



Refreshing a CLASSROOM LIBRARY



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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



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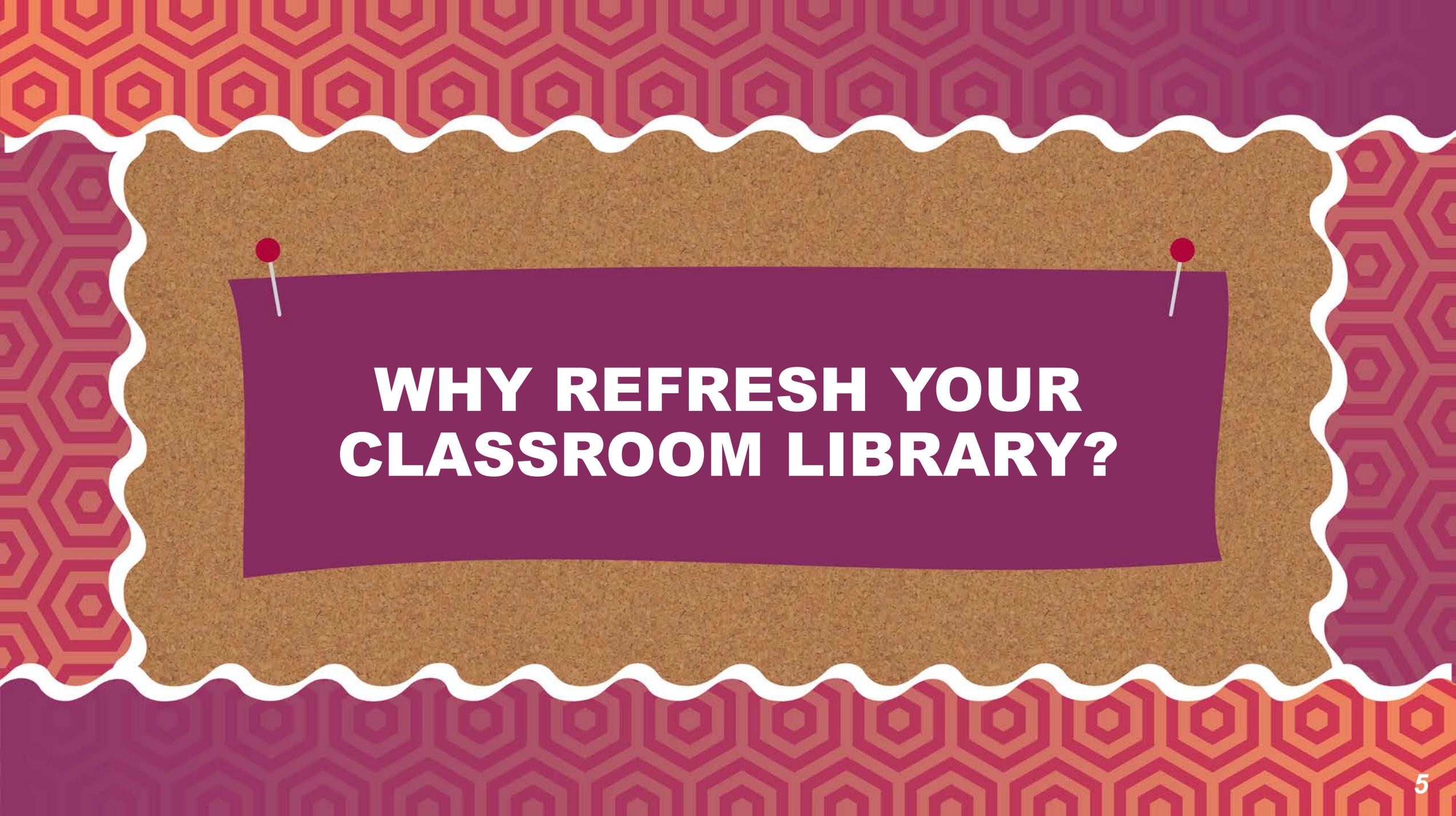


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Booksource's Digital Support Specialist, comes from a family filled with teachers. Rachel is one of the friendly voices you'll hear when you call us with questions about a Booksource order or your Booksource Classroom account. In her free time, she enjoys reading, running races and hanging out with her dog, Benny (who is named after a character in her favorite Shakespearean comedy).

DURING TODAY'S WEBINAR....

- **Why** refresh your classroom library?
- **When** should you refresh your classroom library?
- **How** do you refresh your classroom library?

