

GENRES

There are two types of reading material:

- **Non-Fiction** (all of the information in a non-fiction book is based on the known true facts)
- **Fiction** (fictional stories all contain elements that are made-up or created by the author)

Non-Fiction:

- **BIOGRAPHY**: A biography is the story of a real person's life, written or told by another person.
- **AUTO-BIOGRAPHY**: An autobiography is the story of a real person's life, written or told by that person.

Fiction:

- **REALISTIC FICTION**: Fictional stories that take place in modern time, right here and now.
- **MYSTERY/SUSPENSE**: Fictional stories, usually realistic, about a mysterious event which is not explained or a crime that is not solved until the end of the story to keep the reader in suspense.
- **FANTASY**: Fiction that contains elements that are NOT realistic, such as talking animals, magical powers, etc. Make-believe is what this genre is all about.
- **SCIENCE FICTION**: Stories that include futuristic technology; a blend of scientific fact and fictional elements.
- **HISTORICAL FICTION**: Stories that take place in a particular time period in the past. Often the basic setting is real, but the characters are fictional.
- **FOLK TALES, TALL TALES, FAIRY TALES**: Folk tales are stories with no known creator. They were originally passed down from one generation to another by word of mouth.
- **MYTHS**: Myths are stories that usually explain something about the world and involve gods and other supernatural beings.
- **POETRY**: Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader.