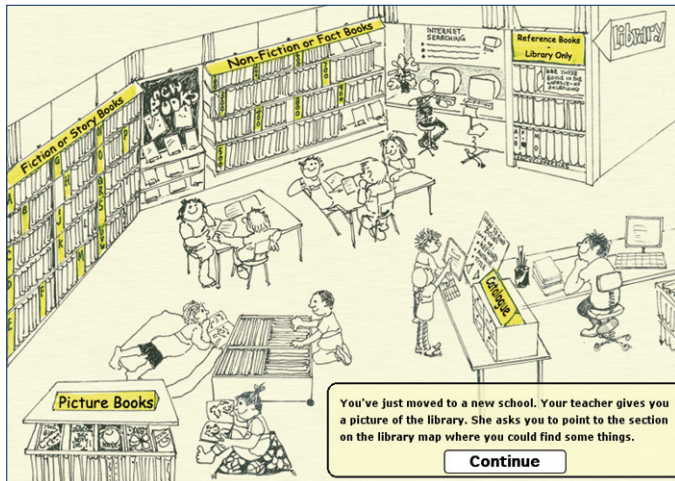


Approach: Station
 Focus: Identifying appropriate resources in a library
 Resources: Computer program on laptop computer

Year: 4 & 8

Questions / instructions:

This activity uses the computer.
 Click on the button which says **Where in the Library?**
 The computer will tell you what to do.

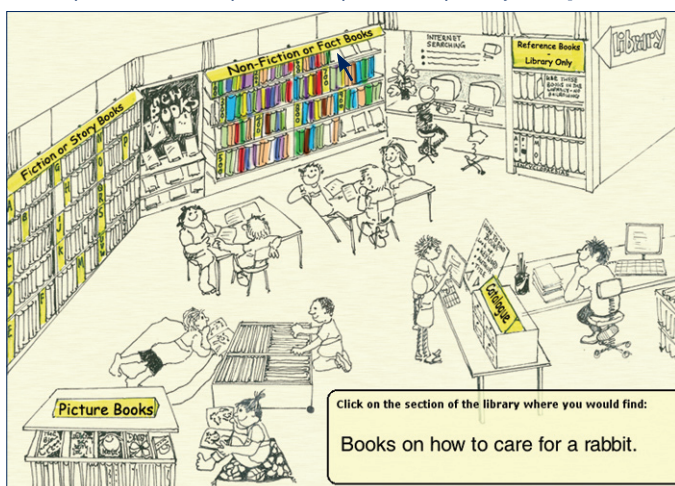


COMPUTER INSTRUCTION:

You've just moved to a new school. Your teachers gives you a picture of the library. She asks you to point to the section on the library map where you could find some things.

Click on the section of the library where you would find:

[No soundtrack. Each library section highlights in colour when the mouse is rolled over it. Once the student has clicked on their choice of library section for the book description, the screen automatically calls up the next description, in sequence, as per adjacent.]



Click on the section of the library where you would find:

		% responses	
		y4	y8
Information on New Zealand spiders	non-fiction	61	76
Encyclopaedias, dictionaries and other books to refer to.	reference	41	74
Books written by Roald Dahl.	fiction	45	76
Whether the library had any Margaret Mahy books. Remember they may be out.	catalogue	22	51
Stories for younger children - books with lots of pictures.	picture books	58	86
A World Atlas.	reference	30	71
Topic books.	non-fiction	42	69
Books on how to care for a rabbit.	non-fiction	53	84
Books in the Harry Potter series.	fiction	51	87
Where you'd look up your topic search terms to see if the library had any books.	catalogue	46	81
Total score:		10	4
		8-9	13
		6-7	17
		4-5	23
		2-3	32
		0-1	11

Commentary:

Sixty-two percent of year 8 students, compared to 17 percent of year 4 students, correctly identified where to look in a school library for solutions to eight or more of the information tasks.