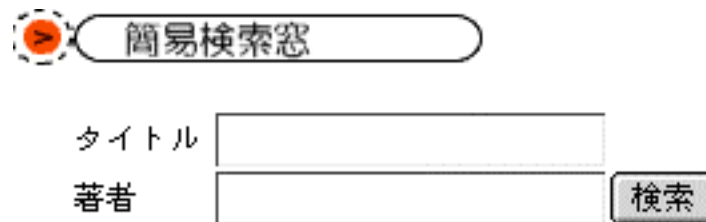


Tips on Searching the National Diet Library's Web-OPAC

<http://webopac2.ndl.go.jp/>

In the spring of 2000, the National Diet Library formally unveiled its online catalog to the world. Currently the database includes more than two million Japanese language books received since 1948, and more than 200,000 Western language books received since 1986.

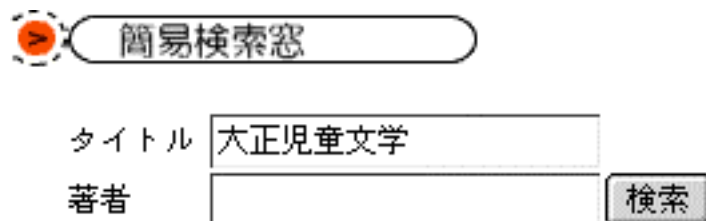
The NDL catalog offers a variety of search strategies. The easiest and quickest search can be done on the main page of the OPAC. This is the "simple search" screen and there are only two choices: title or author.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a title bar that says "簡易検索窓" (Simple Search Window) next to a right-pointing arrow icon. Below the title bar are two input fields: "タイトル" (Title) and "著者" (Author). To the right of the "著者" field is a button labeled "検索" (Search).

You can search using either katakana or kanji. If the kanji are connected together as in the example below, the exact phrase will be searched. If there is a space between the words, records in which all three terms appear will be displayed.

All examples used in this document are based on a search for literature related to Japanese children's literature during the Taisho period. I begin with a simple but specific title that I believe exists.



This screenshot is similar to the one above, but the "タイトル" (Title) field contains the text "大正児童文学" (Taisho Children's Literature). The "著者" (Author) field is empty, and the "検索" (Search) button is visible.

This title search generated three records. They are shown below in a brief display.

1. [大正児童文学／野口存弥／踏書社／1994. 9](#)
2. [大正児童文学の世界／2／続橋達雄／おうふう／1999. 4](#)
3. [大正児童文学の世界／続橋達雄／おうふう／1996. 2](#)

Clicking on one of them will cause the full record to be displayed.

大正児童文学の世界 2 続橋達雄 著

出版地 : 東京
出版者 : おうふう
出版年月 : 1999. 4
資料形態 : 258p 22cm 4800円
件名 : [児童文学一歴史](#) / [日本文学一歴史一大正時代](#)
ISBN : 4273030632
NDLC : [KG411](#)
NDC : [910.262](#)
請求記号 : [KG411-G8](#)

I am now ready to look for related information. I can do this by either selecting one of the subject headings or the classification number to see similar titles. I see that there is a subject heading [日本文--歴史--大正時代](#) that is a perfect match for my research. Simply by clicking on this subject heading I will get a list of all relevant titles held by the National Diet Library.

Instead of taking the smart route, I am going to select the broader subject heading [児童文学--歴史](#). Searching by subject headings rather than keywords means that all books, whether written in Japanese and other languages, are retrieved. The records are displayed 20 at a time in title order.

検索結果 = 167 件 検索語 / 児童文学 歴史

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表示条件 : 20件 ずつ表示 書名順 に一覧表示

<和図書 : 145 件>

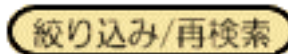
1. 『赤い鳥』6つの物語 / 山本稔, 仲谷富美夫, ... / サン
2. 「赤い鳥」運動と茨城の子ども達 / 増田実 / 筑波書林 /
3. 『赤い鳥』と鈴木三重吉 / 赤い鳥の会 / 小峰書店 / 19
4. 「赤い鳥」の時代 / 桑原三郎 / 慶応通信 / 1975
5. アメリカの児童雑誌「セント・ニコラス」の研究 / 「セ

Many of these records are relevant to my search (Japanese children's literature of the Taisho period) but many are not. I can now do another search to weed out the irrelevant records.

In the upper right hand corner are three buttons: help guide, additional terms/re-search, return to original search screen.



絞り込み/再検索

Clicking on this button:  will generate the full screen screen and your original search term will have been copied in.