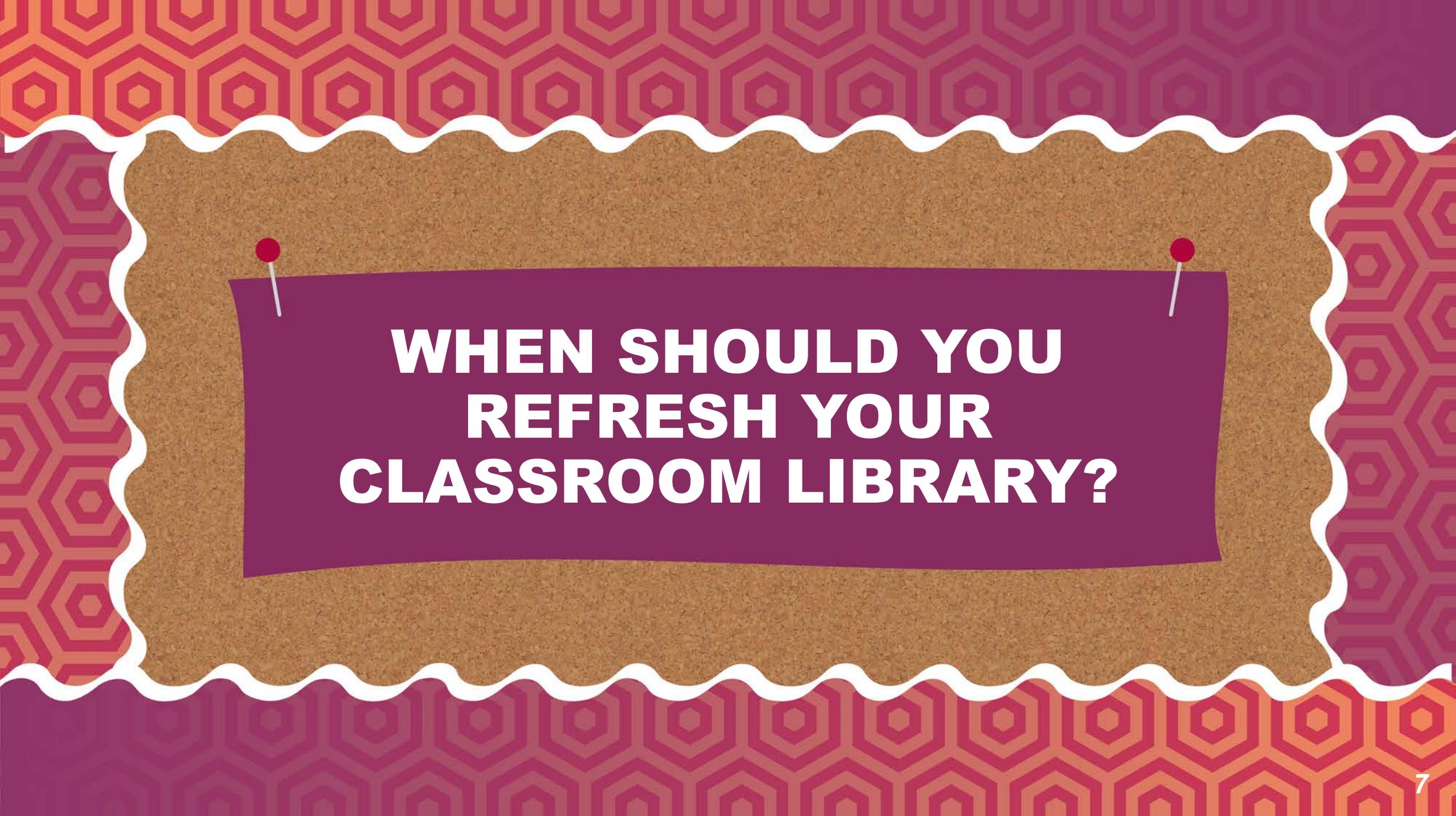


**WHY REFRESH YOUR
CLASSROOM LIBRARY?**

WHY REFRESH?



- To improve ***choice, access and organization***
- Books walk away over the course of the school year
- Some books are worn, torn or well-loved
- ***Students' interests change*** year-over-year
- Classroom ***population shifts***



**WHEN SHOULD YOU
REFRESH YOUR
CLASSROOM LIBRARY?**

WHEN TO REFRESH?

Any time of year!!

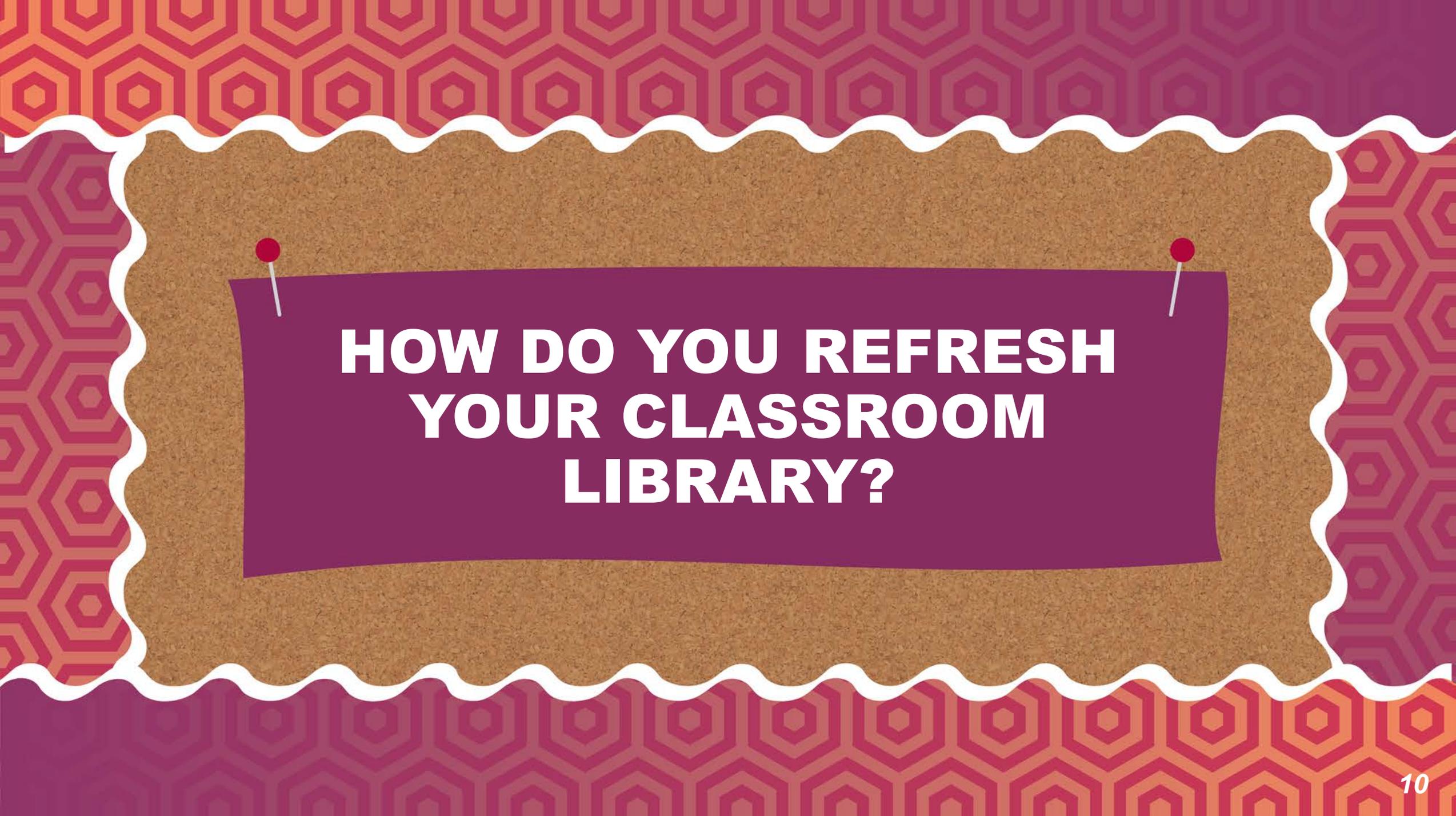
- **Book check-in and check-out** is a great time to add titles or check physical condition
- **Keep a wish list**—continually ask students to jot down books that interest them



WHEN TO REFRESH?



