Raised \$275 of our \$700!

Step 3?!: Unexpected Donation!



We were connected to the book donor Discover Books through the Renee B. Fisher Foundation, whom we met at the Seattle Book Fair. Thank you for donating 300+ books to our library!

Step 6: Refocus Funds



- 5 Dr. Seuss CD Books and 5 Duplicate book copies
- 5 children's headsets, CD player
- 2 felt activity kits for *The Hungry Caterpillar* & *Brown Bear* by Eric Carle

Step 5: Catalog EVERYTHING



- LibraryThing let us catalog our books easily!
- 400+ books processed, 280 cataloged, 100+ weeded.

Step 6: Library Jigsaw



- Sorted 10 bins for each month's theme according to school curriculum
- Created book labels with pictographs
- to improve browsing, access, and organization

Step 7: Conclusions



- Students are excited for more books
- Learning library manners, responsibilities and organizational skills
- Listening Center lets students read on their own

Before



Catalog



Listening Center



Donation



Jigsaw



After

