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Activity 1. Locating Children's Books in the Library

PURPOSE:

Demonstrate ability to find an award-winning book in the Mundt Library using the Library's "Children's Literature: Guide to Resources" and the Library Catalog.

INSTRUCTIONS:

A. Navigate

1. Go to **CHILDREN'S LITERATURE : Guide to Resources** web page: <http://www.departments.dsu.edu/library/chdlit.html>
2. In the **Table of Contents** on the web page, find the link to **section B** ("How Do I find Good Children's Books?"), and go there.
3. At the top of section B, there are links to 3 ways of finding good books for children: book reviews, selective lists, and awards. **Click on the link to "awards"** to get to the sources for finding award-winning books.
4. Scan down the list and click on the link to connect to **"Newbery Medal"**

B. Find a children's book in the library

1. You will be assigned a year. Using the Newbery Medal web site, **find the Newbery Medal winner for the year you have been assigned.**
2. Find the book in the Library and take it to the librarian. To find the book:
 - a. Search the Library Catalog; use a Title word/s search and use the Limit button to limit by Collection to the Juvenile collection.
 - b. Click on the title of the book to see its complete description.
 - c. Find the "Location" line. Use the Location to retrieve the book from the library shelves in the Juvenile collection.

Note: the juvenile collection is divided into two parts – fiction and nonfiction.

 - 1) If the location starts with "JUVENILE : Fiction" the book will be in the fiction section. Use the 3 letters after "JUVENILE : Fiction" to find it alphabetically in the fiction section. For example, to find "JUVENILE : Fiction Gai", look for "Gai" within the fiction section.
 - 2) If the Location is "JUVENILE", followed by a Dewey Decimal number, then it is in the non-fiction section. Look for the Dewey Decimal section of the Juvenile collection to find it.