

Children’s Literature – Murray Library Resources

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Books That Locate Books

A. GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES (Unless otherwise noted, all books include author, title, and subject indexing or arrangement.)

Best Books for Children: Preschool Through Grade Six. Ed. John T. Gillespie and Christine B. Gilbert. (Ref PN1009.A1 G48) Brief annotations arranged by over 400 subjects.

Best Books for Junior High Readers. Ed. John T. Gillespie. (Ref PN1009.A1 B47 1991x) Brief annotations arranged by over 350 subjects.

Children's Catalog. Edited by Richard H. Isaacson, Ferne E. Hillegas, and Juliette Yaakov. (Ref PN1009.A1 C5443) Quotes from reviews.

B. SUBJECT GUIDES/BIBLIOGRAPHIES

A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books. Carolyn W. Lima. (Ref PN1009.A1 L715) Indexes for: subjects, character traits, and concepts.

Cultural Journeys: Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults. Pamela S. Gates (Ref [PN1009.5.M84 G38 2006](#))

NOTE: There are many subject bibliographies for children's literature. There are two ways to access them:

1. **Murray Library Catalog Searches**
 - a. **Click on Subject Tab**
▶ **key in: childrens literature**
 - b. **Keywords:** [YOUR TOPIC] juvenile bibliography
e.g. indians north america juvenile bibliography
2. **Browse** in Ref PN1009.A1 and in stacks PN1009.A1

Indexes to Reviews in Periodicals for Children's Literature

Access all databases through **Library Home page: Articles/Databases**

Academic Search Complete (online periodical database). Indexes articles and reviews; includes full text of many reviews published within the past ten.

Book Review Digest Retrospective (online periodical index). Provides excerpts of, and citations to, reviews of current fiction and non-fiction. Years covered: 1905-1982.

Book Review Digest (book form). Provides excerpts of, and citations to, reviews of current fiction and non-fiction. Years covered: 1982-present.

Book Review Index. Indexes reviews in more than 470 publications. (Books located behind the Reference Desk).

Children's Literature Periodicals

Book Links. Offers classroom ideas and recommended reading list.

Reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete

Children's Literature in Education: An International Quarterly.

Criticism of both classic and contemporary writing; interviews with or articles by noted children's authors and illustrators. New children's books not reviewed.

Articles indexed: Academic Search Complete. Reviews: Book Review Index

The Horn Book Magazine.

Extensive signed reviews, almost entirely positive. October issue includes "Honor List of

Children's Books."

>>**JULY/AUGUST ISSUE INCLUDES THE NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES**.

Articles & Reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete (1990-)

Pre-1990 reviews indexed: Book Review Digest, Book Review Index

New Advocate.

Critical essays on children's literature, interviews with authors, some teaching information and extensive positive reviews. Articles indexed: ERIC

Reviews: Book Review Index

School Library Media Activities Monthly. Provides children's literature-related activities for middle and junior high students, including information about authors and illustrators..

Articles indexed: Academic Search Complete.

Discipline-Specific Education Periodicals

(Representative List)

Childhood Education. Articles and reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete.

Language Arts. Several pages of reviews by editor in each issue. Many classroom ideas. Articles and reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete. Pre-1994 reviews indexed: Books Review Index.

Reading Teacher. Issues include a section of reviews, organized by themes or other categories and "In the Classroom," a column with children's literature classroom ideas. Articles and reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete. Pre-1990 reviews: Book Review Index.

Social Education. *May issue* includes several pages of notable children's books in the field of social studies. Articles and reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete. Pre-1996 reviews: Book Review Index.

Science Teacher. *March issue* includes outstanding science trade books for Gr. K-12. Articles and reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete.

Professional and Trade Journals that Review Children's Literature

The New York Times Book Review.

In Sunday *New York Times*. Includes a section on children's books with larger section near Christmas. Reviews indexed: *New York Times* (online). (Found under **Newspaper Articles** link on library home page.) Pre-2000 reviews: Book Review Digest, Book Review Index.

School Library Journal.

Positive and negative reviews. Most reviews of any periodical. Outstanding books starred. Articles and reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete. Pre-1974 reviews: Book Review Digest.

Locating Children's Literature by Genre

I. Library Catalog Search Tips

SIX EASY LIMITS

1. **Limit to: Juvenile books** (pull-down menu).
2. Do a **Boolean Keyword** search using one of the categories below:

biography	poetry OR poems	fantasy
multicultural*	Bible	"science fiction"

TRADITIONAL LITERATURE

1. **Limit to: Juvenile books** (pull-down menu)
2. **Boolean Keyword** and key in: **fables OR folklore OR tales OR mythology**
3. Find traditional literature related to a specific country or ethnic group.

