

Recommended Reading

Activity Books – For Inside and Out

I Get Wet by Vicki Cobb and Julia Gorton. New York: HarperCollins: 2002. WWL call no. 010139 Kids

This book introduces young children to the properties of water through simple experiments like putting water in different containers, watching it drip and trying to soak it up with various household materials. Children who wonder why their fingertips get wrinkly in the bathtub will find the answer to this question and more. For children in grades Preschool-2.

Let's Try It Out in the Water: Hands-On Early Learning Science Activities by Seymour Simon and Nicole Fauteaux. New York: Simon & Schuster: 2001. WWL call no. 010140 Kids

This book presents simple activities and experiments that demonstrate buoyancy by observing why some things sink and others float in water. Children are encouraged to think like scientists, using the scientific method of observation and discovery. For children in grades Preschool-2.

Drip Drop: Water's Journey by Eve Stwertka and Albert Stwertka. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Julian Messner: 1991. WWL call no. 010145 Kids

Drip Drop traces water's journey from tap, through the sewers, to the treatment plant, and beyond! This book features many simple water-related experiments for kids. For children in grades 3-6.

Lakes: Timeless Reservoirs by Randy Frahm. Mankato, Minn.: Creative Education: 2003. WWL call no. 071102 Kids

Well-written, informative essays provide an overview of lakes, including their formation, life span, inhabitants, uses, and ecology. The book also includes experiments to help readers visualize important lake-related concepts. For children in grades 3-5.

Diving into Oceans Philadelphia, Penn.: Chelsea House Publishers: 1998. WWL call no. 110211 Kids

An activity-centered resource book on oceans for children, this book makes learning about oceans fun with experiments, games, crafts, songs, and more. For children in grades K-3.

WOW! the wonders of wetlands by Alan S. Kesselheim, Britt Eckhardt Slattery, Susan Higgins, et al. St. Michael's, MD: Environmental Concern: 1995. WWL call no. 152048 Curr

This volume is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary curriculum guide for educators of grade levels K-12. It includes more than 50 fun and effective learning-activities for both indoor and outdoor use.

Wetlands by Ronald N. Rood. New York: HarperCollins Publishers: 1994. WWL call no. 152230 Kids

This book provides a useful guide for watching wildlife in the air, on the water's surface, in the depths, and on the land areas surrounding swamps, slow streams, marshes, and ponds. For children in grades 2-5.

Into the outdoors by Susan Gal. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Random House: 2011. WWL call no. 220328 Kids
A child describes the wonders observed during a family camping trip to the mountains in a story that introduces the reader to prepositions. For children ages 5 and up.

101 science poems & songs for young learners: with hands-on activities by Meish Goldish. New York: Scholastic Professional Books: 1996. WWL call no. 271315 Kids
One hundred one science poems and songs for young learners. For children in grades 1 - 3.

Sharing nature with children: the classic parents' & teachers' nature awareness guidebook by Joseph Cornell. Nevada City, Calif.: DAWN Publications: 1998. WWL call no. 271393
This book is a guide to 42 nature awareness activities and games aimed at helping children of all ages experience nature. Small-group, large group, and individual activities involve children in role-playing, observing, hiking, imaging, identifying, exploring, and other experiences that demonstrate science concepts. 20th anniversary ed., 2nd ed., rev. and expanded.

Freshwater Fish & Fishing by Jim Arnosky. New York: Four Winds Press: 1982. WWL call no. 281250 Kids
Descriptions of many freshwater fish and the techniques recommended to catch them are detailed and illustrated in this guidebook. There are sections on cleaning fish, tying knots, and making lures. For children in grades 3-6.

Fish in a Flash! A Personal Guide to Spin-Fishing by Jim Arnosky. New York: Bradbury Press: 1991. WWL call no. 281267 Kids
Arnosky's love for spin-fishing is evident in this guide to being successful in the sport. Drawing on his own experience, he covers boater safety, tackle, and the importance of sustainable fishing. As usual, his illustrations are quite wonderful and very helpful in illuminating his points. For children in grades 3-8.

What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page. Boston: Houghton Mifflin: 2003. WWL call no. 281288 Kids
A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this beautifully illustrated interactive guessing book. For children in grades Preschool-2.

Bird [National Audubon Society first field guide] by Scott Weidensaul. New York: Scholastic: 1998. WWL call no. 281601 Kids
An informative, visual guide to the natural science of birds as well as a field guide to over 150 species found in North America. For children and young adult ages 8 through 18.

Birds of North America. West by Jo S. Kittinger. New York: DK Pub.: 2001. WWL call no. 281602 Kids
Offers advice on how to identify birds based on their color, size, shape, song, and habitat, and how to find them. Part of the Smithsonian kids' field guides.

Citizen scientists: be a part of scientific discovery from your own backyard by Loree Griffin Burns. New York: Henry Holt: 2012. WWL call no. 281630 Kids
Anyone can get involved in gathering data for ongoing, actual scientific studies such as the Audubon Bird Count and FrogWatch USA. Just get out into a field, urban park, or your own backyard. This book, full of engaging photos and useful tips, will show you how. Photographs by Ellen Harasimowicz. For children ages 8 and up.