Finding Juvenile Books for Readers Below Grade Level

When you are looking for books to encourage your tutees in the area of reading, you may wish to search the GVSU catalog using various phrases. Placing a phrase in quote marks forces the computer to look for the exact phrase arrangement.

It is best if you use the Advanced search module which is found after clicking the Books & Media link on the Library’s homepage, or by directly going to the Advanced Search.

Before typing in one or a cluster of phrases from below, be sure to limit your search by Location by using the drop down menu and highlighting the Mary Idema Pew Juvenile/Y.A. Return to the top search box and place one of phrases below. The phrases will show up in the Notes or Genres section of the record.

“level 1” “level 2” “easy to read” “ready to read” “I can read” “high interest” “picture puffins” “first stepping stone” “let’s read”

You may wish to also search by a series title if you find one that is of interest to your tutee. *The only caveat is that sometimes the series title does not appear on the record.* The series titles below are just examples.

“Frog and Toad” “Henry and Mudge” “Fly Guy” “Little Critter” “Captain Underpants” “Elephant & Piggie” “Magic Tree House” “Big Nate”

You may also wish to consider searching for authors you know. You would perform an Author search (last name, first name). Be sure to change the Keyword designation to Author before typing in the name of the author. Remember to limit the search to the Juvenile/Y.A. collection.

Brown, Marc  Henkes, Kevin  Lee, Suzy  Lin, Grace  Lionni, Leo  Lobel, Arnold  Park, Barbara  Sendak, Maurice  Seuss, Dr.  Willems, Mo

As reluctant as I am to say this, one of the best ways to find an easy reading book is just going to the Juvenile/YA collection and looking at the shelves.

Consider using the juvenile databases to locate possible titles. You will need to check in the catalog to verify if we have that book. Children’s Literature CD or TeachingBooks.Net

For assistance, contact Rita Kohrman, the Education and Juvenile Young Adult Literature Librarian.

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