Find children’s fiction and non-fiction picture books on a subject area using Library Search Ketu (Advanced Search)

The Robertson Library and Southland Campus Library have large collections of children’s fiction and non-fiction books that you can use to support your training as a teacher. In the Robertson Library these books are held in the Teaching Support collection and Maori collection (1st floor, turn left at the top of the stairs).

Use Library Search Ketu to find children’s books on various subject areas.

Use the advanced search in Library Search Ketu so you have more search boxes and limiting options available.

- Limit your search results to children’s fiction picture books by adding Picture books for children and Juvenile fiction as subjects in your searches, for example:

Want to find big books? Add big books as a subject in your searches.
Want to find first books? Add board books as a subject in your searches.

Non-fiction
The Library has many non-fiction picture books as well. To search for these in Library Search Ketu, add the broad subject area you are interested in (e.g. nutrition) and Juvenile literature.

Want to find picture books with no words? Add stories without words as a subject in your search.
Fairy tales, folk tales, myths and legends:
To search for children’s fairy tales, myths and legends, include juvenile literature and folklore or mythology to your search. Here’s an example:

Want to find children’s and/or young adult fiction on a subject or topic?
Enter the broad subject area you want the story to be about and add juvenile fiction or young adult fiction as a subject in your searches.

Limit your results by Library:
There are teaching resources in the Robertson, Southland campus* and Hocken** Libraries. Use the Library limit in your Library Search Ketu search results to limit to a particular library.

*Books held in the Southland Campus Library can be requested using Library Search Ketu.
**Books held at Hocken can only be used in the Library.

Need some assistance?
Please ask Library staff at the Lending desks or contact the Education Subject Librarians:
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