**Genres at a Glance**

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| **Fiction** | | |
| **Code** | **Genre** | **Definition** |
| TL | Traditional Literature | Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This includes folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths from different cultures. |
| F | Fantasy | A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. Make-believe is what this genre is all about. |
| SF | Science Fiction | A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, etc.) |
| RF | Realistic Fiction | A story using made-up characters that could happen in real life. |
| HF | Historical Fiction | A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author’s imagination. |
| M | Mystery | A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story. |

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| **Nonfiction** | | |
| **Code** | **Genre** | **Definition** |
| I | Informational | Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.) |
| B | Biography | The story of a real person’s life written by another person |
| AB | Autobiography | The story of a real person’s life that is written by that person. |

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| **Other Genre** | | |
| **Code** | **Genre** | **Definition** |
| P | Poetry | Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme to help convey its meaning. |