

# Ashland University Library

## Instructional Resource Center

Locating Juvenile Book Reviews



### Journal Resources: Locating Juvenile Book Reviews

Academic Search Premier, an EBSCOHost database, is an ideal resource for locating book reviews for children's literature. Titles within this database that publish children's book reviews include, but are not limited to, *Horn Book Magazine*, *Booklist*, *Book Links*, *School Library Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly*. While new reviews have a short publisher embargo, time between publication and database availability, full text is often available from 1989. The library has recent print copies of *Booklist* (2001-), *Book Links* (2001-), and *School Library Journal* (2006-) in the stacks.

A short synopsis from Academic Search Premier regarding these five journals:

- *Book Links*: "Focuses on articles that target those people that educate children from preschool through eighth grade."
- *Booklist*: "Provides a guide to current print and non-print materials worthy of consideration for purchase by small and medium-sized public libraries and school library media centers."
- *Horn Book Magazine*: "Reviews the best children's books published (and) articles about children's books."
- *School Library Journal*: "The most complete provider of news, information and reviews for librarians and media specialists who swerve children and young adults in school and public libraries."
- *Publishers Weekly*: "News and analyses of book publishing for publishers, booksellers, agents, librarians (and) educators."

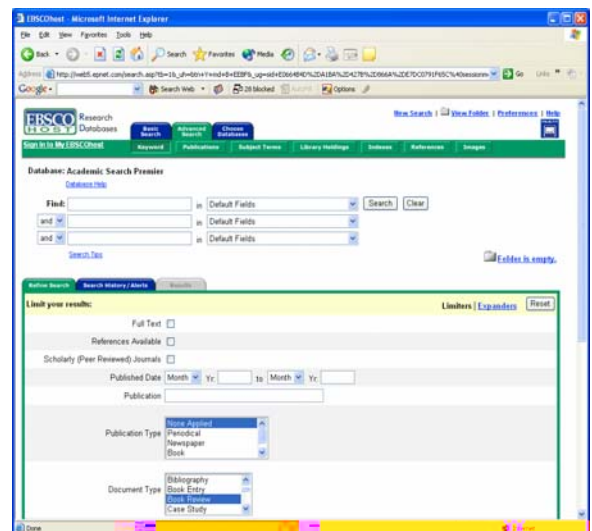
### Academic Search Premier

EBSCOHost databases may be accessed by Ashland University students both on and off campus. On campus, from the library web page select Research Databases from the Quick Links menu (green bar). This will take you to the alphabetical listing of available databases. Select Academic Search Premier.

To locate information on a selected book or author, enter the specific title, author/illustrator, or ISBN. Directly below the search box is an area for refining a search by setting limiters such as publication type, document, and full text. To locate book reviews on a particular book, after entering the title, set the following limiters for the search:

- *Document type*: choose book reviews
- *Publication type*: choose periodical

It is possible to set results for full text only, but this is not recommended. If AU library has the full text, or another database resource has full text, it will display with the original results. You will be able to link to these other resources.



Once limiters are set, proceed with the database search. Keep in mind limiters are just that; limiters set before beginning a search will affect the number of results returned (more limiters = smaller number of focused hits). Please note, if working off campus, it will be necessary to authenticate via the library eproxy using your student name and ID number.

The periodicals discussed in this handout are not the only ones available for children and young adult book reviews; *Kirkus Reviews*, *Library Journal*, and *The Reading Teacher* are also offered in Academic Search Premier. Further information regarding book reviews is available on the IRC Book Review Blog @ <http://ircbookreviews.blogspot.com>.