

Chapter 4 Resources

* Resource that includes diversity

+ Books provided in alternative formats from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). Books marked IN PROCESS are currently being worked on and may be available before the start of your summer program.

Books

*Adhikary, Anita. *N Is for Nepal*. Mascot, 2011. 32 p. (978-1936319527). Each letter of the alphabet is represented by some historical, geographic, or cultural fact about Nepal.

Bogue, Gary. *There's an Opossum in My Backyard*. Heyday, 2007. 40 p. (978-1597140591). A baby opossum falls off her mother's back and finds herself in a strange new world—a suburban backyard.

Boyer, Crispin. *National Geographic Kids WHY? 1,111 Answers to Everything*. National Geographic Kids, 2015. 224 p. (978-1426320965). With hundreds of topics ranging from silly to serious, this book's got the information kids need in a fun and entertaining format that will keep them digging for answers. Includes all kinds of fascinating extra info like top 10 lists, weird-but-true facts, explorer profiles, and cool activities.

*Brett, Jan. *The Umbrella*. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2004. 32 p. (978-0399242151). Carlos goes into the cloud forest to look for animals. When he climbs a tree for a better view, the animals have an adventure with his umbrella. But Carlos is left wondering why he didn't see any animals!

Child, Lauren. *Charlie and Lola: We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers*. Dial, 2009. 32 p. (978-0803733350). After Charlie convinces Lola to recycle her old toys instead of throwing them away, Lola discovers a recycling competition. If she can recycle 100 plastic, metal, and paper items, she can get her very own real live tree to plant. But she only has two weeks, so Lola decides to ask her classmates to help. They turn out to be extremely very good recyclers indeed.

Cusick, Dawn. *Get the Scoop on Animal Poop!* Imagine, 2012. 80 p. (978-1936140428). Explores the many ways in which animals use poop, from tricking predators to building umbrellas of poop for hiding.

Day, Jeff. *Don't Touch That! The Book of Gross, Poisonous, and Downright Icky Plants and Critters*. Chicago Review Press, 2008. 108 p. (978-1556527111, pap.). Dr. Jeff Day offers helpful advice on how to avoid getting stung, bit, poked, jabbed, or poisoned ... and what to do if you are. You'll learn about everything from rashes to anaphylaxis, tetanus to spider bites, bee stings to rabies. Day's cartoons will have you laughing and scratching along.

DeDonato, Rick. *Pipsie, Nature Detective: The Disappearing Caterpillar*. Two Lions, 2015. 32 p. (978-1477826300). Pipsie loves everything wild—from dragonflies to oceans to tall, tall trees. She also loves solving mysteries. That's why she's a nature detective! When she and her turtle, Alfred, notice that their new friend, Frannie the caterpillar, has vanished, Pipsie is on the case.

*+Deedy, Carmen Agra. *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach*. Peachtree, 2007. 32 p. (978-1561453993). In this humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale, a cockroach interviews her suitors in order to decide whom to marry. BR017040

*Delacre, Lulu. *How Far Do You Love Me?* Lee & Low, 2013. 32 p. (978-1600608827). Messages of love between children and adults are framed in the language of the natural world spanning different cultures and all seven continents.

Doyle, Bill, and David Borgenicht. *The Worst-Case Scenario: Everest*. Chronicle, 2011. 208 p. (978-0811871235). As part of a group of young climbers trying to climb Mount Everest, the reader must make decisions that will ensure survival and success in reaching the summit.

Dunphy, Madeleine. *Here Is the Coral Reef*. Web of Life Children's Books, 2006. 32 p. (978-0977379545, pap.). Poetically cumulative text and illustrations capture the relationships between plants and animals in the ecology of the Great Barrier Reef.

Franco, Betsy. *Pond Circle*. Margaret K. McElderry, 2009. 32 p. (978-1416940210). In the pond by Anna's house, a food chain begins with algae, which is eaten by a mayfly nymph, which is eaten by a beetle, which is eaten by a bullfrog ...