- When **funding** becomes available (grants, PTO funds)
- When standards or **curriculum change**
- As you evaluate your curriculum throughout the year
- After taking **end-of-year inventory**
- **During summer vacation** or other breaks



**HOW DO YOU REFRESH
YOUR CLASSROOM
LIBRARY?**

FIRST, ASSESS YOUR GOALS



- *How have you been using your library?*
- *Are there new ways you could use it moving forward?*
- *What are you hoping to accomplish through your refresh?*
 - Increase student engagement?
 - Improve diversity?
 - Align with new standards or curriculum?
 - Ensure a better variety of titles?
 - Create a more inviting space?

CLASSROOM LIBRARY CONTINUUM



Independent Reading



Read Alouds



Guided Reading



Comprehension Strategies



Book Clubs and Literature Circles



Writing Workshop



Author & Genre Studies



Intervention



Content Areas

CONSIDER PHYSICAL ORGANIZATION

Think about how your titles are physically arranged in your classroom.

- Did this work well last year?
- Or, is this the first year you are trying something new?
- Do you need any new containers, bin labels or shelf labels?



ORGANIZATION INSPIRATION



"Book bins are labeled using DRA levels, as well various genres and topics." – **Aubrey W.**



"I organize my books by genre; fantasy, graphic novel, realistic fiction, mystery, poems, historical fiction, and different types of non-fiction categories." – **Christina H.**



"I organize my books by genre for my high school freshmen and juniors, then by authors." – **Paul P.**

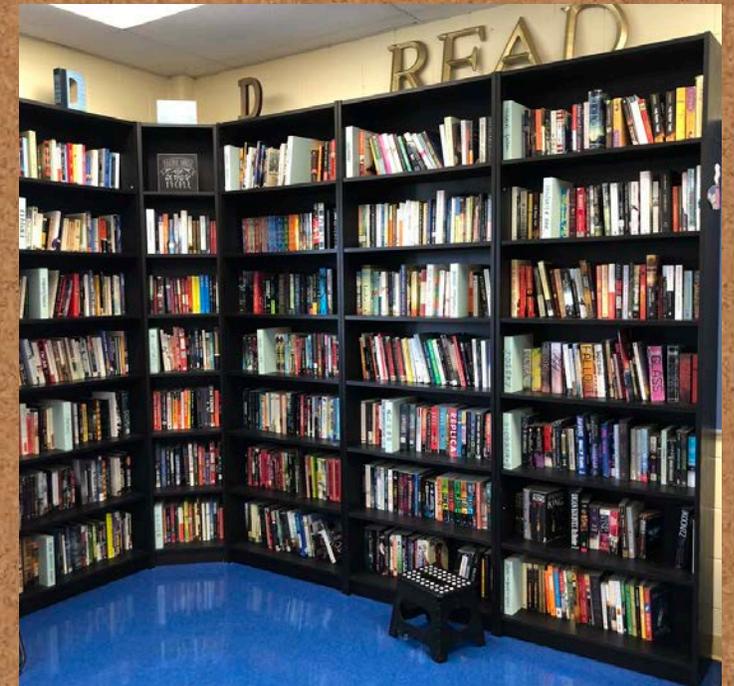
ORGANIZATION INSPIRATION



"For our classroom library we have it organized by author's last name." – **Carly B.**



"On the top of the bookshelf, I like to pick 3 books to preview for the class. I write a quick excerpt above them to entice readers." – **Jennifer J.**



"My library is organized by genre, and it is a library of between 800 - 900 high-interest titles for 12th graders." – **Debra D.**

ADDING NEW BOOKS

While you physically arrange your books, take some time to make observations

- Think about what your students like to read
- Do you need to add more or fresh titles?



ADDING NEW BOOKS

*Do you have **ENOUGH** books in your classroom library?*

Fountas & Pinnell recommend **300-600 BOOKS** in your classroom library depending on your grade level and quantity of each title.



The International Reading Association suggests that classroom libraries start with at least **7 BOOKS/CHILD**, adding two new books per child each year.



ADDING NEW BOOKS

Do you have a good mix of fiction and nonfiction?

FICTION

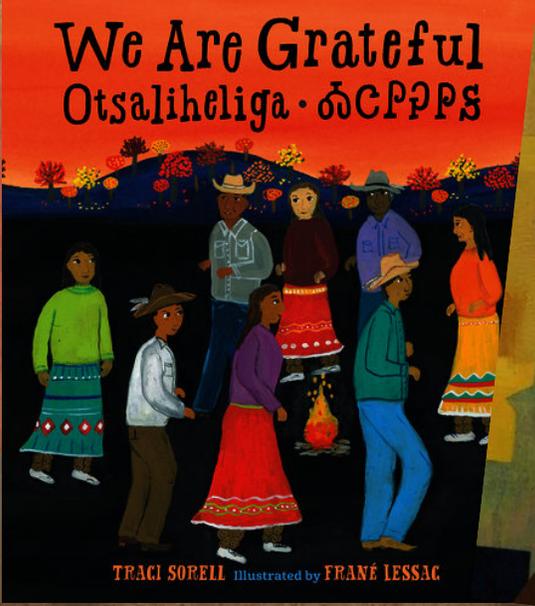
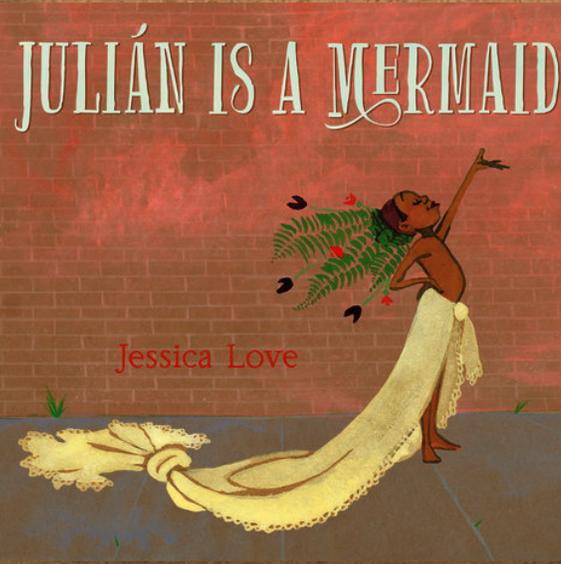
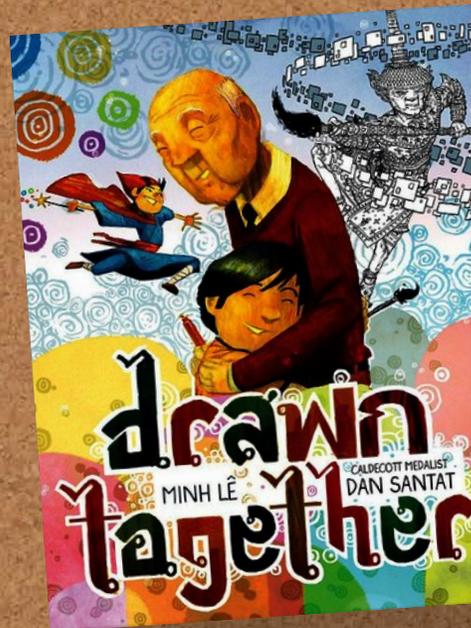


