



How do I ... Find Children's Books

Finding Children's Materials Using the Library Catalog

Searching the Library Catalog using the strategies below will provide you with a list of children's materials owned by UC Library.

Simple Search

This search will list all the children's materials by type.

1. Open the [Library Catalog](#)
2. Choose the a subject search term from the Subject Search Terms and Reading Level Table that corresponds with your desired the type of material and reading level
3. Enter your chosen Subject Search Term into the search box and select "subject" from the drop down menu
4. Select Search

Advanced Search

This search will help you to find children's materials by type and subject area.

1. Open the [Library Catalog](#)
2. Choose Power Search (under Library in the search box)
3. Enter a subject or subject area into the first search box and select "words or phrase" from the drop down menu. Examples: science, caterpillars, etc.
4. Enter a subject search term from the Subject Search Terms and Reading Level Table into the second search box and select "subject" from the drop down menu
5. Select Search

Subject Search Terms and Reading Level Table

Subject Search Terms	General Grade Levels of Reading
children's books	pre-K – 6
children's stories	pre-K – 6
fables	pre-K – 12
fairy tales	pre-K – 12
folklore	pre-K – 12
juvenile literature	4 – 12
picture books	pre-K – 1.4
tales	4 – 12



Locating and Browsing Children’s Books

- **Fiction Books**
 - Location: Stacks and Oversize
 - Organization: Library of Congress Classification
 - Browse the PZ stacks and oversize sections

- **Non-fiction Books**
 - Location: Stacks and Oversize
 - Organization: Library of Congress Classification
 - Non-fiction children’s books cannot be browsed in the stacks. They are integrated into the general Stacks and Oversize collection. Use the Advanced Search above to see what the library owns in a specific subject.

NOTE: children’s books and juvenile literature found in areas other than PZ are subject specific and the topic of the work should be considered as to its appropriateness for the child or class.

Resources for Further Study

The following materials are good reference sources for themes, titles and/or authors:

Call Number	Title
PN451 .M37 1993 (Ref)	Major Authors and Illustrators for Children and Young Adults
PN1008.5 .C37 1984 (Ref)	The Oxford Companion to Children’s Literature
PZ8.3 .O60X (Ref)	The Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes
PN1009 area	General works about children’s literature (both the General and Reference Collections)

Getting More Help

Still having trouble finding children’s materials? Visit the [UC Library](#) on the web for more research help.