## **Cumbria County Council**







## Library Services for Schools Serving Schools in Cumbria



Then why not let us do the work for you?

Our book banding service will:

**Save you considerable staff time.** Our database holds thousands of titles with corresponding book bands so all we have to do in most cases is scan the ISBN to identify the band.

**Provide consistency.** It will ensure that each copy of a particular title is banded at the same level which reduces the likelihood of discrepancies.

**Include a pre-banding audit where appropriate.** Old, damaged or inappropriate books can be weeded out, leaving you with quality attractive stock.

Help you identify gaps for future purchases. The process will provide you with a clear picture of the spread of levels across your stock.

"Having The School Library Service...band the books for us was a necessity....as we would not have had the time to do it ourselves, nor would we have had the knowledge to allow us to do so. The person who came into school was a great help and when we have required further advice was very supportive."



Your books can be graded from the simplest texts, suitable for very early readers, to books for fluent readers ensuring that children experience success and progress from one level to the next.

Books are banded according to the grades published in Book Bands for Guided Reading. We can band reading schemes, group readers, guided readers, general fiction, picture books and non-fiction (where appropriate).

If you've previously used our service and have some new stock to band, ask us about our new ad hoc book banding service.

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