French, Vivian. *Yucky Worms*. Turtleback, 2012. 19 p. (978-0606238038, lib. bdg.). While helping Grandma in the garden, a child learns about the important role of the earthworm in helping plants grow.

*Glaser, Linda. *Garbage Helps Our Garden Grow: A Compost Story*. Millbrook, 2010. 32 p. (978-0761349112, lib. bdg.). A simple, realistic introduction to composting, illustrated with photographs.

*Gowan, Barbara. *G Is for Grand Canyon: An Arizona Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear, 2002. 40 p. (978-1585360680). People, places, animals, and characteristic things of Arizona are represented by the letters of the alphabet, with information about them presented in rhyme and explanatory notes.

Graham, Amy. *What Are the 7 Wonders of the Natural World?* Enslow, 2013. 48p. (978-0766041530, lib. bdg.). This book serves as an introduction to and overview of the seven wonders of the natural world, explaining how nature alone carved these sites that we so admire.

Graham, Ian. *You Wouldn't Want to Climb Mount Everest! A Deadly Journey to the Top of the World*. Franklin Watts, 2010. 32 p. (978-0531137857, pap.). Get ready! As a climber on an expedition to the summit of the world's highest mountain, you'll have to brave the Death Zone to make it to the top. You'll need nerves of steel and a tolerance for heights if you're going to climb Mount Everest.

Hauth, Katherine B. *What's for Dinner? Quirky, Squirmy Poems from the Animal World*. Charlesbridge, 2011. 48 p. (978-1570914720, pap.). Describes in poetic verse the predatory habits of a variety of animals and the foods they eat.

Heos, Bridget. *Do You Really Want to Visit a Coral Reef?* Black Rabbit, 2015. 24 p. (978-1622432202, pap.). A child goes on a deep-sea diving adventure in the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, learning about the ocean and encountering animals and plants that make their homes in this biome.

Herzog, Brad. *S Is for Save the Planet: A How-to-Be Green Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear, 2009. 40 p. (978-1585364282). Suggestions, information, and poems about environmental issues, one for each letter.

Kelsey, Elin. *Wild Ideas: Let Nature Inspire Your Thinking*. Owlkids, 2015. 32 p. (978-1771470629). *Wild Ideas* looks deep into the forests, skies, and oceans to explore how animals solve problems. Whether it's weaving a safe place to rest and reflect, blowing a fine net of bubbles to trap fish, or leaping boldly into a new situation, the animals featured (including the orangutan, humpback whale, and gibbon) can teach us a lot about creative problem-solving tools and strategies.

Lauber, Patricia. *Who Eats What? Food Chains and Food Webs*. Paw Prints, 2009. 32 p. (978-1442006195, lib. bdg.). Explains the concept of a food chain and how plants, animals, and humans are ecologically linked.

Loewen, Nancy. *Chirp, Chirp! Crickets in Your Backyard*. Picture Window, 2005. 24 p. (978-1404811416, lib. bdg.). Cree-ee ... cree-ee ... What's that chirping sound? It's a field cricket. Field crickets are one of the most common kinds of crickets in the United States. Look inside this chirp-filled book to learn about a cricket's life cycle, where it lives, why it chirps, and how it gets around.

Martin, Laura C. *Recycled Crafts Box*. Storey, 2004. 96 p. (978-1580175227, pap.). Discusses recycling and provides information and instructions for making art projects from a variety of recycled materials.

Marzolf, Julie. *Gross Things About Your Pets*. Gareth Stevens, 2012. 24 p. (978-1433971198, lib. bdg.). Despite how cute and cuddly pets are, they are pretty gross too. Anyone who has seen drool trailing from a dog's mouth or a cat coughing up a hair ball will agree. Readers learn about all sorts of animal behaviors and what they tell us about an animal's body. Readers will also discover several ways they can help keep their pets healthy.