NONFICTION



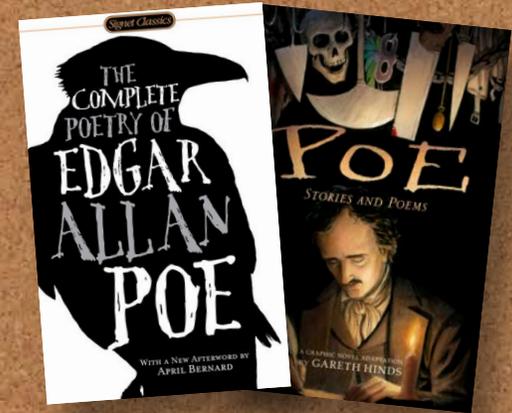
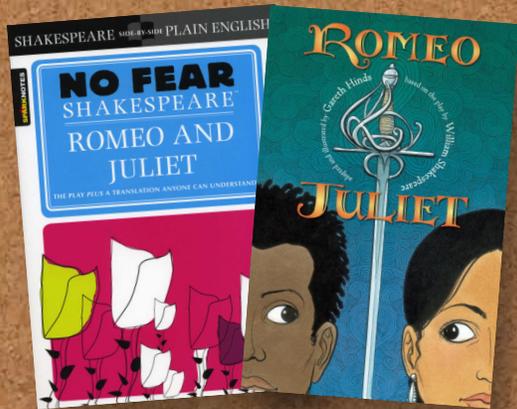
ADDING NEW BOOKS

*Does your classroom library include newer titles
(published within the last 5 years)?*



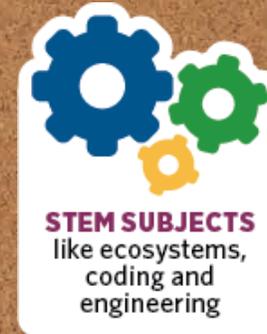
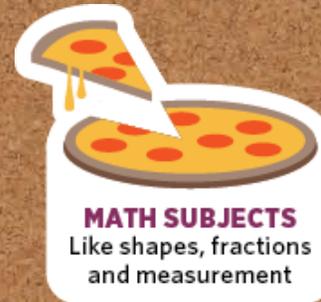
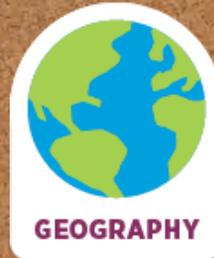
ADDING NEW BOOKS

Do your books support a wide range of reading abilities?

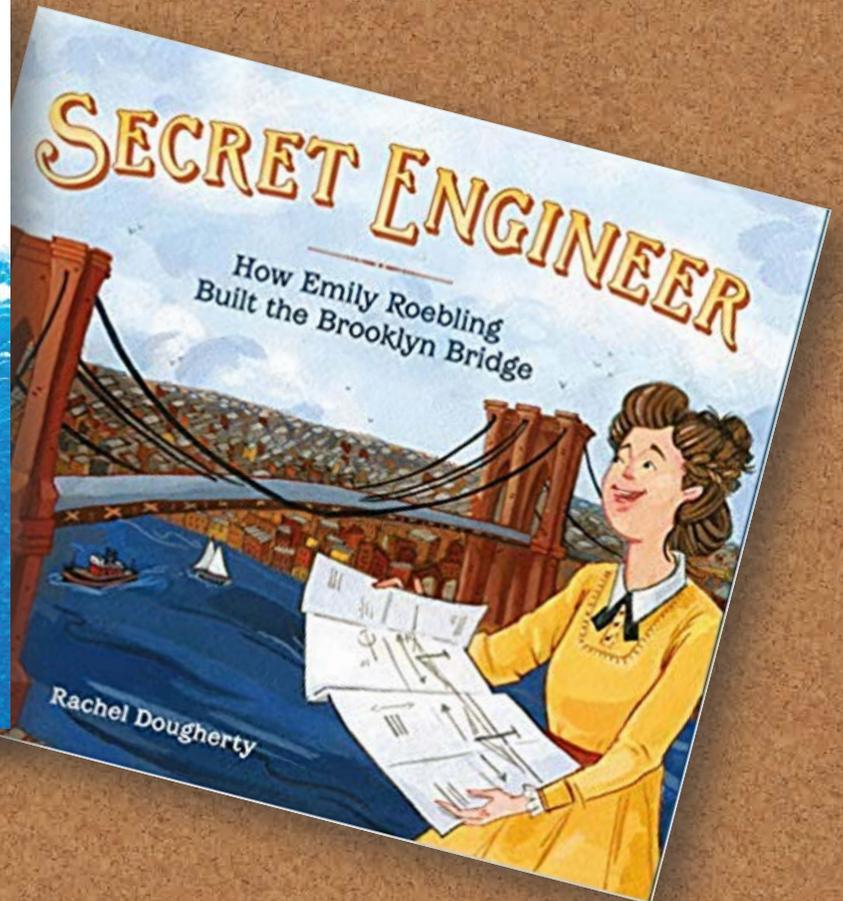
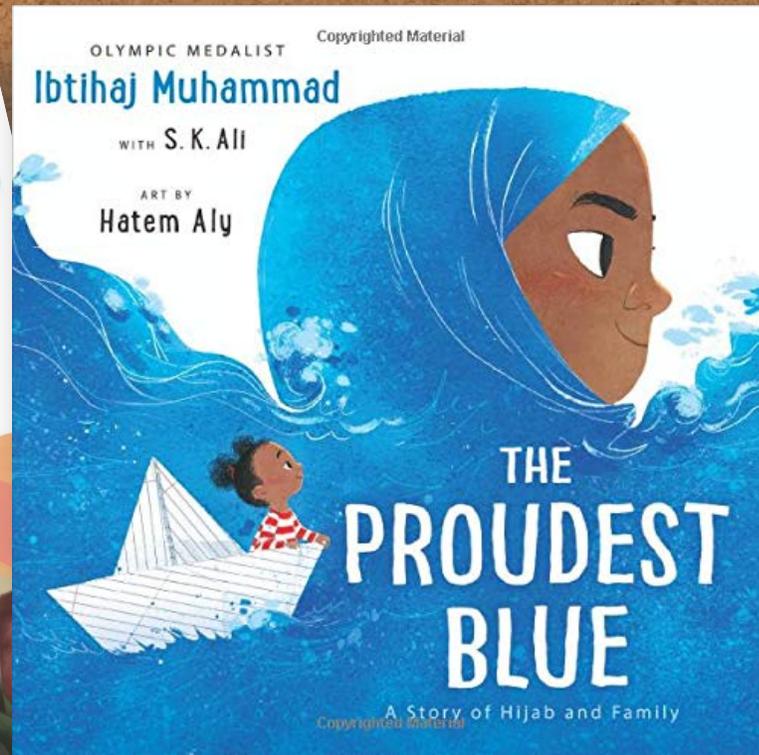
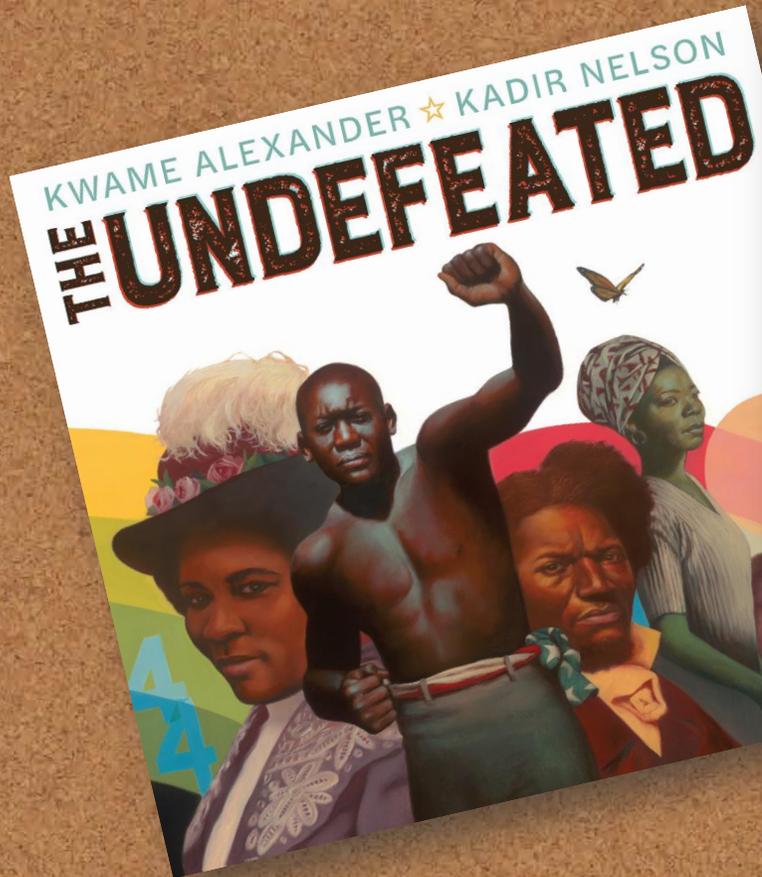


