ED225: Author / Illustrator Study

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.

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 – 8th 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)
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).

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

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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)

LOCATING BOOKS in the online catalog called TOPCAT (The Online Public Catalog)

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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