タイトル中の単語	<input type="text"/>	AND
タイトルの全体形	<input type="text"/>	
著者	<input type="text"/>	AND
出版者	<input type="text"/>	AND
刊行年	<input type="text"/> 年以降 <input type="text"/> 年まで	
件名	児童文学 歴史 件名検索	AND
NDC/NDLC	<input type="text"/> NDC検索	AND
ISBN	<input type="text"/>	

Adding the term 日本 to the title field brings down the number of records to down from 145 to 51. I may not have picked up all the titles I need to review, because there is not guarantee that the authors used 日本 in the title. So, this time I follow the initial bibliographic record's example by inputting two search terms in the subject search field.

件名	児童文学 歴史 日本文学
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The result of this search is 46: 45 books in Japanese and 1 book in a Western language. I was curious about the Western language book, so I clicked on the result list instead of scrolling through the individual records.

検索結果 = 46 件 [検索語](#) / 児童文学 歴史 日本文学
[和図書](#) 45件 [洋図書](#) 1件

Akai tori in den Jahren 1918/1919 d
Kinderzeitschrift

- 著者名** : Woldering, Britta.
出版地 : Frankfurt am Main ; New York
出版者 : P. Lang
刊行年 : 1998
出版国 : ドイツ
資料形態 : x, 290 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
シリーズ名 : Europäische Hochschulschriften. Reihe 0721-3581 ; Bd. 67 = Publications uni asiatiques et africaines ; vol. 67 = Eur African studies ; vol. 67
注記 : Summary in English and Japanese. ; D1 (doctoral)--Heidelberg University, 19
件名 : [児童文学](#) / [日本文学—歴史—大正時代](#) /
ISBN : 3631331223
ISSN : 0721-3581 ;
NDLC : [KG411](#)
請求記号 : KG411-A2

Now I have come back full circle to my first search. What I have found out is that there is no subject heading for Japanese children's literature [日本児童文学](#). Instead I need to use two groups of subject terms to get the example result I need. see an example of exactly the subject search that I need. I will need to go back to the full search screen and input all the terms.

<和図書：7件>

1. 『赤い鳥』と鈴木三重吉／赤い鳥の会／小峰書店／1
2. 「赤い鳥」の時代／桑原三郎／慶応通信／1975
3. 講座日本児童文学／7／編集：猪熊葉子Ⅱ（等…／明
4. 体験的児童文学史／前編／関英雄／理論社／1984
5. 大正児童文学／野口存弥／踏書社／1994.9
6. 大正児童文学の世界／2／続橋達雄／おうふう／19
7. 大正児童文学の世界／続橋達雄／おうふう／1996

<洋図書：1件>

1. Akai tori in den Jahren 1918／Woldering, Brit

Searching Authors and Corporate Bodies

You can input the last name only. This works well for someone like Setouchi Jakuchô who also writes and Setouchi Harumi. You can also input the first name only. This will work for someone with an unusual personal/pen name such as Banana Yoshimoto.

You can use katakana. This way you don't need to worry about whether a person's name is listed in old or new characters. ミヤザワ ケンジ will pick up both 宮沢賢治 and 宮澤賢治. Also, it works when you can't remember the correct kanji for an author.

Searching for corporate bodies is very handy. For example, I decided to look for corporate bodies that included the terms 児童 and 文学. The list that was generated included a number of regional groups that I might not have thought about otherwise.

2. 青森県昔話集成／上巻／青森県児童文学研究会…／青森県児童文学研
3. 赤い鳥研究／日本児童文学学会／小峰書店／1965
4. アンデルセン研究／日本児童文学学会／小峰書店／1969
5. 海とめんどりとがいとつめがね／森はなを囲む児童文学…／神戸新聞
6. おてつだいをしたくない日の本／現代児童文学研究会／偕成社／199
7. 大人への児童文化の招待／下／絵本児童文学研究セン…／エイデル研
8. 大人への児童文化の招待／上／河合隼雄，工藤左千夫…〔他〕／エー
9. おばけにあいたい日の本／現代児童文学研究会／偕成社／1996.

Displaying results

The default display is 20 records per screen displayed in title order. You can change this easily by clicking on the display buttons and then "redisplay"

表示条件 : ずつ表示 に一覧表示

Potentially the most useful is to change the order from title to date of publication, so you will see the most recent titles first. Remember that if you change the order to author, it will be in kana order.

Don't try to email the page to yourself. You will get a pretty error message from NDL instead. If you do want the brief results page, you can either print it out or copy the data and paste it into a document or an email message.

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