

## Power Library Tip #1: Using the Books and Authors Database



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The **Books & Authors** homepage (as pictured below) is easy to navigate. As shown, you can browse by titles, authors or genres. You can also browse Award Winners and Bestsellers. Finally, Expert Picks lets you browse recommended reading lists created by librarians and subject experts.

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The screenshot shows the Gale Books and Authors interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'GALE BOOKS AND AUTHORS' and search options. Below that, a sidebar on the left allows users to 'SELECT A GENRE' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'Fiction'. Underneath, there's a list of 'All Fantasy fiction genres' including Adventure, Alternate History, Alternate Universe, and many others. The main content area displays a grid of book covers with their titles and authors. The books shown include 'Circle of the Moon' by Faith Hunter, 'The Priory of the Orange Tree' by Samantha Shannon, 'The Bird King' by Wilson G. Miller, 'Storm Cursed' by Patricia Briggs, 'The Fall of Shannara' by Terry Brooks, 'Tricks for Free' by Seanan McGuire, 'Daughters of the Storm' by Kim Wilcox, 'Spinning Silver' by Naomi Novik, 'Senlin Ascends' by Josiah Bancroft, 'Arm of the Sphinx' by Josiah Bancroft, 'The King of Bones and Ashes' by J.D. Horn, 'Eternal' by Dara Horn, 'The Philosopher's Flight' by Tom Miller, and 'The Wolf' by Camron Leo. The interface also shows search filters for 'I'm looking for books aimed at' (Children, Young Adult, Adult) and 'Sort by: Newest'.