FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

How do you select new books?

One of our favorite shopping venues is IQF's quilters' booths where we can watch demonstrations and often talk to authors. Sometimes we'll see something in a quilting magazine or website. We also keep an eye out when we visit local quilt shops. And of course we welcome suggestions from members!

Can I donate quilting books or DVDs?

Most definitely! Your donation will either be incorporated into our catalog or set aside for another Guild event depending on publication date, subject matter and condition. Generally speaking if your donation is less than 5 years old (and not a duplicate) we'll add it to our inventory. We'll do the same with older items that cover a category not or under-represented or are excellent references or quilting classics. If we don't put it in the Library, we might use it in grab bags at our Show, include in Auction baskets or offer at another type of Guild sale to add to the Guild's general operating fund. (Please don't donate non-quilting related books. Give those to another charity.)

What does the "Main Class" column indicate?

This is just our shorthand for the primary focus of the book. If a book details a specific quilting skill, regardless of whether it also offers projects to learn the method, it's tagged as "Technique" whereas a book which contains primarily instructions on making pictured quilted items is tagged as "Patterns." A "Classic" is an item that could be found in many quilters home collection, something that bears the test of time. A "Reference" offers a comprehensive look at many aspects of quilting or is a book that should be held no matter how old because it's one of few on the subject.

Why does the same book appear under different categories?

Quilting book categories can sometimes be tricky and subjective. Many of our books have both patchwork and applique for example, so you might see both "Blocks & Settings" and "Applique' by Hand or Machine" used. We tried to assign categories based on the author's own descriptions.

Below are our current categories. If you think a book has been mis-categorized or if we missed including it under another, let us know!

- 1. Applique' by Hand or Machine
- 2. Art Quilts & Whimsy
- 3. Baby & Youth Quilts
- 4. Bargello Quilts
- 5. Beginners & Basics
- 6. Blocks & Settings
- 7. Borders & Binding
- 8. Crafted Projects
- 9. Crazy Quilts
- 10. Curves & Circles
- 11. Design Elements (Color, Value, Etc.)
- 12. Embellishment
- 13. Fat Quarters, Pre-Cuts & Strips
- 14. Flannel Quilts
- 15. Folk Art Quilts
- 16. Hexagons
- 17. Holidays & Special Occasions
- 18. Home Décor
- 19. Log Cabin Quilts

- 20. Miniatures & Small Quilts
- 21. Modern Quilts
- 22. Multi-Media Projects
- 23. Organization & Sewing Spaces
- 24. Paper & Foundation Piecing
- 25. Pictorial Quilts
- 26. Quilt Collections
- 27. Quilt Shows, Organizing & Managing
- 28. Quilting by Hand or Machine
- 29. Quilting Designs & Motifs
- 30. Redwork
- 31. Scrappy Quilts
- 32. Star Quilts
- 33. T-Shirt Quilts
- 34. Traditional Quilts
- 35. Unusual and/or Advanced Techniques

Have a question that doesn't appear here?

Send your question to librarian@wagg.org.