

Children's Literature

The Doucette Library has a fairly extensive collection of books appropriate for children and young adults (preschool to eighteen), both fiction and nonfiction books. These instructions provide tips for finding all levels of children's titles, in both the main stacks of the library and in the picture book collection.

Please return to the collections page and select PICTURE BOOKS for help and searching tips to locate a picture book.

To find books on the shelf:

All books are assigned a Dewey Decimal number. This number places them in numerical order, then alphabetical order according to author and title.

For example: 629.13 (Dewey Decimal number)
 HuI (Author's last name starts with HU and title begins with letter I)
 2003 (Date of book)

 823 (Dewey Decimal number: **only** fiction numbers start with 823)
 W571P (Author's last name starts with W and title starts with P)
 FIC (**FIC** tells you this is a novel. **PIC BK** indicates it is a picture book.)

To find books using the catalogue:

We use two phrases to make distinctions between fiction and nonfiction books.

Juvenile fiction = fiction, story books

Juvenile literature = nonfiction, information books

To search for FICTION by keyword:

On the search screen in the catalogue type the keyword (s):

FLIGHT JUVENILE FICTION and you will retrieve a list of books that are stories, picture books, novels and some folklore/myths about flight, flying, birds, airplanes, etc. All fiction books have the Dewey Decimal number of 823. Myths and folklore start with Dewey Decimal numbers 398. Make note of the LOCATION. If it says 'Doucette Library – Picture Books' that will be the section in which the book will be found. As mentioned above, the call number will also give you a clue, if it includes PIC BK.

To search for NON FICTION by keyword:

On the search screen in the catalogue type the keyword (s):

FLIGHT JUVENILE LITERATURE and you will retrieve a list of books that will give you information about flight, flying, birds, airplanes, etc. These items will be found in many different sections of the library depending on the specific topics. Dewey Decimal numbers may start with 629 or 533 or 745 or 598. Again, if LOCATION says Doucette Library – Picture Books that will be where find this title. As mentioned above, the call number will also give you a clue, if it includes PIC BK.