



RESOURCE GUIDE

Books for Children

This is a guide to children's books in the SLOBG Library. These books are indicated with JUV preceding the call number, and are shelved in a separate area.

"A" is for Africa	Onyefulu	JUV
From A to Z, stunning color photographs depict everyday life in Nigeria, where the author-photographer grew up—but the images pictured also represent the rich diversity of Africa, and the warm family ties and traditional village life found throughout this vast colorful continent.		580 ONY
Be a Plant Detective	Gamlin	JUV
This book invites young readers to discover the plant kingdom and its many wonders.		580 GAM
Busy Tree	Ward	JUV
Spectacular illustrations and a rhyming text that describes a tree's activities from its roots to its branches, introduce young readers to the amazing activities that go on in a tree.		FIC WAR
California Plants to Color	Allcott	JUV
Created by the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, this coloring book can be used as a field guide to identify wildflowers, native shrubs and trees.		581 ALL
California Wild Flower Songs: a Collection of Fifteen Songs...	France	JUV
		780.9 FRA
California Wildflowers: a Beginner's Field Guide to the State's most common flowers	Magley	JUV
Illustrates five or six common flowers found in various areas including forests, meadows, deserts and more.		582.13 MAG
California Wildflowers: A Children's Field Guide to the State's most common flowers	Dowden/Magley	JUV
A children's field guide to the state's most common wildflowers beautifully illustrated with watercolors and separated into sections showing flowers in forests, meadows, deserts and more		582.13 DOW
Caterpillars, Bugs and Butterflies	Boring	JUV
This "take-along guide" introduces children to the world of caterpillars, insects and butterflies.		595.7 BOR
A Child's Guide to California Wildflowers: Book One	Franco	JUV
Encourages kids of all ages to seek out and catalog wildflowers found while hiking in California		582.13 FRA

Children Just Like Me	Kindersley	JUV
Highlighting over 30 countries, Children Just Like Me profiles over 40 children and their daily lives. From rural farms to busy cities to riverboats, this celebration of children around the world shows the many ways children are different and the many ways they are the same, no matter where they live.		
		305.23
		KIN
Chumash People: Materials for Teachers and Students		JUV
Information about the Chumash people is presented in concise and entertaining form. Also included are discussion questions, games, songs, legends and activities to help students appreciate and understand this important California culture.		
		979.4
		CHU
Chumash through a Child's Eyes	Wilcox	JUV
A day in the life of a native American boy from the Chumash tribe located on the coast of California from S.L.O. to L.A.). His story is told in vividly colored images comparing his life to the life of a modern boy. A simple story line explains the action, and an item of interest from each scene is explained in more detail in the sidebar.		
		979.4
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Clover and the Bee: a Book of Pollination	Dowden	JUV
Explains the process of pollination, describing the reproductive parts of a flower and the role that insects, birds, mammals, wind, and water play in the process		
		582
		DOW
Crafts of Many Cultures	Gomez	JUV
Describes how various craft items fit into their native cultures, provides instructions for projects inspired by the original crafts, and suggests related activities for elementary school students to do.		
		745.5
		GOM
Diary of a Worm	Cronin	JUV
This hilarious picture book from the bestselling, acclaimed author-illustrator team of Doreen Cronin and Harry Bliss tells the adventures of a worm through his daily diary entries.		
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Eagles: Hunters of the Sky	Cooper	JUV
The story of a Sioux Indian boy and an injured eaglet set in contemporary times serves as a fable about eagles as part of a fragile ecosystem. Through various activities, children will learn the natural history of eagles from a scientific, ethnographic, and environmental perspective.		
		598.942
		COO
Earth Tales from Around the World	Caduto	JUV
Stories come from around the world, but they grow from the very earth upon which they are first told. Michael J. Caduto invites readers to listen while the Earth tells these stories through retellings of tales such as "Hare Rescues the Sun" and "The Coming of Fire."		
		398.27
		CAD
An Earthworm's Life	Himmelman	JUV
Describes in simple text and illustrations the daily life cycle of earthworms.		
		592.64
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Eden Trail: a Children's Guide Book	Readman	JUV
Cartoon puppets take the reader on a trail through the Eden Project in Cornwall, England. They visit "The Humid Tropics", "Warm Temperate Regions" which include California, the Fynbos of South Africa and the Mediterranean Basin, and the "Outdoor Area" of Cornwall.		712 REA
Environments	Dylan	JUV
This book describes different terrestrial environments found around the world and some of the plants and animals found in them. California's Mono Lake is included.		333.7 DYL
Exploring Nature Activity Book for Kids: 50 Creative Projects to Spark Curiosity in the Outdoors	Andrews	JUV
This book gets kids excited about heading out into the great outdoors, encouraging them to track, explore, discover and create.		745.58 AND
Faces in All Kinds of Places: a Worm's-eye View of Flowers	Ross	JUV
Very young children are introduced to flowers as seen through the eyes of a curious worm as she explores her rooftop.		582 ROS
Flower Alphabet Book	Pallotta	JUV
Young readers will be fascinated to find out what flower can be used to make a doll, which flower flavors tea, and which flower farmers feed to chickens.		582.13 PAL
The Flower Garden	Bunting	JUV
In this warm and sunny picture book, follow the progress of a little girl and her father as they put together a wonderful birthday surprise for mom: a window box flower garden.		FIC BUN
Forest of Stories; Magical Tree Tales from around the World	Singh	JUV
A collection of tree tales encourages readers to appreciate the many magical gifts that trees can offer.		398.2 SIN
From Seed to Plant	Gibbons	JUV
With simple language and bright illustrations, Gail Gibbons introduces young readers to the processes of pollination, seed formation, and germination. Colorful, clear diagrams show the parts of plants, the wide variety of seeds, and how they grow.		581.3 GIB
Fun in the Kitchen; by Kids for Kids	Blue Lantern Studio	JUV
This is a collection of recipes from children all over the United States.		641.5 BLU
Garden Crafts for Kids: 50 Great Reasons to Get your Hands Dirty	Rhoades	JUV
Fifty projects, experiments, and fun activities show young gardeners how to plan and plant a garden, care for crops, make a compost pile, design a scarecrow, decorate tools, and create gifts and treats from their harvest. Reading age 8 - 12 years		635.9 RHO

