



Student access to library resources

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To get started, follow the quick step guide below to familiarise yourself with the online library system. It will show you how to:

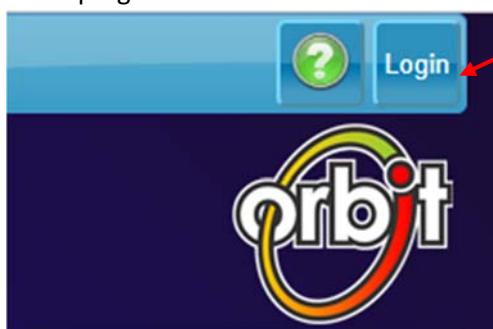
- Log in with your registered username and password
- Search for a book
- Reserve a book
- View current books that you have on loan
- Write a book review

Access the Orbit Library Catalogue

1. From the [Ascot State School website homepage](#), click on the  icon in the **Quicklinks** section on the right. This will open the online library catalogue called **Orbit** (<https://ascotss.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/junior.do?open=1>).



2. Click on the **Login** button at the top right.



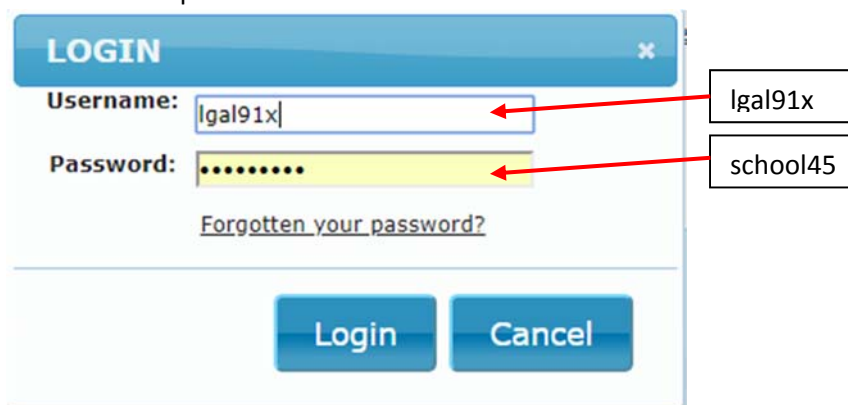
1. Enter your **username** and **password**. The username is the student's school email alias. The password is the same as the student's Reading Eggs password.

Example:

Laura Galaxy's school email address is lga191x@eq.edu.au

Her Reading Eggs password is *school45*.

She would use the first part of her email address: *lga191x* as her username and *school45* as her password.



LOGIN [X]

Username:

Password:

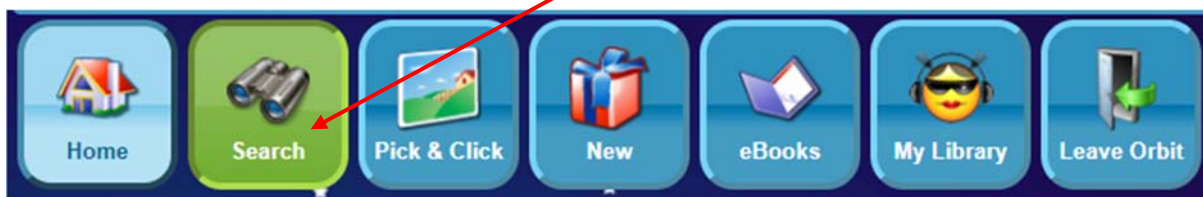
[Forgotten your password?](#)

Login Cancel

After entering the username and password, click **Login**.

Search the Orbit Library Catalogue

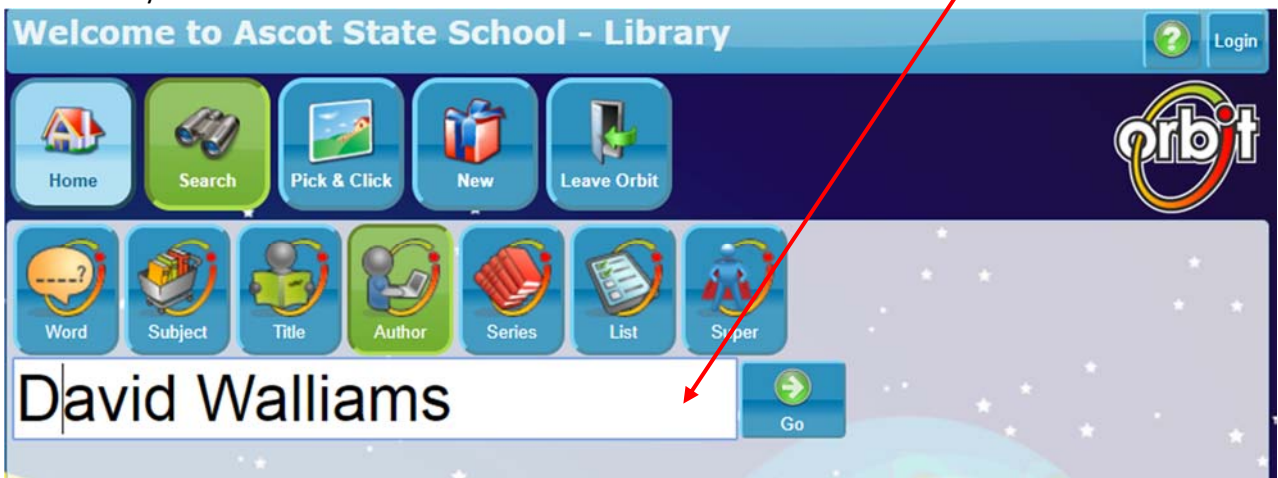
1. To search for a book or resource click on the **Search** button



2. You can search by word, subject, title, author or series by clicking on the appropriate button from the search list options. For example, to search by author click on the **Author** button.

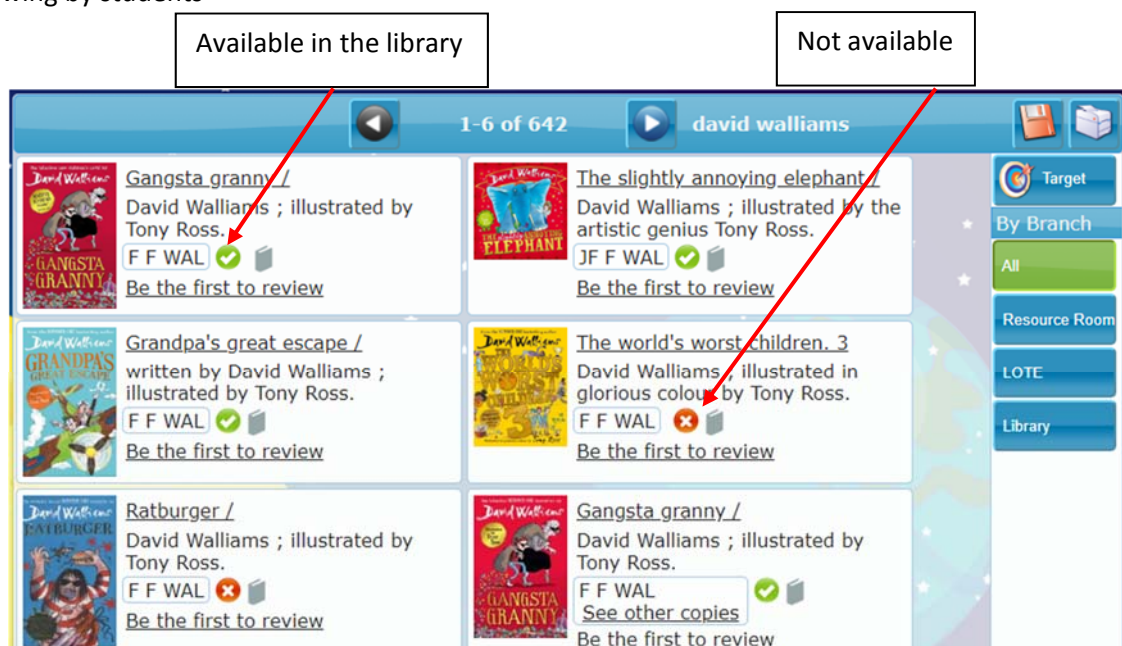


3. In the search bar that appears type in the name of the author to display all books available by this author in the library.

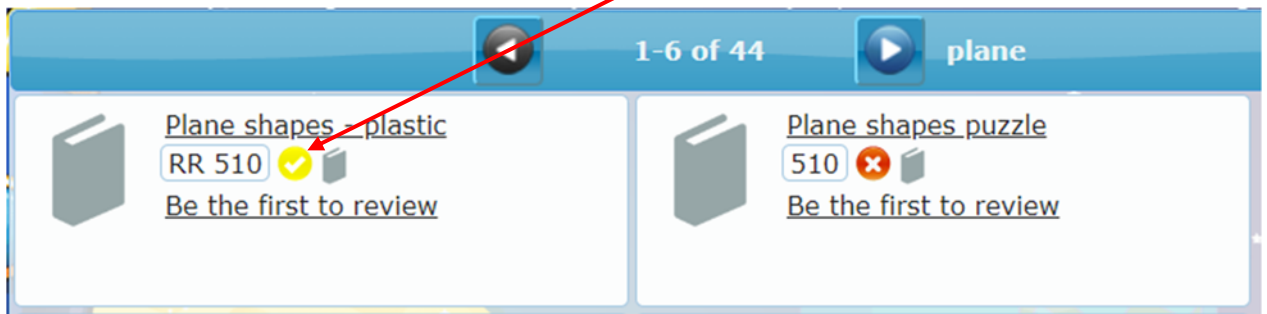


4. Special indicators show availability of the books:

- ✔ Available books to loan or reserve
- ✘ Book is either on loan or we do not have that resource in the library
- ✔ Special resources such as student readers, home readers, teacher references not available for borrowing by students



Not available for borrowing to students

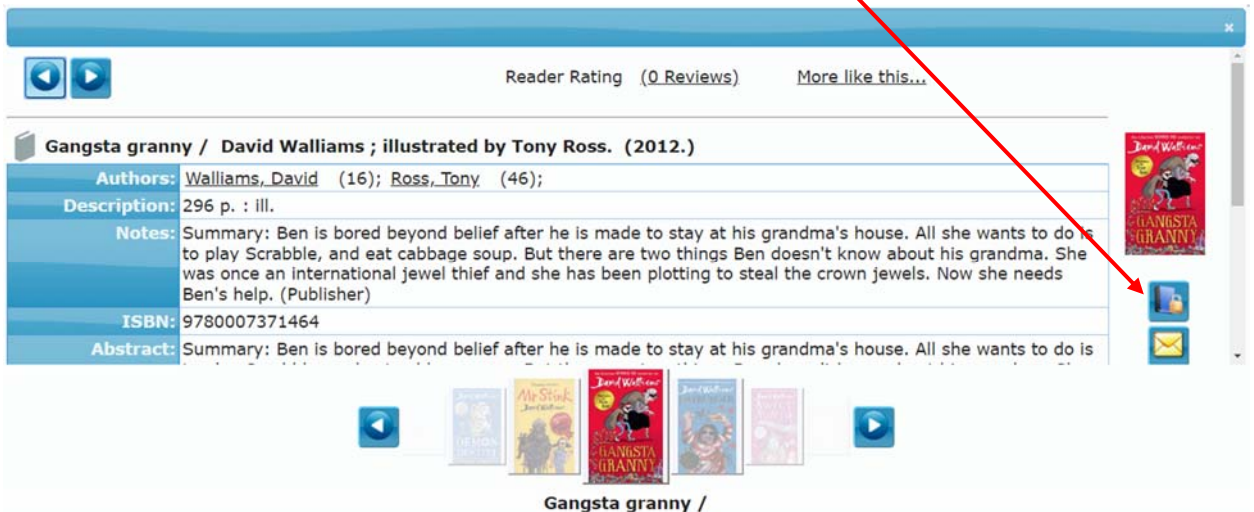


5. Click on the desired book title to view more details.

Reserve a book

To reserve a book that is currently on loan by another library borrower, follow the steps below.

