Search tips for multicultural children’s literature


Organization of the children’s literature collection

- Collection is located on Library South 3rd floor
- Biographies on an individual, i.e., 92’s shelved at the beginning of the collections; 920’s (books about multiple individuals) interfiled with the rest of the collection in Dewey order
- Books are in order by subject area classification, and author
- See the children’s literature guide for an overview of Dewey classification

What’s in the collection?

- Award winning books, such as Coretta Scott King award, Pura Belpre, Newbery, Caldecott, Orbis Pictus
- Classic titles, e.g., Three Little Pigs; other books

Finding books in the library’s children’s literature collection

1. Library catalog: OneSearch
   A. To find multicultural Books
      - Example:

      ![Search screen](image1.png)

      - Refine results to Location: Children’s Books

      ![Location screen](image2.png)

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B. Books by topic
   o Search a topic, for example, *courage*, then refine results to location Children’s books
C. Genre search: keyword or phrase search. Examples: “fairy tales”, “fantasy fiction”

2. Booklists
   A. Teachingbooks.net
      i. Browse by cultural area, e.g., Latino or LGBTQ
      ii. Narrow to award winners
      iii. Pura Belpre Awards
      iv. Search OneSearch to see if we have the book

   - Examples:
   - **Drum dream girl: how one girl's courage changed music** by Margarita Engle
     o John F Kennedy Memorial Library  Children's Books - Level 3 South
       813.54 E582
   - **Juana & Lucas, by Juana Medina**
     o John F Kennedy Memorial Library  Children's Books - Level 3 South
       813.6 M491J

   B. American Library Association award winners lists e.g., Pura Belpre Award, [https://tinyurl.com/4j823h](https://tinyurl.com/4j823h)

   C. Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD); Note: doesn’t have a cultural limit filter so you will need to try some keywords
      a. Search term: identity
      b. Filter by Awards and Honors
      c. Search for book title in OneSearch

Banned books

See Banned Books page on children’s literature guide

Search OneSearch to see if a book is at CSULA or another CSU library. Use your Cal State log-in to request books from other CSU’s

Also find books in Teachingbooks.net

Finding information about books, authors and illustrators

1. OneSearch and Academic Search Complete: Good for book reviews
2. Search an author name or book title, then filter or limit results to type “book reviews”
3. Also try the Gale Literacy Sources database
4. Teachingbooks.net has author videos, book readings, etc.

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