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## ED225: Author / Illustrator Study

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The purpose of a pathfinder is to assist you in your library research. Use the information provided below to guide your search for information about authors or illustrators. NOTE: many valuable sources are in print – see below for online databases.

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### Reference Books in the Teaching Materials Center

- *Children's Literature Review* - 125 volumes (Ref **TMC** Ref 028.52 C5365) \*see **cumulative title index**
- *Something About the Author* - 180 volumes (Ref **TMC** Ref 928.S696)  
\*notice that several volumes say "Index to vols. 1-99" or "Index to vols. 1-173"

### Additional resources in the Alverno Library

- *Dictionary of Literary Biography* - vol. 61 - American writers for children (Ref 028.509 A512)
- *The Continuum encyclopedia of children's literature* (Ref 028.5 C762)
- *Contemporary Literary Criticism* - 164 volumes (Ref 809.04 C761) \*see **cumulative title index**
- *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism* - 126 volumes (Ref 809.04 T971) \*see **cumulative title index**
- *Contemporary Authors: Autobiography series* (Ref 928.1 C761)
- *American Women Writers* - 5 volumes (Ref 810.9016 A512)
- *Twentieth-century Young Adult Writers* (Ref 028.5 T971)
- *Black Authors & Illustrators of Children's Books* (Ref 028.5092 R755)
- *Writers of Multicultural Fiction For Young Adults* (Ref 028.5092 W956)
- *Literature For Today's Young Adults* – 8<sup>th</sup> edition (Ref 028.5 N712)
- *Beacham's Guide to Literature For Young Adults* - 3 volumes (Ref 028.5 B365)
- The Oxford companion to American literature (Ref 810 H325 a5)

### Books about characters in children's fiction

- *Who's Who in Children's Books: Familiar Characters...* (Ref 028.503 F535)
- *Dictionary of American Children's Fiction* - 4 volumes (Ref 028.52 H474)

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**FIND INFORMATION** about your author or illustrator may be found in the following databases:

**\*ERIC**

**Academic Search Premier**

**ProQuest National Newspapers Core Collection**

\* (from the library homepage, click on the link titled Databases A to Z and choose a database from an alphabetized list).

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- **LOCATING BOOKS** by or about your author / illustrator – using TOPCAT

**Quickly borrow books from outside Alverno!** The Alverno College Library is a member of the **SWITCH** consortium (Southeastern Wisconsin Information Technology Exchange), which provides materials to patrons from seven other Milwaukee area libraries. SWITCH libraries share books, videos, scores, journal articles, and other items. With a valid Alverno library card, you can have materials delivered to Alverno's library for checkout

To search for books in the online catalog (called TOPCAT) use the following url:

<http://topcat.switchinc.org/search/X>

The seven other libraries are: Cardinal Stritch University (CSU), Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW), Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD), Mount Mary College (MMC), Sacred Heart School of Theology (SHST), Saint Francis Seminary (SFS), Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC)

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In addition to entering the author names (e.g. Henkes Kevin) or a title (e.g. Bailey Goes Camping), you can perform a **SUBJECT search**, using the following headings to locate information.

American literature -- 20th century -- Dictionaries  
Children's literature -- Encyclopedias  
Children's literature -- Bio-bibliography -- Dictionaries  
Children's literature -- Authorship  
Authors -- Biography  
American literature -- Bio-bibliography  
Young adult literature -- Bio-bibliography

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