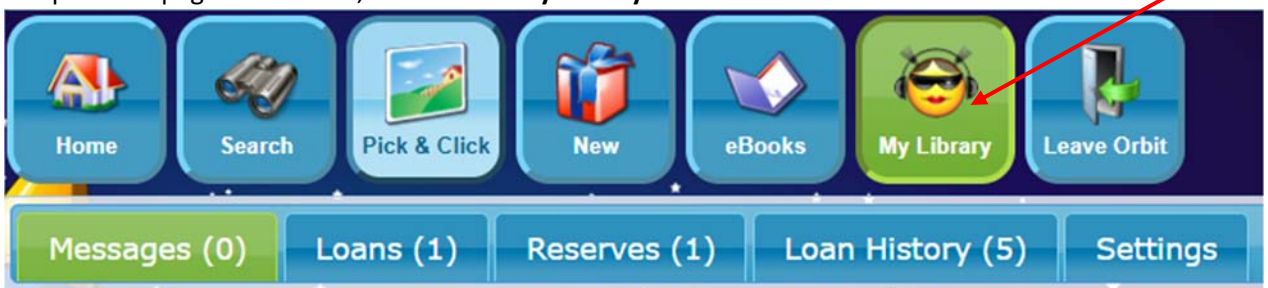
1. Click on the book title to display the details and then click on the **Reserve** icon .



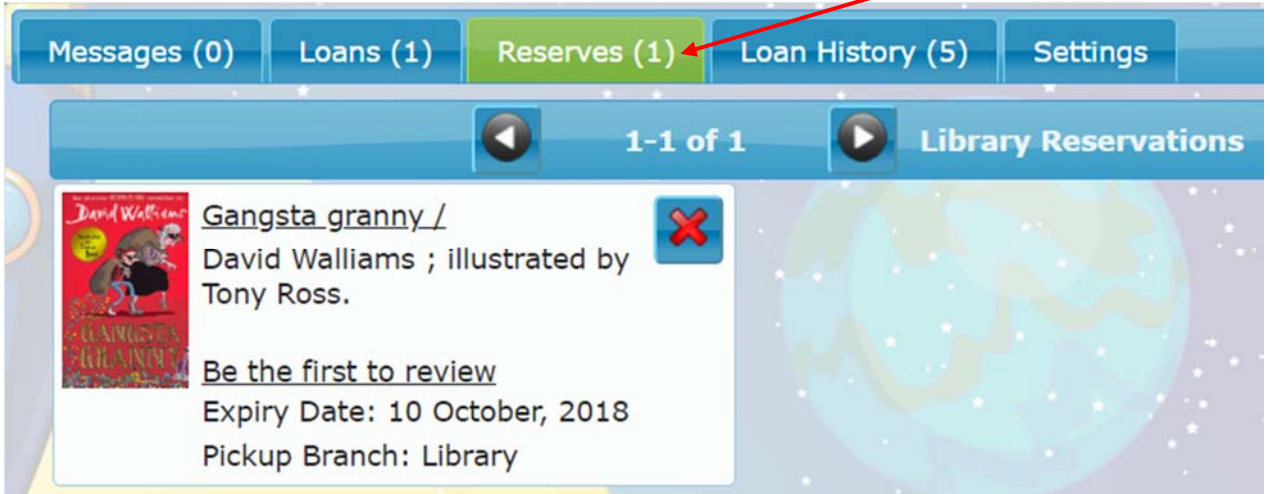
2. A message will appear confirming that the reservation has been placed.



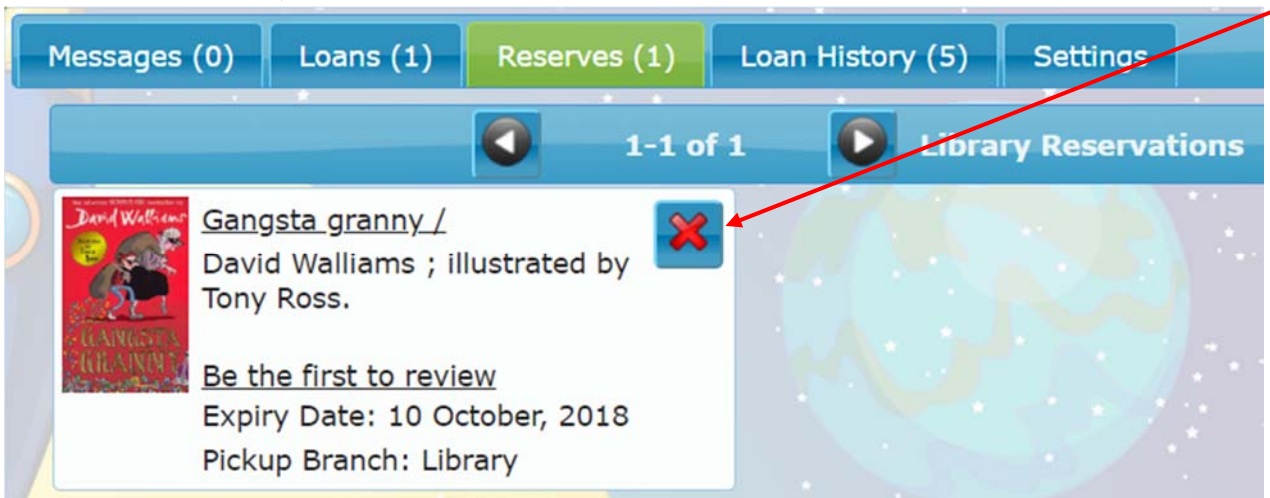
3. To view all your current reservations, click on the cross at the top right of the book window to return to the previous page. From here, click on the **My Library** button.



