

Browsing for Children's Literature

Why: To find children's books without searching the catalog

How: Use this LC "cheat sheet"

While many patrons are familiar with the Dewey Decimal System, learning how to navigate the Library of Congress (LC) system can be a challenge. This guide will help you browse the MLC children's literature collection more effectively.

If you're searching for something specific, using the catalog may be the best option.

Nonfiction	
Call Number	Subject Area(s)
Beginning	
A	General Works: Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Almanacs, other general reference books
B	Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, Manners, Mythology
BR	Christianity
BR 325	Martin Luther
BS, BT	The Bible, Bible Stories
C	Archaeology, Genealogy, some Biography, General History
D	History: General World History; History of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia
E, F	History of the Americas
E 1 – E 99	Native Americans
E 151 – E 909	United States History
F 1 – F 975	
G	Geography, Environmental Sciences
GR	Folk Tales
GT	Traditions, Holidays
GV	Recreation, Leisure, Sports
H	Social Sciences, Statistics, Economics, Finance, Sociology, Family, Community
J	Political Science, Government, Colonization, International Relations
K	Law

L	Education
M	Music
N	Fine Arts: Visual Arts, Architecture, Sculpture, Drawing, Painting
P	Language and Literature
PE	Alphabet, Parts of Speech, Words
PF – PM	Languages
PN	General Literature, including poetry anthologies
PQ, PR, PT	Literature from Europe, including poetry; may include classic fiction
PS	American Literature, including poetry; may include classic fiction
PZ	See Children’s Fiction below
Q	Science, Mathematics
R	Medicine
S	Agriculture
T	Technology, Engineering, Vehicles, Photography, Crafts, Cooking
U, V	Military
Z	Bibliography, Libraries, Writing, Publishing, Information Sources, Internet

Children’s Fiction	
Call Number Beginning	Subject Area
PZ 5	Collections of works by different authors
PZ 7	Juvenile fiction for authors whose first works were published between 1870 and 2014, followed by a letter-number line that is usually based on the author’s last name
PZ 7.1	Juvenile fiction for authors whose first works were published in 2015 or later, followed by a letter-number line that is usually based on the author’s last name
PZ 7.5	Novels in verse
PZ 7.7	Graphic novels (comics)
PZ 8	Traditional fairy tales
PZ 8.1	Folklore and legends
PZ 8.2	Fables
PZ 8.3	Nursery rhymes and stories in rhyme
PZ 10.3	Realistic animal stories
PZ 10.4	Sign language and Braille books
PZ 10.5	Books written in three or more languages

Please ask library staff if you have any questions about using the MLC Library.