

Children's Literature

Searching iLink

From the Library main page, click on **Power Search**.

The searches that will benefit you most are *word or phrase*, *subject*, and *periodical title*. The latter is self-explanatory. If you wanted to know, for example, whether the Library has *School Library Journal*, you would simply do a search on that title.

The *word or phrase* searches that will benefit you most here are children's literature, author names (such as Shel Silverstein), and book titles (such as Goodnight Moon). You would use these if you wanted to see if we had books, and possibly chapters of books, on those items.

The *subject* searches that will benefit you most are as follows:

fiction, juvenile
children's literature

However, where you really empower your search is by using the limiters for *Type* and *Location*. Under type you will see four very helpful choices: book, electronic journal, reference book, and serial. The most helpful Location choice is the one called serials stacks.

SO, you could do the following search:

word or phrase=children's literature
type=serial
location=serials stacks

Journal Holdings, A-Z

From the Library main page, click on **Journal Holdings/A-Z**, which is in the left hand links.

When you get to the A-Z database, look for the search box. Type in the name of the journal you are looking for, for example, *School Library Journal*. The results list will give you all instances of that journal in our library, both print and online. Look for the hits that list the databases in which the online version can be found. Click on one, and it will take you to the online holdings on that journal. You can browse those,

OR

Now that you know which database indexes that journal, you can click on **Advanced Search**, and begin searching. You could try, for example, [Billie Holiday](#) or [Roald Dahl](#) or [The Little Red Hen](#).

EJS (Electronic Journal Service)

From the Library main page, click on **Electronic Research Databases** (second in the bullet list in the middle). Scroll down to **Electronic Journal Service**. This database lists only those journals we receive electronically (online). You could do a title search here, but where this database might be most helpful is in its ability to find articles. Click on the **Find Articles** link at the top.

You can search by citation, if you know that information, or click on the link that lets you search by text. Try the example search [Shel Silverstein](#). Try another, [Goodnight Moon](#). Notice that all these will contain full-text links.

Academic Search Premier

From the Library main page, click on **Electronic Research Databases** (second in the bullet list in the middle). Scroll down to **Academic Search Premier**. This database lists many children's literature journals that we receive electronically (online), and has proved to be the most helpful in finding articles for this discipline.

The database defaults to the Advanced Search interface. Here are some useful searches:

[African American](#) AND [book review](#) AND [children's](#)

[Mardi Gras](#) AND [book review](#) AND [children's](#)

[Black and White](#) AND [David Macaulay](#)

[Billie Holiday](#) AND [book review](#)

Openly Jake

Go to <http://jake.openly.com> .

This free database will give you information about every journal, including publication, ISSN, and what databases index it.

Do an example search for [Horn Book](#). Try also [School Library Journal](#). This database is an excellent way to find journal web sites and get publisher information.