Granddad's Prayers of the Earth	Wood	JUV FIC WOO
Granddad is the boy's best friend. Being with him always makes the world seem right. And how vast that world is. A world of tall trees that reach for the clouds and sun and moon and stars.		
Great Migrations: Butterflies	Marsh	JUV 595.789 MAR
The monarch butterfly, one of the most seemingly delicate of all of nature's animals, proves to be one of the toughest. Making the yearly trip from the Northern United States and Canada to the Oyamel forest of Mexico is no easy task, and it takes five generations of butterflies in order to do so.		
Herbaria: a Guide for Young People	Lafarge	JUV 635 LAF
What good is a dead plant? A lot! Herbaria, a picture book for grades one through eight, explains why, leading readers on an engaging exploration of who loves dead plants. In addition to beautiful watercolor illustrations and photos, the book includes interactive features such as lift-a-flaps, overlays, and a foldout.		
How and Why Insects Visit Flowers	Pascoe	JUV 595.7 PAS
This simple paperback shows a variety of insects visiting flowers, and explains what they obtain from the flowers.		
How and Why Seeds Travel	Pascoe	JUV 581.4 PAS
This small book with clear photos explains the way seeds travel.		
How Groundhog's Garden Grew	Cherry	JUV FIC CHE
Little Groundhog learns how to plant and tend to his own food garden through every season in this beautifully-illustrated, thoroughly researched picture book by naturalist Lynne Cherry. From seed-gathering to planting, harvesting, and eating home-grown fruits and vegetables, children join Little Groundhog in learning about the gardening process.		
I Wonder Why Trees have Leaves	Ward	JUV FIC+ WAR
"Why do leaves change color in the fall?", "Are plants really alive?", and "Why do plants have flowers?" -- these are some of the questions children love to ask their parents, and the answers are "growing" right here!		
If You Find a Leaf	Sicuro	JUV 745.58 SIC
A young artist draws inspiration from the leaves she collects, and every leaf sparks a new idea.		
If You Hold a Seed	Mackay	JUV FIC MAC
Something magical happens when you plant a dream with a seed. With plenty of love and patience, they can blossom into an extraordinary gift.		