ADDING NEW BOOKS

Do your books provide content area reading opportunities?



TITLE RECOMMENDATIONS

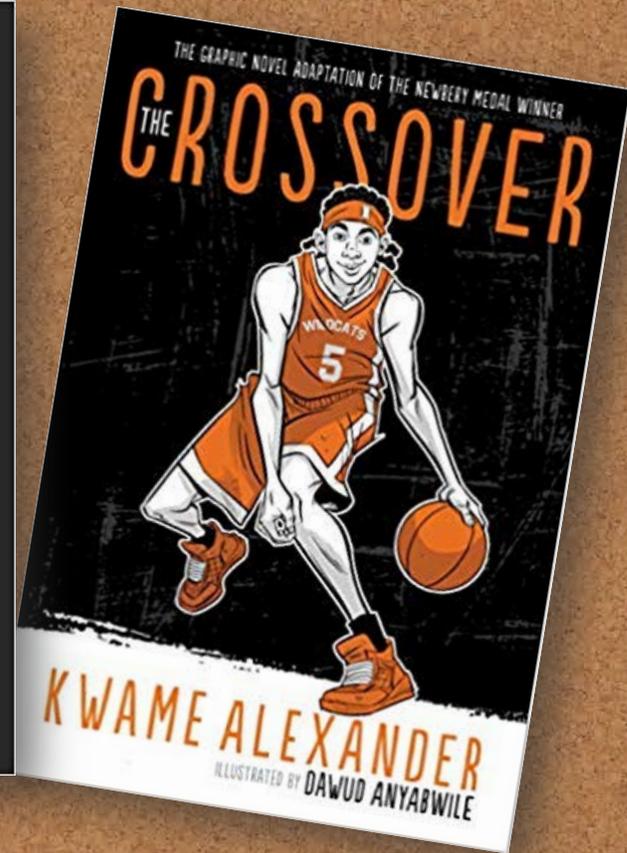
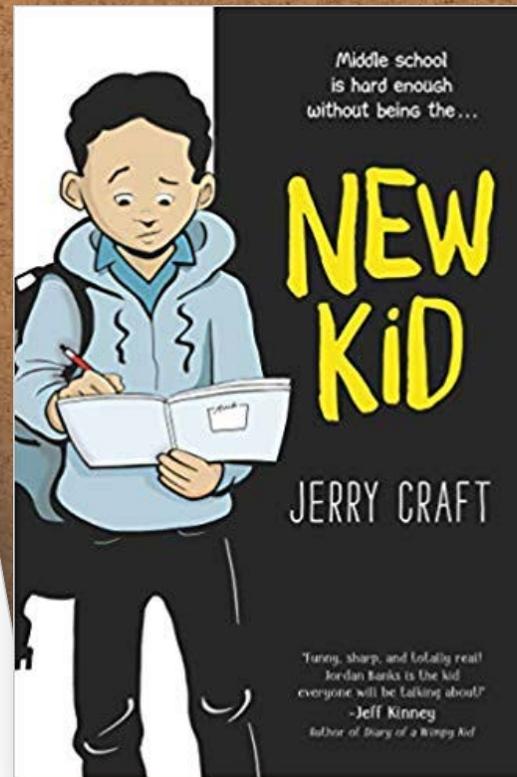
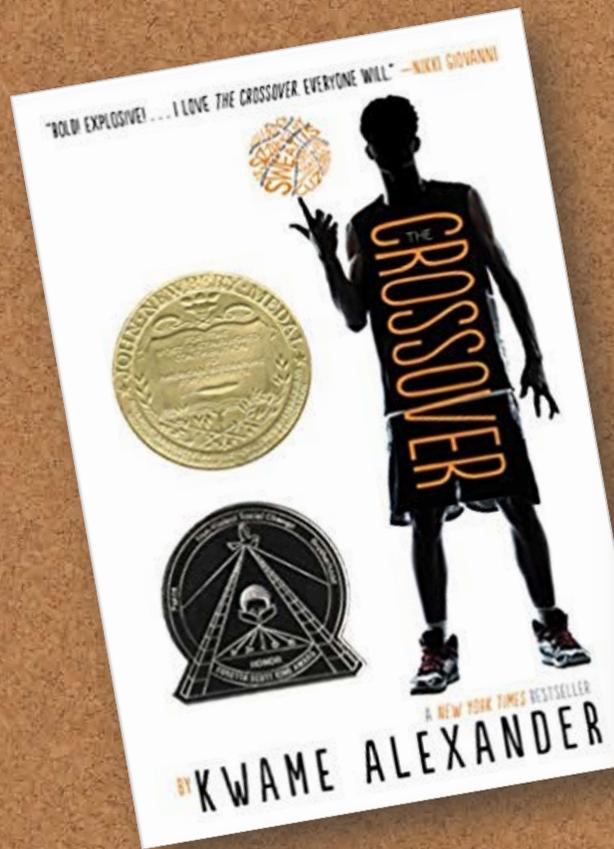


