Finding Fairy Tales, Fractured Fairy Tales, Fantasy & Folk tales

Fairy tales, Fantasy, and Folk tales are often referred to as Traditional Literature since they have their roots in the oral traditions of many cultures.

Fairy tales are fanciful stories written for or told to children, usually containing at least one supernatural element (magic, dragons, elves, ghosts, hobgoblins, witches, etc.) affecting people, animals, and/or things. Most fairy tales are based on the traditional folklore of a specific culture.

Fractured Fairy Tales are traditional fairy tales with a contemporary twist or a tale told from a new perspective.

Fantasy is any kind of fictional work that does not represent reality where magical powers and other impossibilities are accepted.

Folk tales are short stories rooted in oral traditions of a particular culture that may include improbable or supernatural elements. Many fairy tales, myths and legends began as folk tales.

How to Search for Fairy Tales
By Subject
You can use FSU’s online catalog to search for any of the above terms by subject.

1. Go to the Goldstein Library webpage at: http://goldstein.cci.fsu.edu/. Your page should look like this:

   ![Goldstein Library webpage](image)

2. Type “fairy tales” in the catalog search box. In the box below it select the option to search by subject headings. This allows for advanced searching by subject. Click Submit.

   ![Goldstein Library search box](image)
3. On the Search Results screen, the column on the left allows the search to be narrowed. You can narrow the results to the Goldstein Library by clicking on ‘FSU Goldstein Library’ under Library/Collection.

![Narrow Results By: Library/Collection](image)

4. From here you can further limit the search results if desired. For example, once the search has been limited to the Goldstein library, if you would like to find books for very young children you can click the ‘Easy and Picture Books’ tab under the Library Collection heading. This will only display results from Goldstein’s Easy Collection.

![Narrow Results By: Library/Collection](image)
By Author
1. Go to the Goldstein Library webpage at: http://goldstein.cci.fsu.edu/.
2. In the Library Catalog search box, select Author from the drop-down menu.
3. From this page you can enter the author’s name. For instance, if you want to read the works of Hans Christian Andersen you can enter either “Hans Christian Andersen” or “Andersen, Hans Christian”.
4. Once you get the results of your search, you will see the author’s name listed underneath the red link to the item record. This is the Library of Congress authority heading. You can see that “Hans Christian Andersen” is listed as “Andersen, H.C. (Hans Christian) 1805-1875”
5. You can view the item record by clicking on the red link. From here, you can also click on the author’s name to search the online catalog for more results.

### Online Fairy Tale Resources


Collection of many H.C. Andersen fairy tales from the 1872 translation by H.P. Paull, along with illustrations. Created and maintained by Zvi Har’El, in loving memory of his son Gilead. Listed as a Britannica Noteworthy site.

**International Children’s Digital Library.** Available at [www.icdlbooks.org/](http://www.icdlbooks.org/)

Has an extensive International collection of fairy tales mostly written in their native languages. The ICDL Foundation pursues its vision by building a digital library of outstanding children’s books from around the world and supporting communities of children and adults in exploring and using this literature through innovative technology designed in close partnership with children for children.

**Folklore and Mythology electronic texts.** Available at [www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktexts.html](http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktexts.html)

An online collection of folk stories from all over the world this and comprehensive links to other websites about this genre. The editor and translator of this site was a professor at the University of Pittsburgh and has written several novels about folklore and fairy tales.

**SurLaLune Fairy Tales.** Available at [www.surlalunefairytales.com](http://www.surlalunefairytales.com)

Online collection includes fairy tales with annotations, histories, comparisons across cultures and modern interpretations. Site is run by a librarian.
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Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database. Available through the online catalog or FSU Databases.