Issues, Evidence and You: Energy		JUV
This book uses activities, investigations and projects to introduce the concept of energy.		530 ISS
Janice Van Cleave's Plants: Mind-Boggling Experiments You Can Turn into Science Fair Projects	Van Cleave	JUV
20 simple experiments help the reader discover the answers to many questions about plants.		581 VAN
Kid's Guide to Birds of California: Fun Facts, Activities and 86 Cool Birds	Tekiela	JUV
Features 86 of the most common and important birds to know, with species organized by color for ease of use. Do you see a yellow bird and don't know what it is? Go to the yellow section to find out. Each bird gets a beautiful full-color photograph and a full page of neat-to-know information.		598.2 TEK
Kid's Survival Handbook	Llewellyn	JUV
This little book gives you facts you need to survive some of life's scary situations.		613.69 LLE
Landforms	Lauren	JUV
Written for students in grades 3-6, this BOOK investigates maps and geography.		910.02 LAU
Learning about Plants	Moore	JUV
Written for primary students, this uses hands-on activities to introduce children to Many aspects of plants, from seeds to roots, stems, leaves and more.		581 MOO
Let's Get Gardening: 30 Easy Gardening Projects for Children	Haswani	JUV
Learn to grow your own vegetables and herbs, attract awesome wildlife such as butterflies and bees, and be a green gardener with lots of recycling tips.		635 HAS
Little Butterfly	Shahan	JUV
This simple picture book with colorful photos shows the life of a Monarch butterfly.		595.789 SHA
Look What I Did with a Leaf	Sohi	JUV
This book provides examples of different kinds of animals that can be made of leaves and suggests various uses for the finished projects.		745.58 SOH

Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!	Fleming	JUV
Tippy, tippy, tippy, Pat!		
That's the sound three hungry bunnies make when the sun goes down and the moon comes up and Mr. McGreely's garden smells yum, yum, yummy. While he's dreaming of his mouth-watering carrots, the bunnies are diving over fences and swimming trenches to get the veggies first!		
Magic and Mystery of Trees	Green	JUV
This book provides readers with interesting facts about trees and introduces the concept of forest ecology.		
		582.16
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My Garden	Henkes	JUV
A girl helps out in her mother's garden, but in the garden of her imagination, there are chocolate rabbits, tomatoes as big as beach balls, flowers that change color, and seashells.		
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Nature Activity Book	Kavanagh	JUV
Word searches, mazes, coloring and more – activities to engage children with nature.		
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Nature Loves a Detective: Activities for Children at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden	Carroll	JUV
A children's activity guide through the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden to "solve a mystery. Guests are guided through the garden, collecting clues along the way as they explore the gardens.		
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		CAR
Nature's Art Box	Martin	JUV
Laura C. Martin offers 65 art projects that kids can make with materials found right in their backyard.		
		745.5
		MAR
Near One Cattail: Turtles, Logs & Leaping Frogs	Frederics	JUV
Vibrant illustrations and rhyming text offer readers a chance to learn about the wetlands and many of the creatures that make their habitat there.		
		591.768
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Nell Plants a Tree	Wynter	JUV
This picture book shows how one little girl's planting of a pecan tree creates the center of a loving family across generations.		
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On One Flower: Butterflies, Ticks and a few more Icks	Frederics	JUV
Vibrant illustrations and rhyming text offer readers an experience exploring a flower to learn of the ecosystem there.		
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		FRE
On the Same Day in March	Singer	JUV
In this poetic exploration of longitude and weather, with bright and detailed paintings of seventeen different places, Marilyn Singer and Frané Lessac show us what's happening from the poles to the equator—all on the same day in March.		
		551.6
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People of the Breaking Day	Sewall	JUV
This is the story of the Wampanoag people, the tribe that lived in southeastern Massachusetts at the time the Pilgrims landed.		
		305.8 SEW
Photosynthesis: Changing Sunlight into Food	Kalman	JUV
This exciting and sensitive book looks at how plants use a gas that is poisonous to people and animals to create food and oxygen for all creatures with the help of the Sun.		
		572.46 KAL
PLANTS: Science Works for Kids series		JUV
This book covers 8 science concepts that are supported by hands-on activities.		
		581 MOO
Plants We Eat	Selsam	JUV
Discusses the development of the most common food plants, and their changing uses. Includes simple directions for growing some of the plants at home.		
		630 SEL
Plantwise	Hickman	JUV
This book is filled with activities and experiments that explore the wonder of seeds, leaves, flowers, and roots. Young naturalists can make leaf dyes, grow bean sprouts, establish moss farms, or begin seed collections.		
		581 HIC
Que Son las Plantas	Kalman	JUV
Plants provide people and animals with food, shelter, and even oxygen. Plants help us live and grow, but how does a plant grow? (Spanish) – also English version: What is a Plant		
		580 KAL
Rabbit	Kitchen	JUV
This book for young children explores the life of the rabbit.		
		599.32 KIT
Rainbow Bridge: A Chumash Legend	Nechodom	JUV
This delightful legend takes you back in time to the island of Santa Cruz, off the coast of California. There you will meet Limuw (Lim-you), a Chumash boy who swims with dolphins.		
		398.2 NEC
A Seed is Sleepy	Aston	JUV
This gorgeous and informative look at the intricate, complex, and often surprising world of seeds.		
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Seeds Pop, Stick, Glide	Lauber	JUV
Describes and photographs the many fascinating ways flowering plants dispense their seeds, pointing out that burdock seeds are released from hooks and cages, thistle seeds from parachutes and collars, and violet seeds from popping devices		
		582 LAU
Special Species	Moran	JUV
California Native Plants and Animals Seen Through the Eyes of School Children.		
		570.979 SPE

