How to Search for Children’s Literature in Spanish

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The key to creating a good search is to try different keywords in different combinations. Here is an example of how to find children’s literature in Spanish. First, go to the library homepage at https://www.library.ualberta.ca/ where you will see the main search box:

Then click on “Advanced:”
Type “juvenile OR children” in “All Fields” and “fiction OR poetry OR literature OR cartoon OR comic” in the “Subject” field. By using these terms, you will get back all types of children’s literature. (You do not have to use all of these terms. You can use this combination or a variety of combinations to get your desired results.) Here is what it looks like:

This brings back many results, so you may need to specify further. On the left hand side there are options you can choose. Under “Access” select “At Library” if you would like print books. Otherwise, select “Online” to choose electronic books. In this example we will select “At Library.”
Under “Format” select “Books.” (This eliminates sound recordings, for example.)

Under “Language,” select “Spanish:”
You will then end up with:

You can also limit your search to books at a specific library. Under “Library” select the library you want (eg. “HT Coutts”).

[Image of a library search interface showing search results for books in Spanish, including titles like "Colorín colorado: introducción a la literatura juvenil hispánica" and "Posmodernidad en la literatura infantil y juvenil, 1a ed." with options for library and language filtering.]
The key is to try different keywords that bring back the right search results for you.

Alternatively, you may want to consult overview studies and bibliographies, such as EL ANUARIO IBEROAMERICANO SOBRE EL LIBRO INFANTIL Y JUVENIL 2017 and Fundación cuatro gatos to identify children’s literature to search for by title.

Here are some results you will find:

1. Somos como las nubes = We are like the clouds
   
   Author: Argueta, Jorge; [illustrated by] Ruano, Alfonso
   Language: Spanish, English
   Copies available at: PQ 7539.2 A67 S66 2016 HT Coutts Library

2. Adiós, Arcoíris
   
   Author: Chávez Castañeda, Ricardo; [illustrated by] Rébora, Cecilia
   Language: Spanish
   Copies available at: PZ 73 C515 Ad 2015 HT Coutts Library

3. Prohibido leer a Lewis Carroll
   
   Author: Arboleda, Diego; [illustrated by] Sagospe, Raúl
   Language: Spanish
   Copies available at: PZ 73 A7365 Pr 2014 HT Coutts Library

4. Colorín colorado: introducción a la literatura juvenil hispana
   
   Author: González, Ann B.
   Language: English, Spanish
   Copies available at: PQ 7082 C48 C64 2014 Rutherford Library

5. Lexicón de literatura infantil juvenil
   
   Author: Pardo Belgrano, Marín Ruth; Nervi, Juan Ricardo
   Language: Spanish
   Copies available at: PN 1009 A1 P22 1979 Rutherford Library

6. Diccionario histórico de autores de la literatura infantil y juvenil contemporánea
7. **La literatura infantil y juvenil española en el exilio mexicano**

   Editors: Cerrillo, Pedro C.; Miaja, María Teresa
   Language: Spanish
   Copies available at: PQ 6168 L58 2013 Rutherford Library