Your Collections at Cannell Library

Library Tour Guide, Jaki: Hello again. I’m Jaki the library tour guide. This is the third of four videos, in it we’ll be focusing on the various collections at Cannell Library.

Library Tour Guide, Jaki: When you are looking for a particular book, let’s say a book on American history, the catalog is going to tell you where that book is located. So if it says, Cannell Reference, you know what type of book it is and where it is located. If it says, Cannell Second Floor, you know where it is and that it is and that it’s part of the borrowing collection. Meaning that you can check it out and take it home for three weeks.

Library Tour Guide, Jaki: So what are all the collections that Cannell has, and where are they?

Library Tour Guide, Jaki: On the first floor, we have various collections, including: the CD and DVD collection, the reference collection, the popular reading collection [callout reads, “The popular reading collection is now on the second floor.”], and the transitional programs collection; which includes ESL, ABE, and GED.

Library Tour Guide, Jaki: On the second floor we have our borrowing collection. These are all the books that can be checked out, including our oversize collection. Also on the second floor is the periodicals collection; with journals, magazines, and newspapers. However, if you wish to peruse the most recent issues of magazine and the newspapers, those are on the first floor by the computers.
**Library Tour Guide, Jaki:** So to recap, the library is home to many different types of collections. Some can be checked out, others like reference and periodicals, cannot. The library catalog will tell you where an item is located, and if you’re having trouble a librarian can point you in the right direction. However, how do you find one book that you are looking for in an entire library?

**Old Timey Newsreel Narrator:** Cannell Library uses the Library of Congress Classification System to organize their collections. This means that books are grouped by subject according to a system of letters and numbers. See this chart? If Timmy wanted to find a book on World History where do you think he should look? That’s right! The D’s! Timmy really wants a specific book though. In the library catalog he finds this as the call number. The D means it’s in the World History subject area, but what about those numbers? Once Timmy goes to the D section on the second floor he will use those numbers to find the book by searching in numerical order. Ahhh! There it is. Good job, Timmy!