

# Creating a Simple New Books List Using the Booklist Generator (Part 2)

## Choose Your Data:

### Location:

Select your library from the dropdown list. I chose Lynnfield. Lynnfield's copy locations appear in the copy location dropdown. I selected **Children's Nonfiction**.

### Filter by Statistical Category:

My project was to get a list of recent science books added to Children's Nonfiction, and I knew I could get the specific LC range from Lynnfield's Itemscat.

To get this information, I clicked on **Configure Statistical Category**, which gives me a list of the NOBLE and local statistical categories that are in Lynnfield items. I chose Itemscat, and got a list of the Lynnfield itemscats. I checked the four values that I wanted to include, and scrolled down to the bottom of the box and clicked **Done**.

### Record Selector:

I selected a date range (**01/01/2014 - 08/31/2014**) using the calendar widget. I could have also just keyed in the dates in that format (mm/dd/yyyy)

## Choose Your Output:

### Sort By:

Choose how your list will be sorted. I chose to sort by **Call Number**.

### Display Options:

Choose what information you want to have display on your list. Author and Title are not listed because they are always included. Call Number is automatically selected when you choose it as your sort option. I added **Cover Image**.

### Layout Options:

I left this at the default layout, which is **Block** I also checked the **Using WordPress** option. This gives me HTML in the standard format for the WordPress text editor (no line break or paragraph tags are included.)

### Additional File Outputs:

I skipped these

Select **Generate Book List**

### Preview Page

The preview shows you how many items will be on your list, and shows you how the data looks. Based on the data, you may decide to revise your criteria. In this example, if I thought the list was too long, I might have chose to do it again but with a different date range. I selected cover image and summary, but if very few items had these either of these I might decide to do it again with different display options.

### Download HTML:

When I select this option, my computer will download or open the html as a text file, depending on my computer's settings. In this example, I am opening the file in my favorite text editing program, **NotePad++**, an open source alternative to the Windows Notepad program.

Opening the file with **Notepad** will work, but it won't display the line breaks. However, if you copy and paste the text into WordPress, it will still work perfectly.

Once you have the file open in a text editor, use the menu options or keyboard equivalent (**Control-A**, **Control-C** in Windows) to copy the code to the clipboard

## Create Test List in WordPress:

We have a WordPress site set up that you can use for testing. In the screencast, I had already logged in to the site.

There is a generic user name and password for this, and you will also get your own account if you sign up for training. You do not need any experience using WordPress to create a test list.

### Login to the Booklist Generator Test Site:

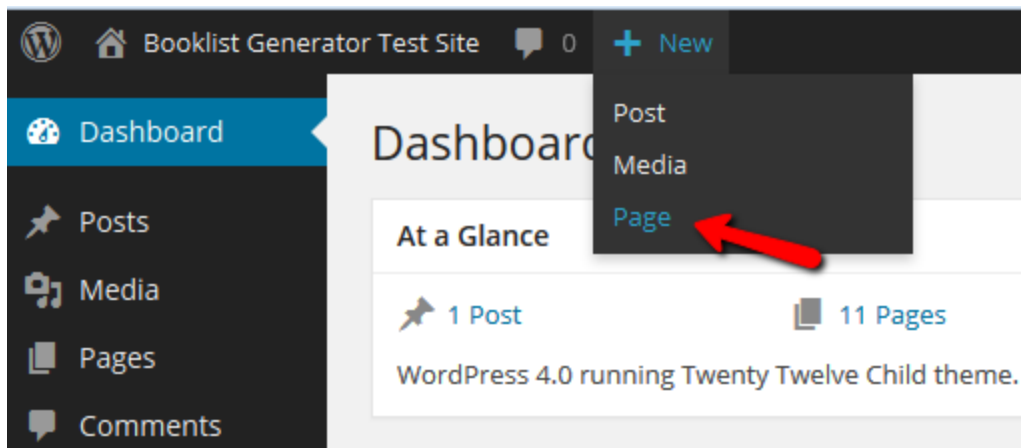
<http://www.noblenet.org/noble/test/wp-admin>

