To find a known work, do a title search (or use quotation marks for an “exact phrase” keyword search):

lion the witch and the wardrobe  [leading articles & punctuation ignored]

To find works by a specific author or illustrator, perform an author search:

wiesner david  [last name first]

To find books on a specific topic, perform an advanced search. Enter a desired term or terms (such as alphabet or “outer space”) in the text entry box(es), and use the subcollection drop-down menu to limit your search to juvenile. Advanced search also permits you to search with limiters only by entering an asterisk (*) in the text entry box (see example below, which would retrieve all juvenile works in Spanish).

You also can search with official Library of Congress or Children’s subject headings. For example, a subject search for dinosaurs juvenile retrieves items listed under the following Library of Congress subjects:

dinosaurs juvenile fiction
dinosaurs juvenile films
dinosaurs juvenile literature  [used for nonfiction]
dinosaurs juvenile poetry
dinosaurs juvenile sound recordings
Other useful Library of Congress subject searches:

- best books children’s literature
- children books and reading
- children united states books and reading
- children’s libraries
- children’s literature [for collections of works]
- children’s literature american [or spanish, etc.]
- children’s plays
- children’s poetry
- school libraries [or elementary school libraries, etc.]
- stories in rhyme
- stories without words
- teenagers books and reading
- young adult literature
- young adults books and reading

The default subject search is Library of Congress. If desired, select Children’s Headings instead. Children’s headings use less formal language (e.g., babies rather than infants) and may not be available for older works.

Sample search results:

Click title hyperlink for additional information on detailed record screen.

For works owned by UHCL, Dewey decimal classification is used for juvenile nonfiction, folklore, and fairy tales.

For works of fiction, a leading E indicates a picture book or easy book while Fic indicates a higher reading level, typically a chapter book.

The Easy Book Room, Juvenile, and Juvenile Reference areas are located on the library’s upper floor. Sound recordings of juvenile books are on the upper floor in Curriculum Library Media. The Pearland Campus Library also has juvenile books.

For additional information, consult a research librarian (see Ask a Librarian on the library homepage).