1. Background – These will give you background information on your topic.
   - *World Book Encyclopedia* (Curriculum Reference 031 W927 2013)
     Look up your topic in the index, volume 22.
   - *Childcraft: The How and Why Library* (Curriculum Reference 031 C536)
     Look up your topic in the index, volume 15.
   - K-12 Databases
     Available on the CMC website (mnstate.edu/cmc/)
     Search *Kids InfoBits* for background information.

2. Curriculum Bulletins/Teaching Activity Books
   - **MnPALS search.** (FIND BOOKS on library web page)
     Search these as a “subject” for best results.
     ✓ Education, Preschool—Activity programs
     ✓ Early childhood education—Activity programs

   - Curriculum Bulletins/Activity Books and Textbooks
     Browse curriculum bulletins/activity books and textbooks in the CMC with the call numbers 372.21 or 372.218. This is the call number for Early Childhood Education.

3. Picture Books and Informational Books
   - **MnPALS search.** (FIND BOOKS on library web page)
     To search for easy/picture books
     ✓ **Enter your topic.** Limit to Curriculum Easy under “Collection.”
     To search for informational books (includes nonfiction, songs, poetry, and folklore)
     ✓ **Enter your topic.** Limit to Curriculum Nonfiction under “Collection.”

4. Big Books – oversize books to read aloud to an entire class
   - **MnPALS search.** (FIND BOOKS on library web page)
     To search for big books
     ✓ **Enter your topic.** Limit to Curriculum Big Books under “Collection.”
     ✓ Or simply browse the Big Book bins in the CMC.

5. Poetry – children’s poetry on specific topics
   - **MnPALS search.** (FIND BOOKS on library web page)
     ✓ **Enter your topic** plus “POETRY.” Limit to Curriculum Nonfiction under “Collection.”

   - For hard to find poetry or specific poems, use the poetry indexes in CMC
     ✓ **Children’s poetry indexes** (Curriculum Reference 808.81) to find poetry on specific topics.
6. **Children’s Songs and Music** – children’s music and songs on specific topics

- **MnPALS search.** (FIND BOOKS on library web page)
  - **Enter name of song.** Limit to **Compact Disc** under “Format” or limit to **Curriculum Audio** under “Collection.”

- **For collections of children’s songs and music, search by “Subject” for:**
  - ✓ Children’s songs
  - ✓ Games with music
  - ✓ Humorous songs
  - ✓ School music
  - ✓ Singing games

For hard to find songs, use these song indexes in the CMC

- **Index to Children’s Songs** (Curriculum Reference 016.7846 P485i) to find songs in books. See "Broad Topic Guide" beginning on page 163.
- **Children’s Song Index** (Curriculum Reference 016.7846 C536) or **Children’s Jukebox** (Curriculum Reference. 016.7842 R357c) for songs on CD.

7. **Puppets/Puppetry/Storytelling**

- **MnPALS search.** (FIND BOOKS on library web page)
  - ✓ To find actual puppets, enter “PUPPETS.” Limit to **Curriculum Kits** under “Collection.”
  - ✓ To find books on making puppets and puppet plays, enter “PUPPET#.”
  - ✓ For books about storytelling, enter “STORYTELLING.”

8. **Other Media Materials including Manipulatives**

- **MnPALS search.** (FIND BOOKS on library web page)
  - ✓ **Enter your topic.** Limit to **Curriculum Kits** or **Curriculum Media** under “Collection.”.