Finding Children’s & YA Literature in the Library Catalogue

The Main Library Catalogue lists books, journals, videos and materials held in the McPherson, Law, and Curriculum Libraries. This guide describes how to find children’s and YA books by title or author, or on a specific topic (e.g. bears, Halloween, etc.). See also the Children’s & YA Literature Subject Guide for databases, book reviews, articles, and awards lists.

1. From the Libraries web page (http://library.uvic.ca), select the Books & More tab.

2. To search for a book by title, use Title begins with.

   * Drop any initial articles in the title (the, a, an, in any language)

3. To search for works by a specific author, choose Author heading and enter the name in telephone book order.

4. To find children’s books on a specific subject, select Keyword anywhere. Enter your topic, along with the type of materials you’re looking for.
5. For fiction or picture books add “juvenile fiction” to your search.

6. For non-fiction books add “juvenile literature”.

7. For poetry or drama, use “juvenile poetry” or “juvenile drama”.

8. From the results list, click on the title to see the expanded record for the item.

    **Hint:** The number of pages generally indicates if the item is a picture book, an early reader, or a young adult title.

    **Note this book is in the Curriculum Library. Children’s and YA materials are held in the McPherson Library as well.**

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