

Schenectady County Community College
Begley Library & Instructional Technology Center

How to find information on Children's Literature

Books-Databases-Periodicals-Internet-Librarians

I. REFERENCE BOOKS

The reference section of the library is located on the first floor just beyond the reference desk. These reference books are useful for locating children's literature.

<u>Call Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
REF PS 490.M39 1999	<i>100 Most Popular Children's Authors</i>
REF PS 490.M395 2000	<i>100 Most Popular Picture Book Authors & Illustrators</i>
REF Z 1037.A267 1999	<i>The Coretta Scott King Awards Book 1970-</i>
REF Z 1037.A2N46 2000	<i>The Newbery & Caldecott Awards</i>
REF Z 1037.A2N492 2001	<i>The Newbery & Caldecott Medal Books 1986-2000</i>
REF Z 1037.A2S46 2002	<i>Children's Book Awards International, 1990 Through 2000</i>
REF Z 1037.A38 1996	<i>100 Years of Children's Books in America: Decade by Decade</i>
REF Z 1037.A496 1992	<i>Best of the Best for Children</i>
REF Z 1037.B547 1994	<i>Best Books for Children: Preschool-Grade 6</i>
REF Z 1037.C77 1998	<i>Once Upon a Heroine: 450 Books for Girls to Love</i>
REF Z 1037.D35 1998	<i>Children's Literature: Guide to Information Sources</i>
REF Z 1037.F848 1995	<i>More Books Kids Will Still Sit For</i>
REF Z 1037.H48 1994	<i>This Land is Our Land: Guide to Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults</i>
REF Z 1037.O25 1997	<i>Great Books for Girls</i>
REF Z 1037.S895 2004	<i>Children's Literature Lover's Book of Lists</i>
REF Z 1039.B56T68 1999	<i>Great Books for African-American Children</i>

II. BOOKS

The library has a collection of children's literature on the first floor.

To search for a specific book title or author, search BLISS, the ONLINE CATALOG, and enter the title of the book or author you wish to search.

Example: Basic Keyword Search

Type word or phrase: Harry Potter

Field to search: Select "Title" from the drop down menu

Words adjacent? Select "No"

Click "Go"

You can also search for books by author.
Example: J.K. Rowling
To do this, select “Author” from the drop down menu

If you want to narrow the search and only retrieve the books in the juvenile collection, select **Advanced Search**

Select “Title” from the drop down menu

Type “Cinderella”

Limit search to: Limit by collection – Select “Juvenile collection / 1st floor” from the drop down menu

III. **ELECTRONIC DATABASES**

Go to the library’s home page and select “Find Articles.” Here, you will find a listing of databases in a variety of subject areas. Some helpful ones to search for finding children’s literature are:

-Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)

Type “Children’s Best Sellers”
Click “Search”

-Literature Resource Center

Enter the author you wish to search
Ex. Carle, Eric
Click “Search”

Now you can search for information on the biography of this popular children’s author. You can also search for Literary Criticism, Articles, and Work Overviews of his books.

You can also search for specific titles. To do this, click on “Title” and enter the title of a work.
Ex. Very Hungry Caterpillar

-New York Times Full Text Archive

Type “Children’s Book Reviews”
Enter a date range: From: 01/01/2000 To: 12/31/2006
Click “Search”

You will see links to over 200 reviews of children’s books.

IV. PERIODICALS

Go to the library home page and select “Find Articles” at the top of the page. Use the SFX e-journal title list to find a complete list of titles to which the library has access. Some titles which include a listing of children’s literature are:

-Book Links

(full text available via EBSCOhost Academic Search Elite)

-Booklist

(Full text available via EBSCOhost Academic Search Elite and GaleGroup InfoTrac OneFile. Holdings also in Begley Print and Microform Journals)

-Children’s Literature in Education

(full text available via EBSCOhost Academic Search Elite)

-Horn Book Magazine

(full text available via EBSCOhost Academic Search Elite and GaleGroup InfoTrac OneFile)

-School Library Journal

(full text available via EBSCOhost Academic Search Elite and GaleGroup InfoTrac OneFile)

V. ONLINE NEWSPAPERS

Many newspapers offer book reviews. Some of these include, but are not limited to:

BookPage:America’s Book Review - <http://www.bookpage.com/>

Chicago Sun-Times – <http://www.suntimes.com/output/books/cst-books-kids121.html>

Houston Chronicle - <http://search.chron.com/chronicle/search.do>

Midwest Book Review - <http://www.midwestbookreview.com/cbw/index.htm>

New York Times Book Review - <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/books/>

VI. INTERNET

Some helpful web sites for locating children’s literature are:

American Library Association: Association for Library Services to Children

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alsc.htm>

This site provides a network of over 3,700 children’s and youth librarians, children’s literature experts, and publishers committed to improving and ensuring the future of the nation through exemplary library service to children, their families, and others who work with children. On this site you will also find links to Literary and Related Awards and Children’s Notable Lists.

Bookhive: Guide to Children's Literature and Books

<http://www.bookhive.org>

This is a cool site that lets you find a book by searching for titles in a specific category, separated by age. When you choose the desired age, you will be presented with a listing of books. Each book has a brief summary, along with reviews.

Children's Literature Resources on the Net

<http://www.iasl-slo.org/chlitres.html>

Provides links to lists of books for children, book awards, authors and illustrators, reviews, bibliographic information and short abstracts for picture books, resources for parents and teachers, and much more.

Children's Literature Web Guide

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html>

The Children's Literature Web Guide is an attempt to gather together and categorize the growing number of Internet resources related to books for Children and Young Adults. Much of the information is provided by school, libraries, and fans of the books.

Internet Public Library Kidspace

<http://www.ipl.org/kidspace/browse/rzn0000>

This site offers links to various subheadings, ranging from books to comic strips to creative writing. It also provides resources to other cool sites for kids.

New York Public Library for Kids

<http://kids.nypl.org/>

This site is filled with lots of great resources, including 100 Picture Books Everyone Should Know, 100 Favorite Children's Books, and 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing. There is also a link for Reading & Books, which offers Favorite Books & Characters, Authors & Illustrators, Award Winners, and Recommended Reading.

TeAchnology: The Web Portal for Educators

http://www.teach-nology.com/teachers/child_lit/

This is a Children's Literature Web Guide offering Internet Resources related to books for children. It provides links to Authors, Awards and Bestsellers, Children's Series Books, Nursery Rhymes, Online Books, Poetry, Reviews, and Spanish Books. There is also a listing of many reviewed sites for books and reading activities.

VII. LIBRARIANS

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS will be glad to assist you in locating children's literature through books, periodicals, newspapers, or the Internet. Please do not hesitate to ask for help.