What Do I Read Next?

What Do I Read Next, a Gale database, enables a reader to find a fiction book by searching author, title, character name, character description, setting, or time period.

> Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
> Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

To access *What Do I Read Next?:*

  Go to: **RCPL** (**http://www.myrcpl.com**)
  Click: **Research Tools**
  Click: **Books and Literature** *(or use the A-Z list of databases)*
  Scroll to: *What Do I Read Next?*
  Click: **Inside the Library OR Home Access**

1. My pre-adolescent children like to read science fiction. Where can I get a list of books suitable for their age?
    - ❑ At the Main Menu*,* click *Custom Search.*
    - ❑ Expand (click) the drop-down menu beside *Genre / Story Type*; select *Science Fiction* from the list.
    - ❑ At the top of the screen next to *Find Books For,* uncheck all boxes <u>except</u> the one for *Children.* Leave that checked.
    - ❑ Click the *Search* button.
      NOTE: Over 200 matches arranged alphabetically by author will be returned, each a clickable link. Expanding the link displays details such as the age range for which the material is appropriate, a plot summary, subject headings, etc. Listing screens are advanced by clicking *Next Page.*

2. I enjoyed a book by Donald Westlake and would like to see a list of his other works.
    - ❑ At the *Main Menu,* click *Author Search*.
    - ❑ Type 'westlake, donald' in the *Enter the Name* box and click *Search.* (<u>Note 1</u>: if the boxes beside *Find Books For* and *Search For* are still unchecked from a previous search, re-check them. <u>Note 2</u>: if the radio button is left at *Start of Last Name* [the default setting], a comma <u>must</u> separate the last and first names, or the search will be unsuccessful. If *Name Contains* is used, the comma is optional.)
    - ❑ Over 60 matches will be retrieved, each a clickable link that can be expanded for complete details.

3. I need to know the winners of the South Carolina Children's Book Award.
    - ❑ At the *Main Menu*, click *Award Winners and Top Picks.*
    - ❑ Expand the drop-down menu at *Award-Winners*; scroll to *South Carolina Children's Book Award* and select it.
    - ❑ Click *Search.*   A clickable link containing the winners for the years 1976-2007 will appear.

4. I remember reading a book with the word Avalon in the title but cannot remember the rest. How could I search for it?
    - ❑ At the *Main Menu,* click *Title and Series Search.*

❑ Type 'avalon' in the *Enter the Title* box and leave the radio button at its default setting (*Titles Containing This Word or Phrase*).

❑ Click S*earch.* A list of items in which Avalon appears will be displayed as clickable links.

5. How can I see a listing of all authors covered by **What Do I Read Next**?

❑ At the *Main Menu*, select (click) *Author Search.*

❑ Leave the search box blank and the radio button at *Start of Last Name.*

❑ Click *Search.* A list of thousands of author matches will be retrieved in alphabetical order (including corporate authors) and can be advanced or retraced by clicking *Next Page* or *Previous Page.*
NOTE: The same strategy can be applied to *Title and Series Search.*

6. How does a *Genre* search work?

❑ Clicking *Genre* opens a page listing eight basic groupings: *Fantasy, Historical, Horror, Inspirational, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, and Western.*

❑ Click the drop-down menu beside each to display additional subcategories.

❑ Once a category or subcategory has been selected, click *Search* to retrieve all its matches.