

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 6. Ed. Catherine Barr.
(Reference PN1009.A1 B47) Brief annotations arranged by over 400 subjects.

Best Books for Middle School and Junior High Readers. Ed. John T. Gillespie. (Reference PN1009.A1 B473 2004x) Brief annotations arranged by over 350 subjects.

Children's Core Collection. (Reference PN1009.A1 C5443) Includes quotes from reviews.

B. SUBJECT GUIDES/BIBLIOGRAPHIES

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

Cultural Journeys: Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults. Pamela S. Gates (Reference 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 Reference 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 (online periodical index). Provides excerpts of, and citations to, reviews of fiction and non-fiction. Years covered: 1905-present

Children's Literature Periodicals

Book Links. Offers classroom ideas and recommended reading list.

Reviews indexed: Academic Search Complete

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-), Book Review Digest, and Book Review Index (print).

MANY more periodicals are online only. Examples:

New Advocate

School Library Media Activities Monthly

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.), Book Review Digest (online), and Book Review Index (print).

***School Library Journal.**

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

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.

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

Black authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults : a biographical dictionary Barbara Thrash Murray. (PN1009.A1 .R65 1999x)

→ [Children's Literature](#) (Selected Internet Sites). (Library website > Articles/Databases/Subjects > Education > Language & Literature > Children's Literature)

Children's Literature Review. (PN1009 .A1 C5139) 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/Subjects.) Database 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. (PN1009.A1 S64)

→ [Teaching Books](#) (Children's literature). Database of teaching ideas, author information, and some videos.

→ = Online sources

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 Library Home Page
<www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary> Click on: Databases > Education for a wealth of resources.

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

Limit search to Juvenile collection by selecting "Juvenile" from the **Limit to** menu.

TIPS:

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

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

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

Search: e.g. **electricity "juvenile literature"**

(All juvenile nonfiction books have "juvenile literature" in their subject headings.)

II. TEACHING RESOURCE BOOKS (CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES, LESSON PLANS, ETC.)

Limit search by selecting "Teaching Resources" from the **Limit to** menu.

Proceed with **Keyword** search.

Examples:

Social studies activity books

Keyword searches:

"social sciences" "middle school" "social sciences" secondary

"social sciences" elementary "civil war" elementary

Children's literature activities

Keyword searches:

"children's literature" "children's literature" "language arts"

literature elementary "literature based"

"young adult literature" "language experience approach"

III. TEXTBOOKS

Limit search to Textbooks:

Keyword search, adding "text" to search. E.g. **"language arts" text**

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)
Keyword - Boolean search by topic, adding **AND media NOT (video? or DVD)**

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

V. VIDEOS OR DVDs

Limit search to Videos/DVDs by selecting *Video/DVD* from the **Quick Limit** menu.
Keyword search (use when searching by topic).
Add **“children’s films”** to further limit.

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