Biography Part 1

Skills Category  Biography

Grade Level  2nd

Time Required  10 -- 12 minutes

Objectives  Students will explain the difference between biography and autobiography. They will identify the correct Dewey call number for biography.

Materials Needed  PowerPoint Presentation: “Biography Part 2 PowerPoint”
1 biography book
Laptop, data projector, projection screen

Preparation  Practice the PowerPoint presentation until you are comfortable showing it to students.

Procedure  As you show the PowerPoint presentation to students, be prepared to allow time to answer the questions located on the slides.

Following the PowerPoint, show the students where the biographies are located in your media center. Pull a biography off the shelf and tell name of the person in the book.

Point to the call number on the spine of the book. Ask if anyone remembers the Dewey number for biographies (921). Next, say the name of the person again and ask what the 3 letters under the 921 will be. (For example, if the book is about Helen Keller, the 3 letters under 921 would be KEL for Keller). Point to the call number on the spine of the book to show them it is exactly the way it should be as explained in the PowerPoint.

Encourage students to check out a biography and learn about a person’s life.