Information Detective: Level 2



Using the library’s online catalog to find the information you need!

Step 1: Do a search on the catalog, but ask yourself what kind? Author search? Title? Keyword? Subject?

Step 2: Write down the call number and title and go to the RIGHT section of the library to find the book.

You are an information detective. Select 2-5 of the following scenarios. Explain how you found what you were looking for in your notebook. Include these details: (1) what kind of search you did; (2) the call number, title, and author of the book you found, and (3) how you felt about it or what you learned.

Scenario 1: You loved the movie “Shrek” and found out there is a book called “Shrek”. Can you find it?

Scenario 2: You need a book about the flu. Your sister has it and you want to help her feel better if you can (and, you don’t want to get it from her!). Can you find it?

Scenario 3: You love folk tales, especially ones about Anansi the Spider. Can you find one you haven’t read?

Scenario 4: You love “A Light in the Attic:” by Shel Silverstein. Does the library have any other books by him? Can you find one? Two? How many?

Scenario 5: You used to love reading books about sharks, but now you like all fish. Use the catalog to find the most interesting book about fish you can.

Scenario 6: You heard that Jupiter had 16 moons and you want to know if it is really true. Can you find out for sure by using the catalog? How?

Scenario 7: You want to find out about famous battles of the Civil War. Use the catalog to find the call number for the Civil War and browse for the most interesting book you can find.

Scenario 8: You love Dan Gutman. He is your favorite writer. How many titles do we have by him? What is the call number of “The Million Dollar Strike”?

Scenario 9: You love Eve Bunting. Her books are really deep. Where can you find the book “Riding the Tiger”?

Scenario 10: Origami! You want to learn everything. Use the catalog to find a great origami book for beginners.