

Children's Books in the Horner Library

Did you know that the German Society's Horner Library has an extensive collection of modern children's books that can be borrowed? Well we do! For the past several months, library staff and volunteers have been working to make this collection more accessible by creating a separate, user-friendly online catalog for the lending library (thanks to a free catalog called *LibraryThing*). We have been photographing covers, bar coding, and labeling every book in the collection. The catalog is accessible through a link on the German Society's newly updated website. Under the Library tab, click on Library Home Page, and then follow the link to search the Children's Book Catalog. Or you can go to the catalog's website directly: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/GSPLlibrary>.

The Children's Book collection contains everything from board books to picture books to easy readers and chapter books appropriate for older children and young adults. Children's books are also a fun way to practice your German if you are learning the language. To date, the board books and picture books have been cataloged, and the chapter books are being worked on. If you are looking for books on a particular topic - Christmas stories or arts and crafts, songs or airplanes - just type in the word, and any record that has been "tagged" with that word will come up. You will also be able to see whether the book is available or checked out.

The Library's research collection, which does not circulate, contains literature published up to 1960. In the future, we plan to add current and classic German literature published after 1960 to this Lending Library catalog, enabling GSP members to easily see whether we own a copy. The library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-4pm. If you email the librarian at librarian@germansociety.org, we can make arrangements for you to pick up books during the German Society's business hours if you are unable to make it in on a Tuesday or Thursday. Check it out!

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