

# **SINGLES LIBRARY**

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**(from an idea by Fraser Simpson)**

The Singles Library stocks all the books, videotapes, and DVDs that a standard library would. The only difference is in the ultra-compact card catalog, which uses the Single Letter principle: In each title in the catalog, each letter is given only once, on its first appearance. For further compactness, all spaces and punctuation are deleted.

So, for example, ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST is listed as O N E F L W V R T H C U K S. How many of these entries can you decipher?

## **TV Shows**

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. G O D M R N I A E C    | Good Morning America         |
| 2. T H E O N Y M R S      | The Honeymooners             |
| 3. D E A W O              | Deadwood                     |
| 4. S E A M T R            | Sesame Street                |
| 5. M A R Y H T N          | Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman   |
| 6. G I L A N S D          | Gilligan's Island            |
| 7. D H A R M N G E        | Dharma and Greg              |
| 8. M I S O N P B L E      | Mission: Impossible          |
| 9. I N L V G C O R        | In Living Color              |
| 10. T H E S R O F A N C I | The Streets of San Francisco |

## **Books**

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A N K R E I         | Anna Karenina          |
| 2. A F R E W L T O M S | A Farewell to Arms     |
| 3. T H E O B I         | The Hobbit             |
| 4. I N T O H A R       | Into Thin Air          |
| 5. T H E C A R I N Y   | The Catcher in the Rye |
| 6. S E N A D I B L T Y | Sense and Sensibility  |
| 7. I N F T E J S       | Infinite Jest          |
| 8. A T L E O F W C I S | A Tale of Two Cities   |
| 9. T O H E L I G U S   | To the Lighthouse      |
| 10. T E N D R I S H G  | Tender is the Night    |

## **Plays and Musicals**

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. WAITNG FORD | Waiting for Godot     |
| 2. THEICMANO   | The Iceman Cometh     |
| 3. CATONHIRF   | Cat on a Hot Tin Roof |
| 4. HELODY      | Hello, Dolly          |
| 5. THEMPS      | The Tempest           |
| 6. KISMEAT     | Kiss Me, Kate         |
| 7. THECRYOAD   | The Cherry Orchard    |
| 8. NOAET       | No, No, Nanette       |
| 9. THERPNYOA   | The Threepenny Opera  |
| 10. ASIN       | Assassins             |

## **Movies**

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| 1. THELPANM  | The Elephant Man     |
| 2. RESVOIDG  | Reservoir Dogs       |
| 3. INDEPCAY  | Independence Day     |
| 4. MISPBURNG | Mississippi Burning  |
| 5. THERMUSK  | The Three Musketeers |
| 6. BAETSF    | Babette's Feast      |
| 7. SLEPINAT  | Sleepless in Seattle |
| 8. THELIMRAD | The Little Mermaid   |
| 9. ANMERICPS | An American in Paris |
| 10. THEINBLU | The Thin Blue Line   |