User name: booklist

Password: bgtest100

### Create a Page:

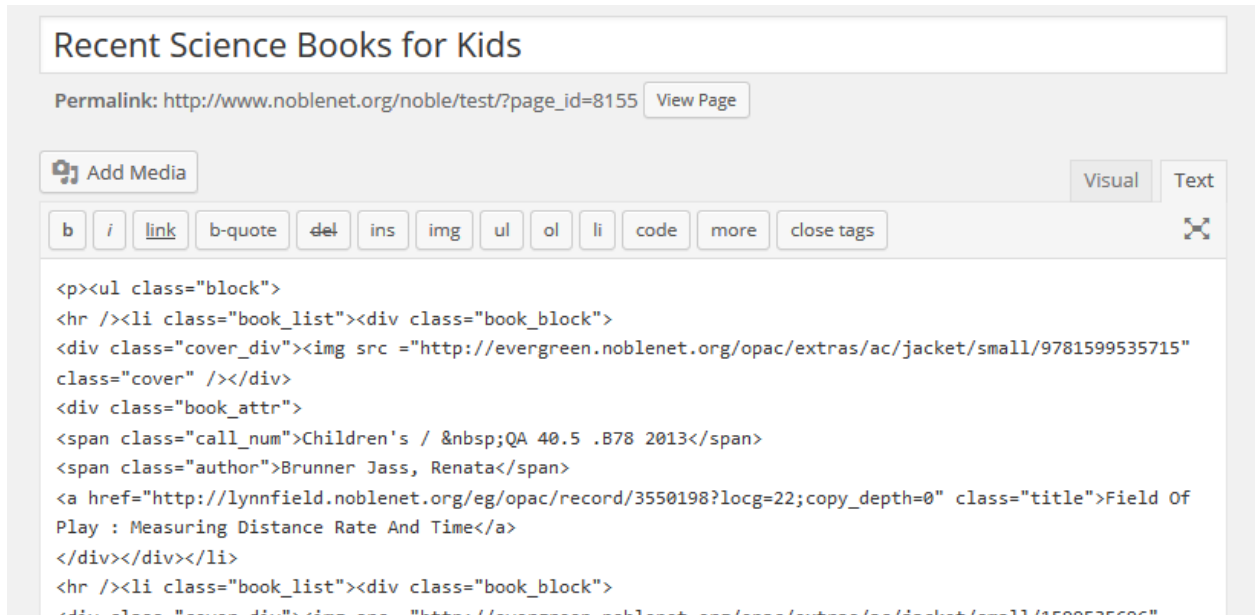
Once you've logged in, select **+ New** from the top of the screen to open the dropdown and select **Page**



Enter a title for your new page, and then select the large empty box to add your text. Before you do, be sure that **Text** and not **Visual** is the selected tab.

The image shows a screenshot of a web application interface titled "Add New Page". At the top left, there is a text input field. A red arrow points from a callout box containing the text "Add the title here" to this input field. To the right of the input field, there are two tabs: "Visual" and "Text". A red arrow points from a callout box containing the text "Be sure Text is selected" to the "Text" tab. Below the input field and tabs is a rich text editor toolbar with buttons for bold (b), italic (i), link, b-quote, del, ins, img, ul, ol, li, code, more, and close tags. A large red arrow points from a callout box containing the text "Paste the html for your booklist here" to the main text area of the editor. At the bottom left of the editor, it says "Word count: 0".

