#### The New Classroom Libraries

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# The Evolution of my Classroom Library

Evolve means to change or develop gradually.

What has evolved? What has turned around?

## What's Evolving?

- Books in my library 50 % nonfiction text
- Sharing classroom library ideas with other staff members
- Visiting classrooms to see each other's libraries
   <u>Classroom Visits by BLTL</u>
- Both new and veteran teachers need support and quidance in setting up and maintaining

## An Evolving Classroom Library!

This photo was taken the second week of school. The library wasn't fully stocked, but it was organized by fiction and nonfiction. Bins were labeled. Students were not told to look at books, but the library invited them with its organization!



#### One Year Later...

This year I worked on getting more bins and more labels. I have two shelves devoted to nonfiction and two for fiction. I can't fit all my books on the shelves at once, so I rotate them at least once during the year.



## Read Aloud Books Are Special!

Keep a bin in Your library For the books you've read aloud to the students.



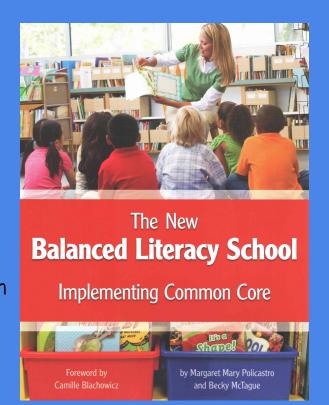
## I'm Not the only Library Evolving!

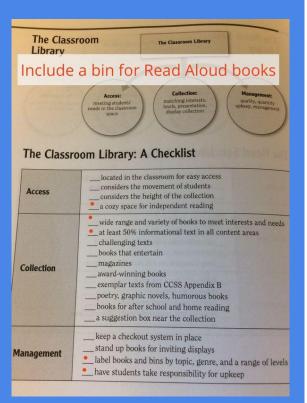
### <u>Themes</u>

Pretty
Play
People
Nature
Growing Up
Favorites
Bedtime/Nursery
Rhymes



Appendix A
The New Balanced
Literacy School:
Implementing Common
Core





### One Takeaway...

Make a wish list for your classroom library

- New bins
- More books -more nonfiction
- New books
- New copies to replace old favorites
- Leveling system
- Labels for bins
- shelves

Rank items on list with what is most important to student learning at the top!