Find out about the
Teaching Support (TS) collection!

The TS collection is full of resources that can support your education assignments and help you plan lessons and activities for the classroom.

*The TS collection is organised* using the Dewey Decimal System (the same system school libraries use) and as a result, each item is shelved in order of its major subject area / category (e.g. cooking or juvenile fiction) and these subject areas / categories are assigned a numerical code.

For example, books that are primarily about New Zealand history, will be shelved in the 993 section and fiction written by NZ authors will be found in the 823 section (the TS collection contains fiction for children and young adults). The other side of this guide provides a list of the broad subject areas/categories and the numerical codes assigned to them.

Looking for the big books?
The big books are shelved separately and are located at the rear of the Teaching Support collection where the shelves accommodate ‘oversize’ items. These books are also organised by subject area and include fiction and non-fiction.

Tip: If you are searching for big books in the Library catalogue, add “big books” to your search.

Subject areas
The first 3 numbers of a Dewey call number indicate the general subject area the book is part of (e.g. transport). The numbers after that represent a more specific aspect of that broad subject area (e.g. trucks). The letters at the end of the call number represent the author.

You’ll find resources from early childhood to secondary levels in the same subject area, as well as books that can help with planning lessons / activities and books that can be used in the classroom.
**Dewey Decimal system**

Here are some of the major subject areas within the Dewey Decimal system (represented by the first 3 numbers) to help you browse the appropriate parts of the TS collection:

- **000 - 099** Computers / IT; Reference books, e.g. general encyclopedias and books of facts.
- **100 - 199** Philosophy & psychology (incl. books on feelings and emotions / managing feelings); ethics (right and wrong);
- **200 - 299** Religions including Christianity
- **300 - 399** Social sciences: cultures; groups of people; law; social problems and social services; economics; folk tales, fairy tales, legends (including Maori legends); transport / machinery; fashion and costume, celebrations, feasts, rituals and customs; education *(Note: the 370s covers many subject areas but the focus is on the teaching /education of those subject areas).*
- **400 - 499** Languages: French, Japanese, Tongan, Chinese, Maori and English (including: English grammar and readers for all levels) and language dictionaries.
- **500 - 599** Science: mathematics; telling time; physics; chemistry; physical geography / earth science; biology; prehistory, human evolution; Animals (reptiles, birds, insects, fish and mammals).
- **600 - 699** Technology / ‘how things work’: Human anatomy / human body; Health and physical education; Engineering (includes machinery & electronics); Farming, agriculture and horticulture; pets and pet care; home economics, food technology.
- **700 - 799** Arts & recreation: sports, games (outdoor and indoor) and entertainment; drama, performance, dance; art (all levels) and crafts and related topics; Music (all levels) and related topics.
- **800 - 899** Literature (fiction for all levels – picture books to young adult novels). This section is organised by the country of the author (NZ authors are at 823 in the section for English fiction). Collections of stories are at 808.
- **900 - 999** History & geography