How to use Library Search | Ketu (the library catalogue) to search for children’s fiction and non-fiction

This guide will help you search for children’s resources in the Library on broad topic area (e.g. Anzac Day, friendship, mythology or folklore, families etc.)

The first step is to choose the Advanced Search option for Library Search | Ketu, located on the Library homepage:

The following terms or phrases can be added to your advanced search to help you focus your results:

- Find children’s fiction – include the phrase juvenile fiction in your search
  Most children’s fiction in the Library collection is linked to the subject heading, Juvenile fiction and that’s why it is important to include juvenile literature in your searches

- Find children’s non-fiction – in the phrase juvenile literature in your search
  Children’s non-fiction is linked to the subject heading, Juvenile literature and that’s why it is important to include juvenile literature in your searches

- Find children’s picture books (fiction or non-fiction) by including the phrase picture books or the word, pictorial in your search

- Find children’s big books by adding the phrase big books in your search

- Find children’s first books by adding the phrase board books to your search

- Find picture books with no words by adding the phrase, stories without words

- Find young adult fiction by including the phrase young adult fiction in your search

- Include the broad subject area you want the books to be about (e.g. artists painting, cooking, transport, mythology, identity etc.)
Below are some examples of searches for children’s resources so you can see how to use combinations of the terms above (plus some of the other advanced search options).

1. Children’s stories (juvenile fiction) about friendship in the ‘big book’ format

2. Children’s picture books (pictorial) that are stories (fiction) about feelings or emotions

3. First books (board books) on the topic of counting

4. Children’s picture books about Maori legends