ADDING NEW BOOKS

Do you have enough books with different structure and formats?

- Books with **TEXT FEATURES** like glossaries, headings, time lines, graphs, etc.
- Books that are **PRIMARY SOURCES**
- Books with **AMAZING PHOTOGRAPHS**
- **GRAPHIC NOVELS**
- **CHAPTER BOOKS** or **NOVELS**
- **PICTURE BOOKS** (yes, even for middle and high school students)

TITLE RECOMMENDATIONS



ADDING NEW BOOKS

Will your students find books they can relate to personally as well as titles that expand their world view?

Ensure inclusion and diversity in your classroom library by choosing books with characters of different:

- **Abilities and Disabilities**
- **Ages**
- **Cultural Experiences**
- **Ethnicities**
- **Family Structures**
- **Genders**
- **Global Perspectives**
- **Orientations**
- **Socioeconomic Status**



ADDING NEW BOOKS (CONTINUED)

***Need help selecting the right diverse books?
Check out these resources:***

- [Inclusive Classroom Library Checklist](#)
- [Discover New and Exciting Diverse Books Webinar](#)

Easy PD Webinar Series

- [Part 1: What Is a Diverse and Inclusive Classroom Library?](#)
- [Part 2: Crafting Your Diverse and Inclusive Classroom Library](#)
- [Part 3: Using Diverse and Inclusive Texts in Your Classroom](#)



ADDING NEW BOOKS

Available for Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12, our **30-book Own Voices & Diverse Authors Collections** are some of our current bestsellers! They are an ideal way to add representation and fresh new titles to your classroom library.

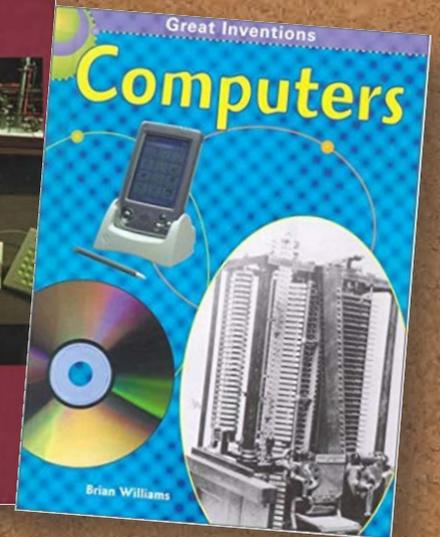
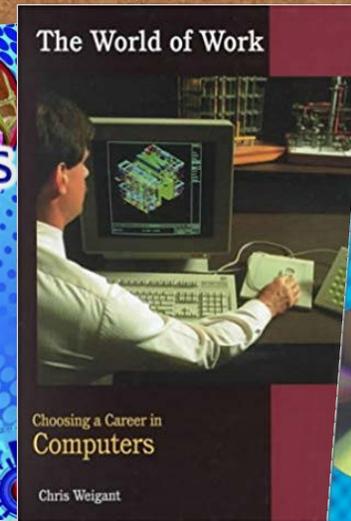
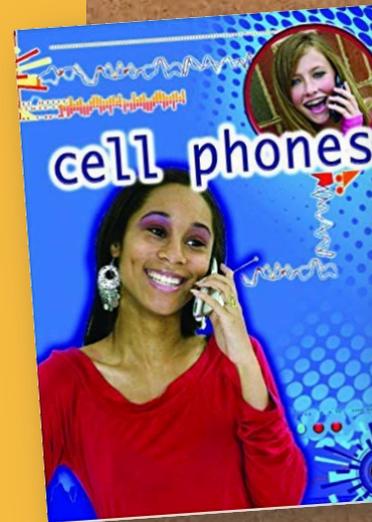


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REMOVING BOOKS

Weeding your classroom library is important, too! You should remove:

- Books that include misrepresentation or discriminatory content
- Books that feature outdated or inaccurate information
- Old books published more than 15 years ago, unless they are considered classics
- Books that are physically damaged



You might have a beloved title, but if it doesn't get read by students, take it home!

LET STUDENTS HELP!

Getting students involved in the refresh process can:

- Give you insights into the types of books they prefer
- Ensure they can find the books **THEY** want to read
- Help them feel ownership of the library
- Foster more conversations around books
- Result in greater book choice and access



My Classroom Library Refresh Blog Series

[Part 1: Why My Kids Couldn't Find Any Good Books
\(and How We Flipped the Script Together\)](#)

LET STUDENTS HELP!

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN PLACING BOOKS IN BINS

- What is this book REALLY about?
- What is the most important thing this book teaches us/makes us feel?