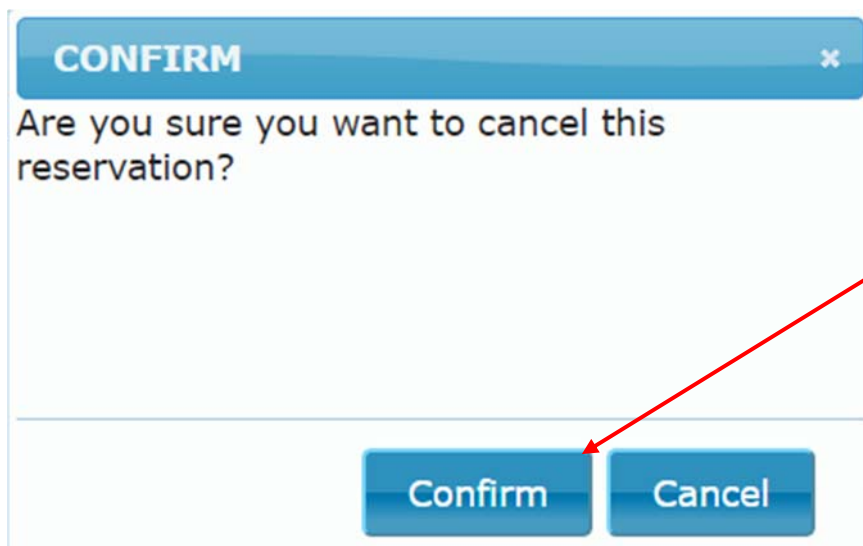
4. Click on the **Reserves** button to view the books you have requested.



5. To cancel a reservation, click on the red cross in the blue box next to the book in the **Reserves** section.



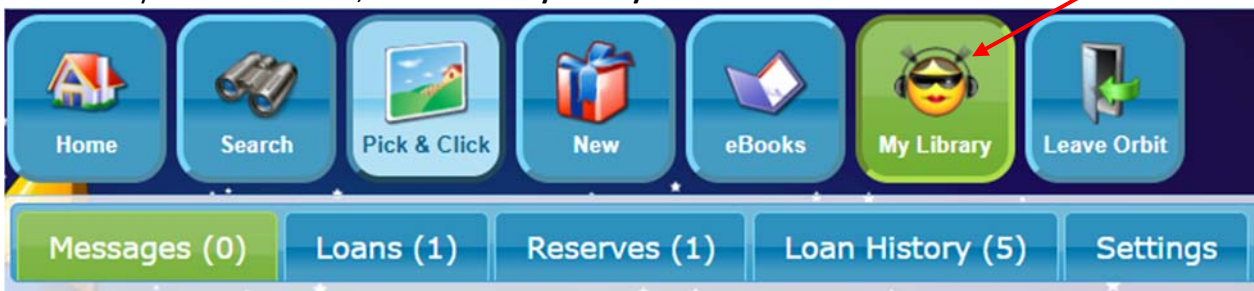
Click on the **Confirm** button to cancel the reservation.



