



## Tips for Searching Children's Books

- **Picture books with words:** Many if not most are located in the jE section
- **Mother Goose books:** J 398.8
- **Counting books:** Search the library catalog using the search term **counting**. Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side.
- **Alphabet books:** Search the library catalog using search term **alphabet**. Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side.
- **Folktale:** Search the library catalog using search term “**folktale**”. Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side. Many Folktale books are shelved under **J 398.2**
- **Fairy Tale:** Search the library catalog using search term “**fairy tales**”. Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side. Many Fairy Tale books are shelved under **J 398.2**
- **Fable, legend, or tall tale:** Search the library catalog using search term “**Fable, legend, or tall tales**”. Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side. They are shelved under **J 398.2**.
- **Realistic fiction:** Search the library catalog using search terms and a subject such as **divorce, family, or friends**. Choose juvenile under location on the left had side of page.
- **Historical fiction:** Search the library catalog using the search terms **fiction**, and a subject such as **biography, United States, or civil war**. Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side of page.
- **Poetry:** J 811
- **Informational book published in the last 5 years:** these books can be found in the juvenile non-fiction section, J + Dewey number. Avoid the 800s and 390s sections. Check the copyright in the book to be sure it is new enough. You can also search a subject in the catalog limiting it to dates of publication. Then also choose juvenile under location on the left side of page.
- **Biography or Autobiography:** J 920
- **Children with challenges:** Search the library catalog using search terms such as **disabilities, deaf, blind, etc**. Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side of page.
- **Multicultural searching:** Search the library catalog using search terms such as **African American, Japanese, Mexican, etc**. Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side of page.
- **Graphic novels:** Search the library catalog using search term ‘**graphic novels**.’ Choose juvenile under location on the left-hand side of page. Many can be found under J 741.5.