Use your browser menu or the keystroke equivalent (**Control-V** in Windows) to paste the html from your clipboard into the body of your page. The box will expand to fit the data. If you scroll back to the top of the page, it should look like this:

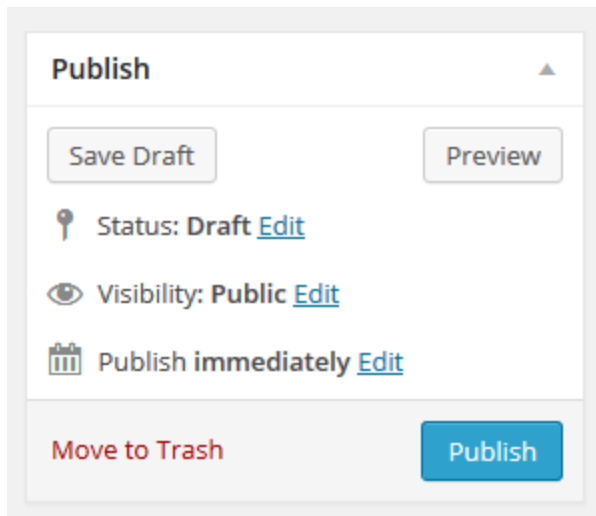


The screenshot shows a web editor interface. At the top, there is a title bar that says "Recent Science Books for Kids". Below the title bar, there is a permalink: "http://www.noblenet.org/noble/test/?page\_id=8155" and a "View Page" button. Below the permalink, there is an "Add Media" button. On the right side, there are two tabs: "Visual" and "Text". Below the tabs, there is a toolbar with buttons for bold (b), italic (i), link, b-quote, del, ins, img, ul, ol, li, code, more, and close tags. Below the toolbar, there is a text area containing HTML code for a book list. The code is as follows:

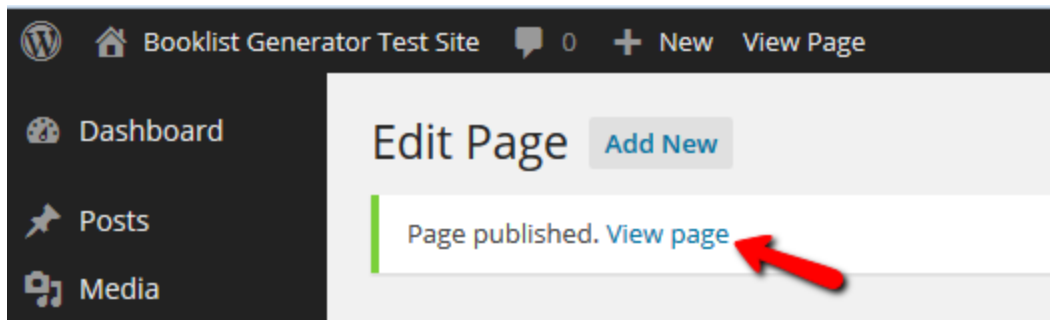
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<p><ul class="block">
<hr /><li class="book_list"><div class="book_block">
<div class="cover_div"><img src ="http://evergreen.noblenet.org/opac/extras/ac/jacket/small/9781599535715"
class="cover" /></div>
<div class="book_attr">
<span class="call_num">Children's / &nbsp;QA 40.5 .B78 2013</span>
<span class="author">Brunner Jass, Renata</span>
<a href="http://lynnfield.noblenet.org/eg/opac/record/3550198?locg=22;copy_depth=0" class="title">Field Of
Play : Measuring Distance Rate And Time</a>
</div></div></li>
<hr /><li class="book_list"><div class="book_block">
<div class="cover_div"><img src ="http://evergreen.noblenet.org/opac/extras/ac/jacket/small/1599535696"
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In the screencast, there was no text on the page, just the list, but I could have added a few lines at the top or bottom of the page before or after I pasted in the code.

The next step is to go to the Publish box in the upper right of the page. Clicking Preview will show you what your page will look like in a new tab or window. Selecting **Publish** will make your list live on the test site.



After you select **Publish**, you'll see the Page Published message and a link to **View Page**.



The screencast is here:

<http://www.noblenet.org/sis/evergreen/tools/booklist/simplenewbooks2/>

The page created in this screencast is here:

[http://www.noblenet.org/noble/test/?page\\_id=8155](http://www.noblenet.org/noble/test/?page_id=8155)

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