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✿ ORGANIZING YOUR LIBRARY SHELVES BY COLOR.

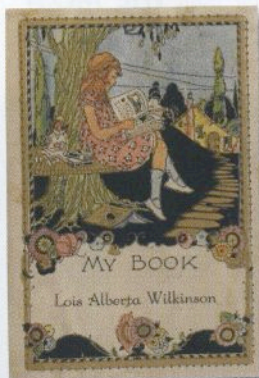
There are a half-dozen ways to organize your book collection: by title, by author, by subject matter, by size. One über-cool, unique way to sort your shelves is by color! Designer and bibliophile Noëlle Penn, the owner of Noëlle's Interiors in Portland, has a china hutch dedicated to her vintage red books (left);

she's also got a shelf full of green books and one containing black and brown volumes. "All the titles are specifically chosen too," says Penn. "I arrange them on the shelf so the titles make a funny story. For example, 'I'll start with *One Summer By the Sea*, then put *The Undercurrent*, followed by *What is Coming*, and then *Over the Ocean to Paris*. One of my favorites was my book called *Gold Digger* and then *Who Said She Was?*'"



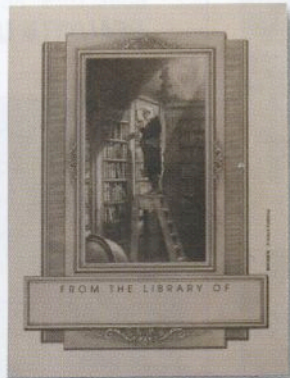
✿ CREATING YOUR OWN SPECIAL BOOK COLLECTION.

Got a soft spot for vintage typography catalogs? Love to leaf through specialty architecture books? Nothing personalizes your home library like filling it with books on subjects you're passionate about or by authors you can't get enough of. "Some people collect first editions of books or signed copies," says Jim Carmin, librarian of the Multnomah County Library's John Wilson Room, Special Collections. Just be sure to collect books for the love of it, not the value. "Books aren't a commodity like stocks," says Carmin. "Most won't gain value."



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