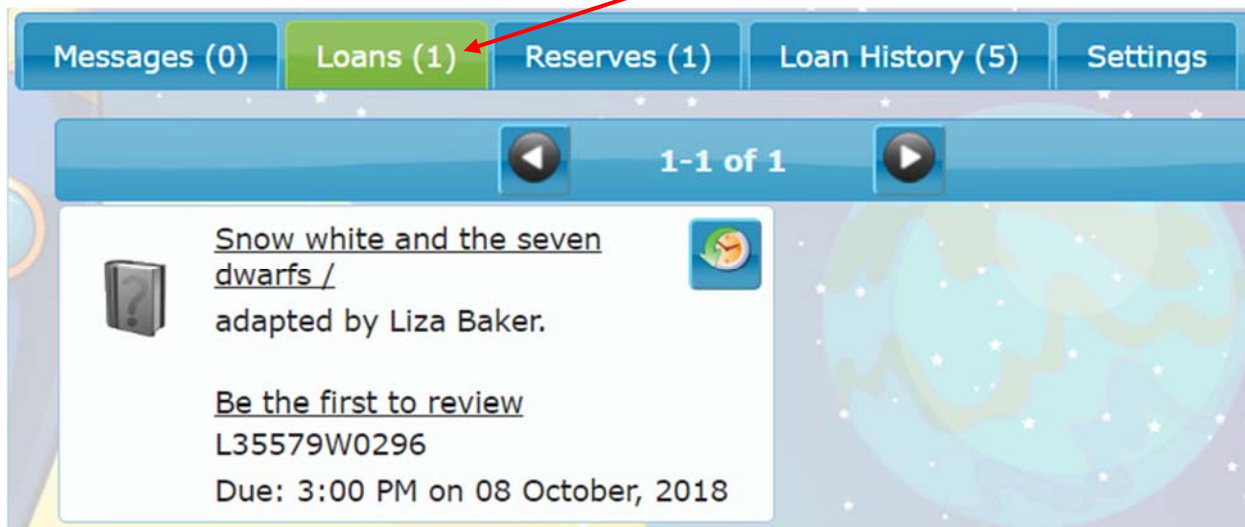
Review current loans

To see what books you currently have on loan, follow the steps below.

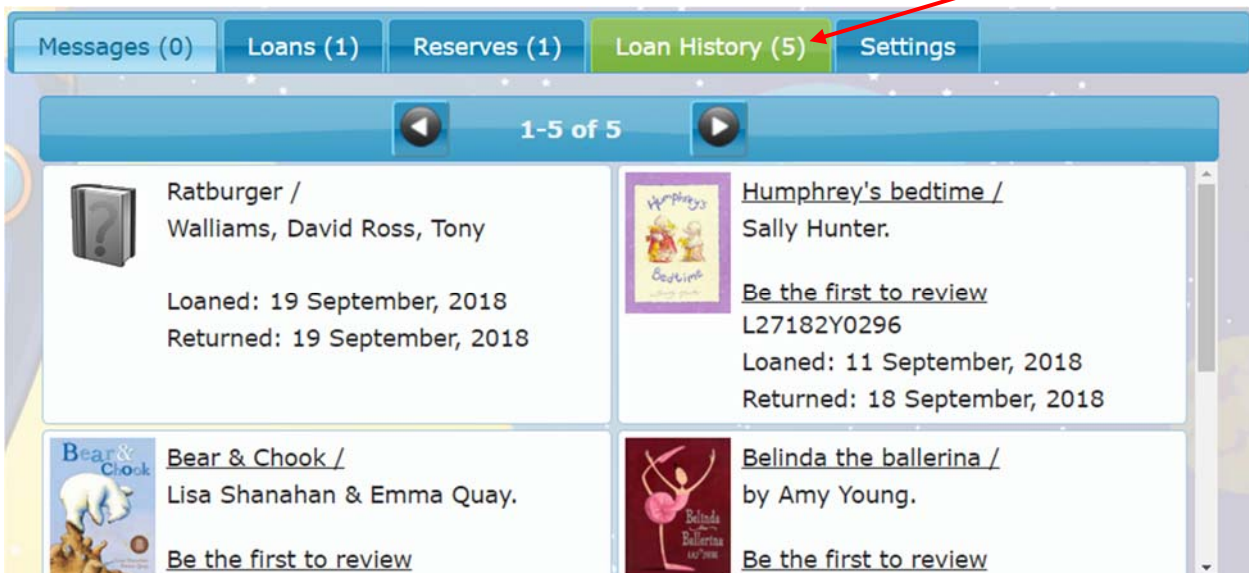
1. To view all your current loans, click on the **My Library** button.



