

FURTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

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International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) <<http://www.ibby.org>>

This is a non-profit organization that links publishers, teachers, librarians and faculty around the world who are interested in promoting children's books and publishing. Founded in 1953 to promote world peace and understanding through children's literature, it has become the primary organization for promoting international children's literature. All countries can become members of IBBY. It is based in Basel, Switzerland and financially supported by dues from national sections and donations and grants. IBBY's main activities are the administration of the Hans Christian Andersen Award, the most prestigious honor in international children's literature, its journal *Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature*, and its biennial congresses which are held all over the world. The IBBY website also includes virtual exhibits of books.

International Children's Digital Library (ICDL) <<http://www.icdlbooks.org/>>

The ICDL was originally a research project at the University of Maryland to develop software and a collection of international books for children. It is now the main activity of the not-for-profit ICDL Foundation. Its goal is to build a collection of books that represents outstanding historical and contemporary children's literature from around the world. There are currently over 1600 full-text books in 38 languages available in the collection with new works being added frequently. The highest number of users comes from the United States, and then South Africa and China. The search engine is designed with children in mind and is colorful and easy to use. The simple search uses big buttons to make selections with multiple choices that would appeal to children, including the color of the cover, the length of the book, and the types of characters, as well as the usual divisions of age and genre.

Multicultural Children's Literature

<<http://www.lib.msu.edu/corby/education/multicultural.htm>>

This website from Michigan State University provides links to a variety of good web sites on both American multicultural and international children's literature. It also includes bibliographies of books and articles for both identifying juvenile books and learning more about how to use them effectively with children.

Passport: International Children's Literature <<http://passport.imaginarylands.org/>>

Portions of this site were originally created for a class at the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. It is designed to make Americans aware of children's literature from other countries. It provides many resources for identifying good books and translations. It also includes a lot of helpful resources like links to awards, book fairs, booksellers, events, grants, journals, online and print resources, publishers and organizations to help identify such works. There are also lists of books and information on authors from around the world.