

Teaching Resources Library

How to find instructional reading material

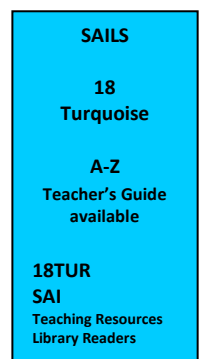
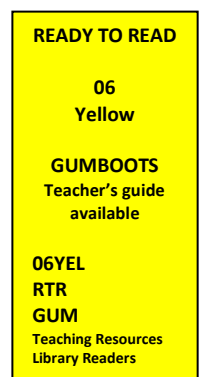
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OVERVIEW

This is a general guide to finding *Ready to Read*, commercial readers and *School Journals* in the Teaching Resources Library (TRL). The readers are used with students in Years 1–3 working at curriculum levels 1 and 2. At Year 3, the *Ready to Read* series is complemented by the *Junior Journal*.

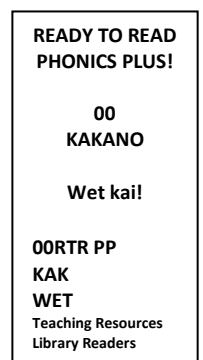
READY TO READ SERIES & COMMERCIALLY PRODUCED READERS

- Student instructional readers are crafted and levelled to ensure that students are presented with continual and appropriate challenges. Some form of levelling is provided with each text and the series it is part of.
- The colour wheel is used on the Ministry of Education *Ready to Read* series to provide a progression of difficulty for beginning and early readers.
- The colour coding on the commercially produced readers may or may not indicate the same level as the colour wheel colour on the *Ready to Read* series.
- The colour wheel chart (issued by Te Kura Toi Tangata School of Education):
 - Shows the order of difficulty and reading level for *Ready to Read* books.
 - Shows equivalent levels for Reading Recovery, English Language, Learning Progressions, Curriculum Levels and National Standards.
- In the TRL, *Ready to Read* (RTR) and commercial readers are shelved in series by levels of difficulty according to the colour wheel.
i.e. 01MAG, 02MAG, 03RED, 04RED, 05RED, 06YEL ...
- The box labels match the colour wheel colours as closely as possible
- The call numbers of books are as follows:
 - Number and colour, e.g. **06YEL** = level 6 Yellow
 - Abbreviated publisher/series name, e.g. **SAI** for Sails or **RTR**
 - Where there are 10 or more copies, each title is in a separate box and has the first 3 letters of the title, e.g. **GUM**
- Where there are five or fewer copies and multiple titles, the box label has a range of letters rather than a title, e.g. **A-Z**.



READY TO READ PHONICS PLUS

- Ready to Read Phonics Plus are new books that enhance the existing *Ready to Read* colour wheel series.
- These books focus on word recognition knowledge and skills that explicitly support children to “crack the written code” in texts. They focus on decoding and sight recognition of familiar words, and building language comprehension knowledge and skills.
- There are four phases in this series: Kākano, Tupu, Māhuri, and Rākau.
- The call numbers of books are as follows:
 - Number and series name, e.g. 00RTR PP, located at 00 before other English Language Readers as they are used alongside, and not within, the colour wheel.
 - Phase levelling, e.g. KAK = Kākano
 - First three letters of the title, e.g. WET = Wet Kai!



USING LIBRARY SEARCH TO SEARCH FOR ALL READERS AT A PARTICULAR LEVEL

The example below will find all titles at the 18 Turquoise level. Add a topic, e.g. *pets*, to find readers at that level on that topic.



THE SCHOOL JOURNAL

“The *School Journal* supports students in Years 4–8 to develop the knowledge and skills required to meet the reading demands of all the curriculum areas. Since 1907, the *School Journal* has delivered New Zealand content to motivate, excite, and engage students across the curriculum” (www.tki.org.nz).

The *School Journal* is grouped by curriculum level and interest level, not reading age. Six issues of the *School Journal* are published each year with many in digital format available on Te Kete Ipurangi (TKI) www.tki.org.nz.

JOURNAL SURF

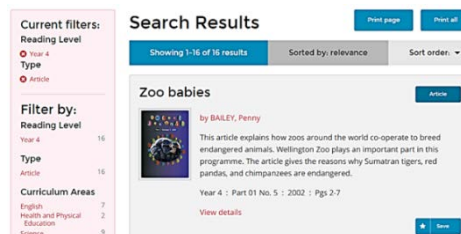
Use **Journal Surf** (the school journal online catalogue) to find material from a *School Journal* for a particular reading year level.

- Go to the Library webpage www.waikato.ac.nz/library
- Click the Library Search menu and select **Databases**.
- Type **Journal Surf** in the search box and hit enter or click the magnifying glass.
- Click the hyperlinked title **Journal Surf**.
- Take note of the email address and password under the Journal Surf heading, then click **Access Journal Surf**.
- Click on the Login button and sign in with the username (email address) and password from the previous page.
- Enter a search term and use the *filters* on the left to refine your results if required.

A screenshot of the 'Login to Journal Surf' form. It includes fields for 'Email address OR Username' and 'Password'. There is a 'Remember me' checkbox and a 'login' button. A link for 'Forgotten your password?' is at the bottom.

Other similar materials are indexed in Journal Surf:

- **Junior Journal:** An instructional reading series for students working at early level 2 in the New Zealand Curriculum and reading *Ready to Read* texts at Purple & Gold.
- **School Journal Story Library:** A targeted instructional series that provides additional scaffolds and supports for teachers to use to accelerate literacy learning for students in Years 5–8 who are reading 1–2 years below expectation.
- **Connected:** Is published in 3 issues each year, aligned to curriculum levels 2, 3, and 4 for students in Years 4–8, and promotes learning in science, technology, and mathematics.



Note: Both Readers and School Journals can also be used for other curriculum areas.