Spreading the Word	Capobianco	JUV
An anthology with a variety of genre and text-types from fantasy to fable, poem to personal narrative and non-fiction.		
		302.2 CAP
Steve Caney's Ultimate Building Book	Caney	JUV
Ever wonder how a suspension bridge can cross a gap thousands of feet wide? Want to know how to build a comfortable lounge chair out of cardboard boxes? This definitive volume details the ins and outs of construction in all its fascinating forms.		
		624 CAN
Stories for the Camp Fire	Hanson and Roemmich	JUV
This collection of stories, handpicked by camp directors, will delight modern campers and storytellers everywhere.		
		398.2 STO
Story of Rosydock	Baker	JUV
A gentle ecological lesson about rosy dock, an imported garden plant that has become a tenacious inhabitant of the Australian desert, spreading until it now threatens many indigenous plants and animals with extinction.		
		508.94 BAK
Tiny Seed	Carle	JUV
Eric Carle's classic story of the life cycle of a flower is told through the adventures of a tiny seed.		
		FIC CAR
Tops and Bottoms	Stevens	JUV
In this funny Caldecott Honor-winning fairy-tale retelling by Janet Stevens, wily Hare solves his family's problems by tricking rich and lazy Bear into giving up half his crops.		
		398.2 STE
Tree in the Ancient Forest	Reed-Jones	JUV
Gorgeous artwork and a cumulative verse poetic technique add to this story of the life within the ancient forests of the world. The ancient forests are crucial to animals and to us.		
		574.5 REE
Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever	Hopkins	JUV
A picture book biography of Kate Sessions, the "mother" of Balboa Park.		
		635.092 HOP
Trees, Leaves, Flowers & Seeds: our World in Pictures	Jose	JUV
Presents facts about plants, including which ones eat insects, how cacti store water, and where the tallest tree in the world is.		
		582.16 JOS
Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt	Messner	JUV
This exuberant and lyrical book unveils the wonders that lie hidden between stalks, under the shade of leaves, and down in the dirt.		
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Vegetables We Eat	Gibbons	JUV
Peppers, beans, corn, and peas! Nonfiction superstar Gail Gibbons lays out the basics of veggies with colorful watercolors and straightforward text. Learn how they grow, how they get to stores, and how many kinds there are—and learn some weird trivia, too!		
		635
		GIB
What is a Plant	Kalman	JUV
Plants provide people and animals with food, shelter, and even oxygen. Plants help us live and grow, but how does a plant grow? (English) – also Spanish version: Que Son Las Plantas?		
		580
		KAL
What is Your Language	Leventhal	JUV
The lyrics to a children's song from the '60s serve here as text to introduce a variety of cultures to young readers. An adventurous boy boards a plane bound for various points around the globe. At each destination he asks the question "What is your language?" and receives a response from some friendly native kids.		
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		LEV
Whole World	Corr	JUV
An illustrated version of the well-known song, featuring the relationship between people and the natural world.		
		782.42
		COR
Window	Baker	JUV
In this visually compelling look at our changing environment, a mother and baby look through a window at a view of wilderness and sky as far as the eye can see. With each page, the boy grows and the scene changes. Window is a wordless picture book that speaks volumes.		
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		BAK
Wonderful Houses around the World	Komatsu	JUV
A picture is worth a thousand words; the 10 photos in this book, along with the accompanying descriptive detailed drawings, make this a very informative book for children. Houses in Mongolia, China,, Indonesia, India, Romania, Tunisia, Spain, Togo, Senegal, and Bolivia are shown along with descriptive captions explaining the everyday life of children and families in these homes.		
		728.37
		KOM
World of Plants	Howell	JUV
Provides information on plant structures, how plants survive and meet their needs, and related topics, and recommends related Web sites.		
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