

Children's Literature Update 2012

Useful Websites

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[ALA/ALSC Book Awards](#)

www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia

The website listing the youth book awards given by the American Library Association.

[Simon and Schuster's "Ready to Read" books](#)

pages.simonandschuster.com/readytoread

Beginning readers published by Simon & Schuster, including several popular series such as "Henry and Mudge," "Olivia," and "Dora the Explorer."

[Graphic novels for younger tweens](#)

noflyingnotights.com/?cat=11

Not sure which graphic novels are appropriate for children? Check out this website, which used to be called "Sidekicks."

[Rick Riordan](#)

www.rickriordan.com/home.aspx

Website for the popular author of several tween adventure series, including "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" series, "The Kane Chronicles" series, and "The Heroes of Olympus" series.

[Jeff Kinney](#)

www.wimpykid.com

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" is one of the most popular humorous fiction series out now, which feature lots of drawings. This is the official website.

[Book Adventure](#)

www.bookadventure.com/book_finder.aspx

A free interactive site you can use to find other books on the same grade level that fit a popular subject, when doing readers' advisory with children.

[ACL Read-Alikes](#)

www.bayviews.org/readalikes.html

Maintained by the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California, their website has a Read-Alikes section that features new lists every month.

[Publishers' Weekly Bestseller's List – Children's Fiction](#)

www.publishersweekly.com/pw/bestsellers/childrens-fiction.html

[Publishers' Weekly Bestseller's List – Picture Books](#)

<http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/bestsellers/childrens-picture.html>

[Publishers' Weekly Bestseller's List – Children's Series](#)

www.publishersweekly.com/pw/bestsellers/childrens-series-tie-ins.html

Check out the bestsellers to be sure you have the popular books that our patrons are buying.

[Multnomah County, Oregon Kids' Site](#)

www.multcolib.org/kids/books.html

Lots of great booklists, by grade, by interest, and more.

[Database of Award-Winning Children's Literature](#)

www.dawcl.com/

Maintained by librarian Lisa Bartle, a handy collection of 84 different children's book award lists.

[Kidsreads](#)

www.kidsreads.com/

This long-running site offers book reviews, trivia, and many other resources on children's books.

[Guys Read](#)

www.guysread.com/

Maintained by author Jon Scieszka, this site has lists of great books that appeal to boys.

[Children's Series Books](#)

www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series

Maintained by the MidContinent Public Library, you can search for a book title, author, series title, or subject, and find the listing for a book series. Many children want to read a series in order, and this site will list the series in the order it was published.