

Where to search for titles – a starting guide



Top resource: ***Novelist***

Access through the Delaware Libraries eMedia page (<https://delawarelibraries.org/emedial>).

Other possible resources:

- Delaware Libraries LibGuides, such as
 - ❖ “Reading Recommendations” (comprehensive) <http://guides.lib.de.us/genres>
 - ❖ “Books to Movies” <https://guides.lib.de.us/booksmovies>
 - ❖ “Delaware Authors” <https://guides.lib.de.us/deauthors>
- School Library Journal
- Goodreads
- Abe’s, Powell’s, Amazon and other online bookstores
- Publisher’s Weekly, NY Times Bestsellers
- Google Image Search for Book Covers
- IMDB
- Wikipedia



Suggested resources from the Internet Public Library (<http://www.ipl.org>):

IPL Cross-References

- IPL – Books
<http://www.ipl.org/IPLBrowse/GetSubject?vid=13&cid=1&tid=6707&parent=6705>
Section of the IPL's Subject Collections pertaining to "Books" (in general).
- IPL – Children's Books
<http://www.ipl.org/IPLBrowse/GetSubject?vid=13&cid=1&tid=6709&parent=6707>
Section of the IPL's Subject Collections pertaining to "Children's Books."

- IPL's Teenspace – Graphic Novels Guide
<http://www.ipl.org/div/procrast/graphicnovels/>
Section of IPL's Teenspace pertaining to Graphic Novels
- IPL's Teenspace – Book Links
<http://www.ipl.org/IPLBrowse/GetSubject?vid=10&cid=2&tid=2633&parent=0>
Section of IPL's Teenspace with book links.

Online Directories

- Children's Picture Book Database at Miami University
<http://www.lib.muohio.edu/pictbks/search/>
Contains: over 5,000 picture book abstracts. Each abstract contains bibliographic information, a short summary, list of keywords, and a link to the book's record in the Miami University Library catalog, which may be useful to find call numbers and/or subject headings.
Ways to Search: Choose a keyword from an alphabetical list, or by "Areas of study" (topic). You can also perform a Boolean search.
- All Readers.com
<http://www.allreaders.com/>
Contains: movie and book reviews, including middle grade and young adult novels.
Ways to Search: Select "Do a search by Plot, Setting or Character." The genre choices are "Sci-Fi/Fantasy," "Romance," "Literature," "Mystery/Thriller," "Biography," and "History." I tried five searches for titles of children's books in various categories, and got mixed results – three out of five times the book title was on the result list. If your search does not yield desirable results, try revising your search terms. (How you categorize a setting, plot or character may not be the same as the person who wrote the review.)
- The Database of Award-Winning Children's Literature
<http://www.dawcl.com/search.asp>
Contains: Comprehensive list of award winning and honor books for over 70 children's book awards.
Ways to Search: Fill in one or more of search fields: "suggested age of reader," "format," "setting," "genre," "historical period," "multicultural," "gender of protagonist," "ethnicity/nationality of protagonist or tale," "includes languages other than English," "publication year" (range), "keyword or phrase," "author/illustrator/translator," award. Organize results by title, author, illustrator or year of publication.

Out of Print

- AddAll Used and Out of Print Search
<http://used.addall.com/>
Search the offerings of many online bookstores at once. Search fields include author, title, keyword and ISBN number. You can organize results by title, price, or dealer.

Professional Associations and Organizations

ALA – American Library Association

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Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.ala.org>

The ALA has several divisions focused on library service to young people, and publishes the journal *Booklist*, which includes children's book and media reviews.

- **ALSC - Association for Library Service for Children**
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/index.cfm>
- **ALSC Children's Book Awards**
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia>
List of awards given by the ALSC, including the Newbery and Caldecott; view past award winners/honor books by clicking on each award.
- **YALSA - Young Adult Library Services Association**
<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/>
- **YALSA – Young Adult Book Awards**
<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/bookawards/booklists/members>
List of young adult book and librarian awards, including YALSA's Michael L. Printz annual award for best young adult book; (YALSA is not responsible for every award/grant on the list)
- **AASL - American Association of School Librarians**
<http://www.ala.org/aasl/>
- **Booklist**
<http://www.booklistonline.com/>
Site has limited content for non-subscribers, but offers a free trial.
- **Children's Book Week**
<http://www.bookweekonline.com/>

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