McKinney, Barbara. *Pass the Energy, Please!* Dawn, 2000. 32 p. (978-1584690023, pap.). This rhyming story follows the food chain and illustrates the circle of energy.

Medina, Nico. *Where Is Mount Everest?* Grosset & Dunlap, 2015. 105 p. (978-0448484082, pap.). Located in the Himalayas, Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world at a whopping 29,029 feet. In this compelling narrative, Medina guides readers through the mountain's ancient beginnings, first human settlers, historic climbs, and the modern commercialization of mountain-climbing.

Medina, Nico. *Where Is the Great Barrier Reef?* Grosset & Dunlap, 2016. 112 p. (978-0448486994, pap.). Explore the Great Barrier Reef through this title in the popular Where Is ... ? series.

*+Morales, Yuyi. *Just a Minute*. Chronicle, 2003. 36 p. (978-0811837583). In this version of a traditional tale, Señor Calavera arrives at Grandma Beetle's door, ready to take her to the next life, but after helping her count, in English and Spanish, as she makes her birthday preparations, he changes his mind. BR016006

+O'Connor, Jim. *Where Is the Grand Canyon?* Grosset & Dunlap, 2015. 112 p. (978-0448483573, pap.). This title in the popular Where Is ... ? series explores the Grand Canyon. DB083244 (Books 1–6 of the series)

O'Sullivan, Joanne. *101 Ways You Can Help Save the Planet Before You're 12!* Lark, 2009. 143 p. (978-1439593080, lib. bdg.). Imagine being able to help clean pollution out of the air. You can do it with some clever garden planting. Why not organize a swap meet? Everyone gets something new, and nothing is wasted. Open the curtains, let the sun shine in, and warm a room. Join forces and begin an eco-club.

Owen, Ruth. *Creepy Backyard Invaders*. Bearport, 2011. 24 p. (978-1617721250, lib. bdg.). A backyard is home to birds, frogs, and squirrels. Yet it is also home to millions of tiny invaders, including stinging honeybees, plant-sucking aphids, and daredevil jumping spiders. Using a powerful microscope, scientists have zoomed in on these little creatures to show them up close and in great detail.

*+Parr, Todd. *The Earth Book*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010. 40 p. (978-0316042659). Simple text and illustrations show how children can help protect the earth. DB079690

Pearson, Susan. *Slugs in Love*. Two Lions, 2012. 34 p. (978-0761462484, pap.). Marylou and Herbie, two garden slugs, write love poems in slime to one another but have trouble actually meeting.

*Pennypacker, Sara. *Sparrow Girl*. Disney-Hyperion, 2009. 40 p. (978-1423111870). When China's leader declares war on sparrows in 1958, everyone makes loud noise, in hopes of chasing the hungry birds from their land, except for Ming-Li, a young girl whose compassion and foresight prevent a disaster.

Peter, Carsten, and Glen Phelan. *Extreme Planet*. National Geographic Children's Books, 2015. 112 p. (978-1426321016, lib. bdg.). Photographer and explorer Carsten Peter takes readers on a guided tour of a variety of natural phenomena.

Rajczak, Kristen. *The Northern Lights*. Gareth Stevens, 2012. 24 p. (978-1433970276, lib. bdg.). Explains the northern lights from a scientific standpoint.

Riehecky, Janet. *Slime, Poop, and Other Wacky Animal Defenses*. Capstone, 2012. 32 p. (978-1429680097, pap.). Describes how animals use slime, poop, and other wacky traits as weapons and defenses.

Ruurs, Margriet. *In My Backyard*. Tundra, 2007. 32 p. (978-0887767753). From the singing of little wrens in spring to paper wasps building their nests in summer and from baby bats drinking mother's milk in fall to baby possums climbing into their mother's pouch in winter, this is a celebration of nature and backyard animals through the seasons.