Follow this example:

Africa and (fables OR folklore OR tales OR mythology)

NOTE: be sure to use parentheses!

OR Browse shelves in the Juvenile 398.2 call number area.

JUVENILE NONFICTION

1. **Limit to: Juvenile books** (pull-down menu)
2. Select **Boolean Keyword** option, adding NOT fiction to the end of your search.
Example: "tree frogs" NOT fiction

INFORMATION GENRE

Go to stacks and look in Juvenile *nonfiction* books (with Dewey numbers in the 100s, 300s, 500s, etc.).

INFORMATION FICTION

Method 1: Select **Boolean Keyword** option and key in **history AND fiction**.

Look for call numbers that begin with "Fiction."

Method 2: Use resources listed in the *Books that Locate Books* category (p.2 above).

AWARD BOOKS

1. **Newbery and Caldecott main award books**: Click on **Subject** tab.
Search for either **Caldecott Award book** or **Newbery Award book**.
2. **Newbery and Caldecott honor books**: **Keywords** search: "Caldecott honor book" or "Newbery honor book." (Be sure to use quotation marks.)
3. **Other award books**: **Boolean Keyword** search combining "award" and award name.
Example: award and "Coretta Scott King"
Searchable awards: Robert F. Sibert, Pura Belpre, Michael L. Printz, Mildred L. Batchelder, Coretta Scott King.

II. Reference Books and Bibliographies Can Help

Many of the titles listed in the *Books That Locate Books* category (p. 2 above) index books by genre.

Information About Authors

Authors and illustrators of children's books. By Miriam Hoffman and Eva Samuels.
(Ref PN1009.A1 H58)

Black Authors and Illustrators of Children's Books. By Barbara Rollock.
(Ref PN1009.A1 .R65 1999x)

Book(s) of Junior Authors and Illustrators. Several volumes. (Ref PN1009. A1 K8)

→**Children's Literature (Selected Internet Sites).**

<http://www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary/resources/childlit.html>

→**Children's Literature Review.** (Ref PN 1009 .A1) Multi-volume set in which lengthy biographical information precedes excerpts from book reviews. **NOTE:** Most recent volume has index for *all* previous volumes.

→**Literature Resource Center.** (On Library home page--located under Articles/Databases.) Includes all kinds of authors, including children's. Do an AUTHOR SEARCH.)

Speaking for Ourselves: Autobiographical Sketches by Notable Authors of Books for Young Adults. (Ref PN1009.A1 S64)

Indexes to Other Sources

Information about some authors *may* be found in journals indexed in the following databases:
Academic Search Complete, ERIC, MLA Bibliography

Library Catalog Search

1. Subject tab search: Example: Beatrix Potter
2. Keywords search: Example: "charlotte zolotow" (Also picks up works *by* Zolotow)

Library Catalog -- Locating Education Materials

In addition to the library catalog, try out the Children's Literature section on the Library Home Page <http://www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary/resources/childlit.html>
(Click on: Subject & Course Help > Education > Selected Resources > Language arts > Children's Literature.)

I. CHILDREN'S BOOKS (JUVENILE FICTION AND NONFICTION)

Limit to: Juvenile books (pull-down menu)

TIPS:

Children's books **on particular topics** (fiction or nonfiction)

Boolean Keyword search: e.g. "rain forest?" **AND amazon** ("?" searches forest or forests)

Children's books, **nonfiction only:**

Boolean Keyword search: e.g. **electricity AND literature NOT fiction**

II. TEACHING RESOURCE BOOKS (CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES, TEACHING IDEAS, ETC.)

Limit to: Teaching Resources (pull-down menu). Proceed with **Keywords** search.

Examples:

Social studies activity books

Keywords searches:

social sciences middle school

social sciences elementary

social sciences secondary

civil war elementary

Children's Literature activities

Keywords searches:

childrens literature

literature elementary

"young adult literature"

children's literature language arts

literature based

"language experience approach"

III. TEXTBOOKS

Limit search to Textbooks:

Click on **Advanced** tab. Scroll down and change Location to **Texts - Elementary (or Secondary)**. Proceed with **Keywords** search by topic

E.g. **"language arts"**

STANDARD TOPICS: "language arts", music, "social sciences" [note: *not* social studies], English, mathematics, science, health, "physical education", etc.

IV. MEDIA (NOT VIDEOS OR DVDs)

Limit search to all Media such as kits, games, etc. except Videos & DVDs (see V)
Boolean Keyword search by topic, adding **AND media NOT (video? or DVD)**

Example: science AND media NOT (video? or DVD)

V. VIDEOS OR DVDs

Limit to: Videos/DVDs (pull-down menu).
Do a **Keywords** search (use when searching by topic)

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