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SOME OF OUR BIN TITLES

- The Struggle is Real
- #squadgoals
- Finish The Mission
- You Might Cry, You Might Not
- Adults Just Don't Understand
- Teamwork Makes the Dream Work
- Young Kids Overcoming
- Figuring Out How to Be Yourself
- The Disaster is Real
- Back then in the Past
- Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them
- Stand Up Before You Fall (to Bullies)
- A Messed up Future
- Got the Giggles
- Undercover (with a spyglass drawn)
- I Did Not See That Coming!
- When You Try To Hide Your Mistakes
- UGH! Middle School!
- A Whole New World(s)
- When You Have To Hold Everything Together
- Whatcha Wanna Learn to Do?
- In For a Scare

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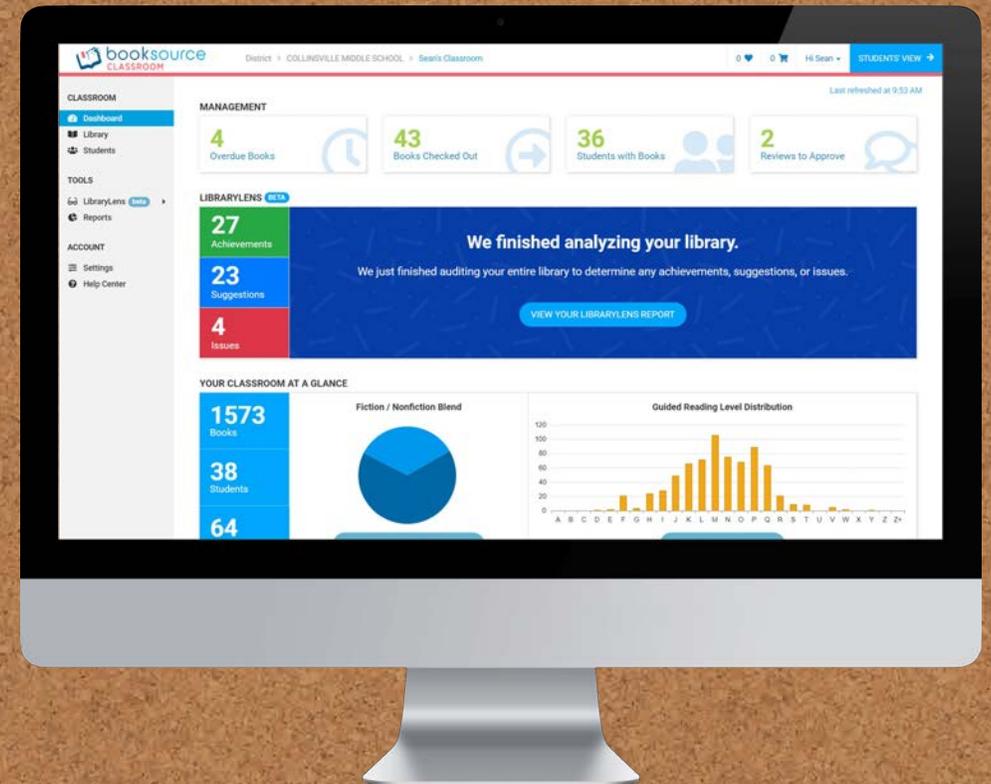


**NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT
BOOKSOURCE CLASSROOM**

BOOKSOURCE CLASSROOM

Booksource Classroom is A FREE online tool to help you organize, manage and analyze your classroom library!

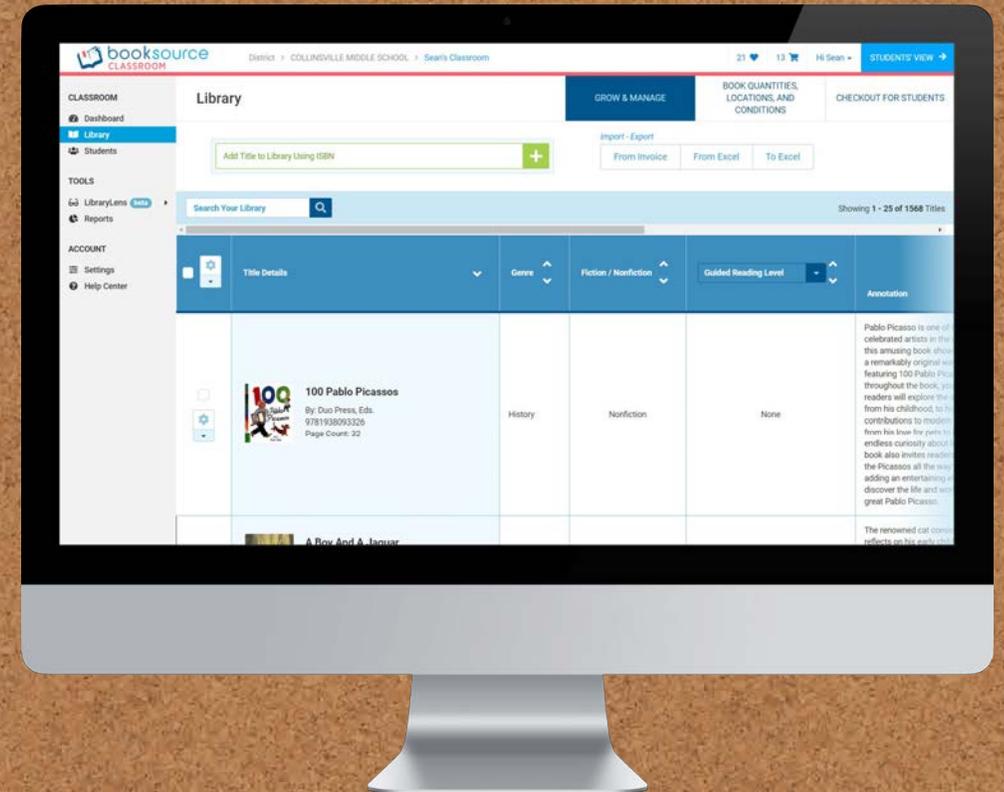
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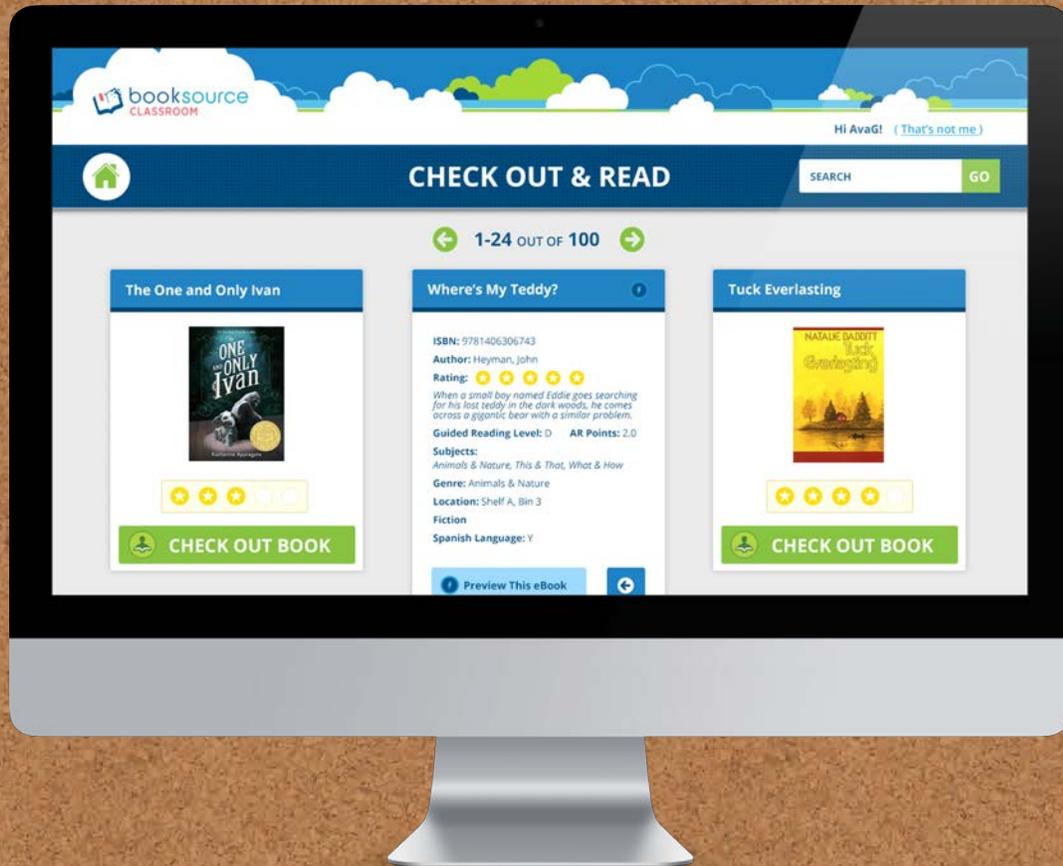
BOOKSOURCE CLASSROOM