2. Click on the **Loans** button. A list of all the books you have on loan will be displayed.



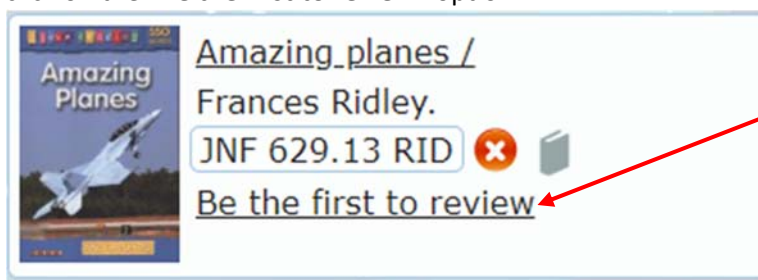
3. To view all the books you have borrowed in the past, click on the **Loan History** button.



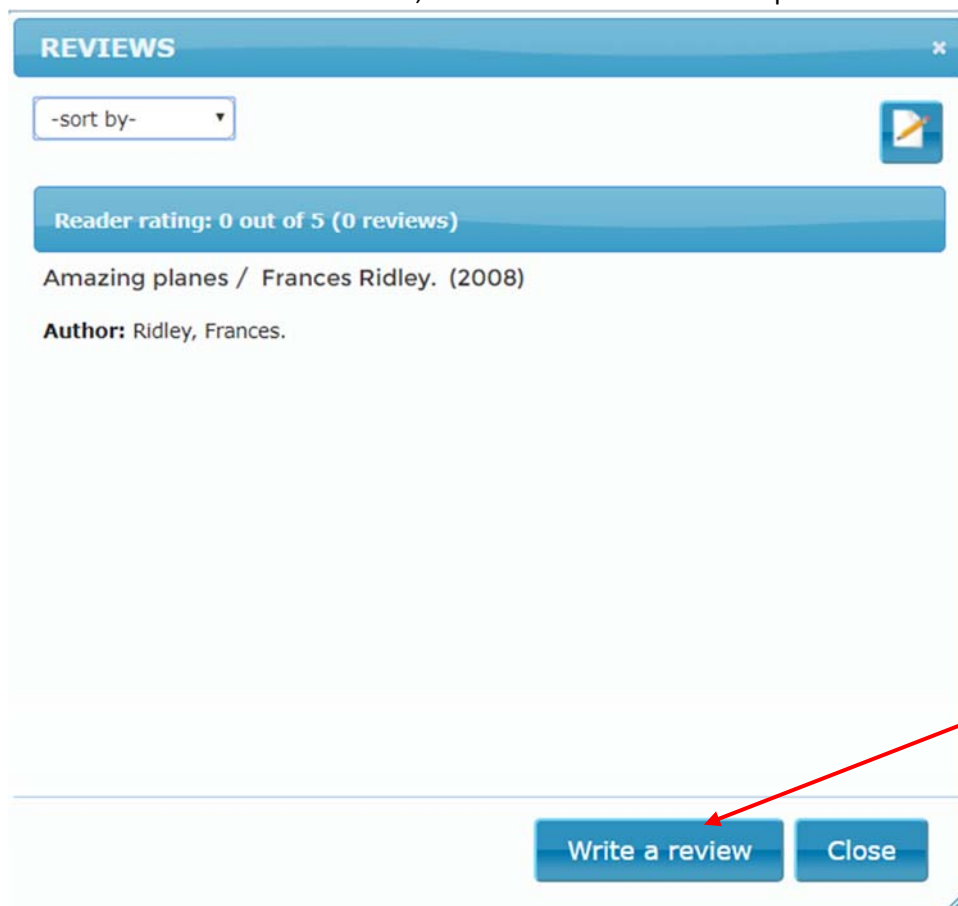
Rate a book or write a review

To give a book a star rating or to add a book review, search for the book as explained.

1. Below the book title click on the **“Be the first to review”** option.





2. If you would like to write a review for the book, click on the **Write a review** option below it.



3. Select a rating from 1 to 5, enter a title/headline for your review and add the description of the review in the text box provided.

REVIEWS ✕





 



Amazing planes / Frances Ridley. (2008)
Author: Ridley, Frances.



Rating: Lowest 1 2 3 4 5 Highest

Review Headline:

Review:

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  **A-** **A-** **?**

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Save **Cancel** **Close**

4. Your review will be subject to approval by the librarian before being published.