*+Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *Esperanza Rising*. Scholastic, 2000. 272 p. (978-0439120418). Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farmworkers on the eve of the Great Depression. DB052960, DB054970 (Spanish Edition)

*Sayre, April Pulley. *Trout Are Made of Trees*. Charlesbridge, 2008. 32 p. (978-1580891387, pap.). A simple story about the interconnectedness of living things.

+Seuss, Dr. *The Lorax*. Random House Books for Young Readers, 1971. 72 p. (978-0394823379). Long before saving the earth became a global concern, Dr. Seuss, speaking through his character the Lorax, warned against mindless progress and the danger it posed to the earth's natural beauty. DB031231

Silverstein, Alvin, Virginia Silverstein, and Laura Silverstein Nunn. *Dung Beetles, Slugs, Leeches, and More: The Yucky Animal Book*. Enslow, 2010. 48 p. (978-0766033177, lib. bdg.). Did you know that there are lizards that squirt blood from their eyes? Did you think bedbugs were just part of a bedtime rhyme? Learn fun and yucky science facts about slimy fish, poop-eating beetles, blood-sucking bats, and lots of other animals.

Simon, Seymour. *Coral Reefs*. HarperCollins, 2013. 32 p. (978-0061914966, pap.). An introduction to the ecology and wildlife of coral reefs and islands.

Simon, Seymour. *Volcanoes*. Turtleback, 2006. 32 p. (978-1417733545, lib. bdg.). Explains, in simple terms, the characteristics of volcanoes and describes some famous eruptions and their aftermath.

Stilton, Geronimo. *I'm Too Fond of My Fur!* Scholastic, 2004. 128 p. (978-0439559669, pap.). Geronimo Stilton follows clues in a diary all the way to Mouse Everest in search of his old friend Professor von Volt, who has mysteriously disappeared.

Swan, Susan. *Volcano Rising*. Charlesbridge, 2013. 32 p. (978-1580894081). Discusses volcanoes, describing what happens when they erupt, and highlighting eruptions throughout history.

Wood, Alix. *Yucky Animals in the Yard*. Windmill, 2013. 32 p. (978-1615337316, lib. bdg.). Some of the yuckiest animals are crawling right outside your door. This book explores the gross animals that call your yard home.

*Wood, Douglas. *No One but You*. Candlewick, 2011. 32 p. (978-0763638481). Feel the rain kiss your skin or the wind ruffle your hair. Hear the hum of a bumblebee; watch a water strider march across a pond; taste a red, ripe strawberry; whistle with a blade of grass.

Movies/DVDs

You will need permission to show any film at your library. If permission is not available for a particular film you'd like to highlight, consider including it as part of a display, along with books and other materials, or adding it to a list of recommended materials available for checkout.

Renaud, Chris, and Kyle Balda, directors. *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*. Universal, 2012. 86 min. (PG)

Stanton, Andrew, and Lee Unkrich, directors. *Finding Nemo*. Walt Disney Video, 2013. 100 min. (G) Collector's Edition contains audio description.

Music/CDs

Earthworm Ensemble. *Backyard Garden*. CD Baby, 2015 (B00VISNCMG).

Welch, Willy. *My Backyard*. Tamarisk, 2006 (B00155FEW8). Includes the song "My Backyard Is the Beginning . . ."

Armstrong, Louis. *What a Wonderful World*. GRP Records, 1996 (B000W1AFRA).

Web Resources

Who Pooped? www.whopooped.org. Players attempt to identify the animals that created a variety of different types of poop.

Mr. Nussbaum: Aurora Maker. <http://mrnussbaum.com/aurora-play/>. An interactive Northern Lights simulator.

National Park Service: Sound Gallery. www.nature.nps.gov/sound/gallery.cfm. Recorded sounds of a wide variety of insects, mammals, birds, and more.

Nature Games. <http://pbskids.org/games/nature/>
A variety of online games with nature themes.

The Lorax's Save the Trees Game. www.seussville.com/games/lorax/. An interactive online game inspired by Dr. Seuss's book *The Lorax*.