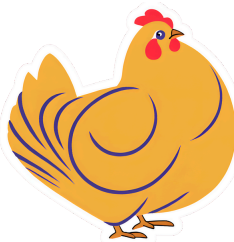
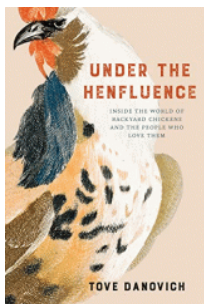


Welcome to the New Pecking Order!



What's changing?

We're changing the way we organize the library's **non-fiction books**! Each library book has a label on its spine, telling us where it belongs on the shelf. For non-fiction books, that label has a number (like 636.5) that represents a subject. Soon, we'll replace that number with a set of words (like ANIMALS—FARM—CHICKENS) that serve a similar purpose.



Old Label

636.5
DANOVICH



New Label

ANIMALS
FARM
CHICKENS
Danovich

What about fiction books?

This change only affects non-fiction books. Fiction will still be organized by author.

When is it changing?

We'll start switching over to the new labeling system in September 2024.

Why is it changing?

To make it easier to find books! Flip this page to learn more.

Is the Pecking Order better?

We believe the Pecking Order is better for *our* library, since it was designed using the books our library *actually* owns. Plus, you don't need to know (or look up) a book's Dewey Decimal number. Want to test it out? Visit forms.office.com/r/6vcV7P3vGD or scan the QR code to take our quiz, which compares the new Pecking Order with the old Dewey Decimal system. Paper copies are also available at the library. Taking the quiz could win you extra tickets to use in the Adult Summer Reading prize cart!



Take the quiz!

Why We're Changing to the Pecking Order

1. To make it easier to find things. When people search in the non-fiction section, they're often looking for a specific subject like self-help, legal resources, or patterns for crocheted sweaters. Our new word-based system is designed for how you search. Broad subjects like Animals, Crafts, Art, Finance, and History are easily recognizable and make it easier for you to browse and find things on your own. Don't worry! We'll always be here to help you, and this new system will make it easier for us to help you too.

2. To locate similar items in the same place. When using the Dewey Decimal System, titles within the same subject can be scattered across 2 or 3 different numbers, in areas where you'd probably never find them on your own without looking up the numbers first. By customizing our catalog, we have more control and can put books where you'd probably look for them.

3. Most people don't know what the Dewey numbers mean. For most patrons, it's not a very meaningful system, or if they know it, they know one small number area. We appreciate the dedicated library users who have learned the Dewey Decimal System, and we hope you'll give our new system a chance.

4. To support increased literacy. One of our strategic priorities is supporting literacy. Having the skills to locate information by yourself (even though we're always happy to help you find what you need) is a form of literacy. Making the way we organize our nonfiction books more accessible and transparent supports you in finding the information you need, even resources you maybe didn't even know were out there.

5. To help you discover new and useful things. We have a lot of great books that don't get checked out very often—because folks don't know they're here! Think of the way you might wander through a favorite section at a bookstore and stumble across a title or author you didn't know existed. Our new system will work the same way.

A Peek at the Shelf: Dewey Decimal vs. Pecking Order

	<i>Goat Song: A Seasonal Life, A Short History Of Herding, And The Art Of Making Cheese</i>	<i>The Good Good Pig: The Extraordinary Life of Christopher Hogwood</i>	<i>Free-range Chicken Gardens: How To Create A Beautiful, Chicken- Friendly Yard</i>	<i>Under the Henfluence: Inside The World Of Backyard Chickens And The People Who Love Them</i>
Dewey Decimal	636.39 KESSLER	636.4 MONTGOMERY	636.5 BLOOM	636.5 DANOVICH
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Pecking Order	ANIMALS FARM GOATS Kessler	ANIMALS FARM PIGS Montgomery	ANIMALS FARM CHICKENS Bloom	ANIMALS FARM CHICKENS Danovich