With your free Booksource Classroom account, you can:

- Easily inventory your entire classroom library—no more lost books!
- Sort and tag your books by creating and assigning custom tags
- Find official publisher annotations, plus title and leveling information

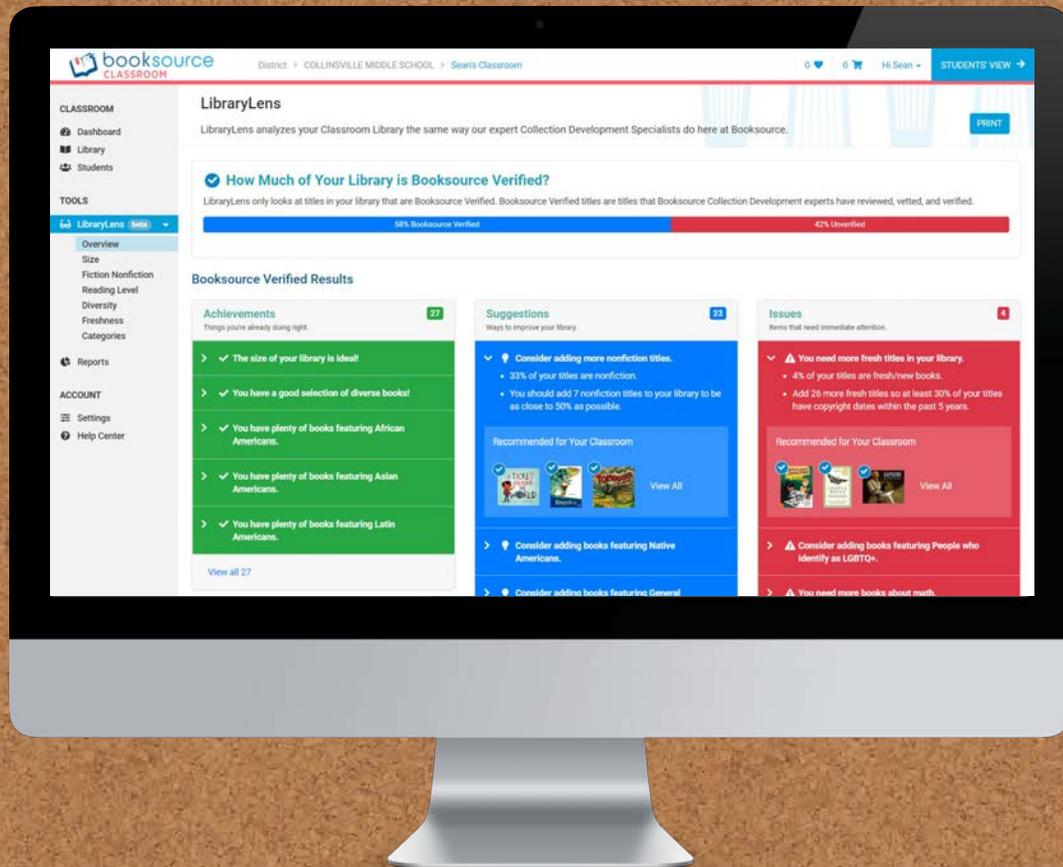


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Your students can check books in and out and share ratings and reviews with each other.

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And now with Booksource Classroom's newest feature, *LibraryLens*, you can discover gaps in your library—and get title recommendations from our experts to fill them!



**FEELING OVERWHELMED?
WE CAN HELP!**

LITERACY ACCOUNTS MANAGERS



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CLASSROOM LIBRARY REFRESHER TOOLKIT



[Classroom Library Refresher Toolkit](#)

This Classroom Library Refresher Toolkit includes the following:

- ***A Classroom Library Refresh Checklist*** you can use to make sure you're adding the right books
- ***Printable Bin Labels*** to help you organize and decorate your book bins (including options to edit and customize!)
- ***Student Bookmarks*** to spark excitement around reading

Q&A

QUESTIONS?

Type your classroom library questions in the chat box and let's talk!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to join us today. We appreciate the work you do to engage and inspire readers through classroom libraries. Booksource is here to support you every step of the way!

