



## Research Guide: Children's Literature

This research guide is a bibliography listing some of the many sources for Children's Literature available at FLITE. These materials are designed to give students and researchers a starting point for a particular topic and will usually point the way toward other, more in-depth sources relating to that topic.

### Reference Sources

**The Cambridge Guide to Children's Books in English:** Consisting of four categories of entries; authors and illustrators, titles, topics, and technical terms; this one-volume encyclopedia attempts to "include authors, or illustrators, or works published in English, believed by the editors to have made a significant impact on young readers anywhere in the world."

**Located in Reference: PR 990 .C36 2001**

**Children's Literature: A Guide to the Criticism:** Though somewhat dated, with a publication date of 1987, this bibliography offers convenient access to hundreds of citations to scholarly articles on the subject of children's literature. The bibliography is divided into two sections: Authors and Their Works and Subjects, Themes, and Genres and mainly covers articles published from the early 1960s through the mid-1980s.

**Located in Reference: PR 990 .H46 1987**

**Children's Literature in the Elementary School, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.:** A standard textbook for college-level children's literature courses, this book offers information about the history of children's literature and methodologies for engaging elementary students in children's literature.

**Located in Reference: LB 1575.5 .U5 H79 1993**

**Children's Literature Review [90+ vols.]:** Each volume of *CLR* excerpts critical articles relating to the work of 5 –10 writers for young people. Cumulative author, nationality, and title indexes are located at the end of each volume. Note that much of this material is also available online through the Literature Resource Center database [<http://library.ferris.edu/cgi-bin/litrc.cgi>].

**Located in Reference: PN 1009 .A1 C5139**

**The Continuum Encyclopedia of Children's Literature:** Emphasizing English-speaking countries, *The Continuum Encyclopedia* claims to be "a comprehensive single-volume reference source describing the development and trends in children's literature throughout the world." Over 1,200 biographical entries, which include bibliographic references and critical discussion, and 97 topical entries are included.

**Located in Reference: PN 1008.5 .C66 2001**

**The Junior Book of Authors [8 vols.]:** This enduring series, retitled *Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators* with the fourth volume, provides autobiographical sketches, followed by brief biographical facts, for prominent writers and illustrators of children's books. A cumulative index for the series is found in each volume.

**Located in Reference: PN 1993.45 .C75 2001**

**The Oxford Companion to Children's Literature:** Though it privileges English-language children's literature, this source also includes summaries for the status of children's literature in non-English speaking countries. Entries cover authors, titles, and genres.

**Located in Reference: PN 1008.5 .C37 1984**

**Something About the Author [130+ vols.]:** Containing biographical and bibliographic information on authors and illustrators of books for young people, over 130 volumes of this series have been

produced, roughly four a year, since 1971. Every other volume contains a cumulative index. Please note that some entries have been updated in later volumes.

**Located in Reference: PN 451 .S6**

**Twentieth Century Children's Writers, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.:** Over 800 entries in this excellent one-volume resource provide a list of publications and a concise critical essay for authors of children's books published after 1900.

**Located in Reference: PN1009 .A1 T9 1989**

## Journals

The following is a list of journals available at FLITE which focus on the topic of Children's Literature. Please note that current periodicals, bound volumes newer than 10 years and all microfiche, microfilm, and periodical cassettes are located on Floor 2 and bound volumes older than 10 years are located on the Lower Level. In each location, journals are arranged alphabetically by title.

**Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books:** This long-running and well-respected publication is devoted entirely to review of new children's books with emphasis placed on strengths and weaknesses of content and suggestions for curricular use.

**Holdings: Bound Volumes: vol. 30–vol. 41 (1977-1988), Microfiche: vol. 42 (1988)-present**

**Children's Literature:** The annual publication of the Modern Language Association Division on Children's Literature and The Children's Literature Association, *Children's Literature* prints a wide variety of critical articles on all aspects of the field.

**Holdings: Main Stacks (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, call no. PN 1009 .A1 C514): vol. 1 (1972)-present**

**Children's Literature Association Quarterly:** Scholarly articles and reviews of critical books on the subject of children's literature are among the contents of this publication.

**Holdings: Bound Volumes: vol. 7-19, 21 (1982-1995, 1996)-present (most recent issues in Current Periodicals)**

**Children's Literature in Education:** A journal which publishes critical articles, *Children's Literature in Education* focuses mainly on the teaching of children's literature.

**Holdings: Bound Volumes: vol. 8–vol. 18 (1977-1987), Microfiche: vol. 19 (1988)–present**

**The Horn Book Magazine:** *The Horn Book* publishes book reviews and critical articles on the field of children's books.

**Holdings: Microfiche: vol. 49–vol. 52 (1973-1976), Bound Volumes: vol. 52–vol. 55 (1976-1979), Periodical Cassette: vol. 56 (1980)-present, Online Database: Literature Resource Center (1993-present) [<http://library.ferris.edu/cgi-bin/litrc.cgi>]**

**Journal of Children's Literature:** Critical essays, book reviews, and author interviews comprise the articles in this journal.

**Holdings: Online Database: WilsonSelectPlus vol. 28, no. 2 (Fall 2002)-present (selected content only) [<http://library.ferris.edu/cgi-bin/wilsonselectplus.cgi>]**

**The Lion and The Unicorn: A Critical Journal of Children's Literature:** This title is a leading scholarly journal for children's literature. A typical issue contains critical essays as well as book reviews for critical monographs which cover aspects of children's literature.

**Holdings: Bound Periodicals vol. 25 (2001)-present (most recent issues in Current Periodicals)**

## Internet Resources

For Children's Literature sources on the Internet see <http://www.ferris.edu/library/Subject/lit.htm>