

# Book List Theme 1

## Cougars, Otters, and Ravens, Oh My!

Prepared by Leslee Gawthrop, Surrey Libraries

 Available as an Audiobook

### Ages 3-5

<b><i>Mr. Hare's Big Secret</i></b> by Hannah Dale	Mr. Hare is so clever that he tricks all the animals into dancing under the tree with him. This allows all the cherries to fall to the ground where a feast ensues!
<b><i>Little Owl Lost</i></b> by Chris Haughton	Little Owl has lost his Mommy so he goes in search of her meeting all kinds of animals who have some of her features but not all. A cute cast of critters in bright colors that will engage young readers right up to the comforting conclusion.
<b><i>Kissing Hand</i></b> by Audrey Penn 	This is a delightfully heartwarming tale of a little raccoon who receives a kiss from his mom on his hand so that she can 'be near' him throughout his first day at school.
<b><i>Bear Says Thanks</i></b> by Karma Wilson	Bear is at it again. This story from the beloved series sees Bear trying to say thanks to his friends by throwing them a dinner party...only one problem: his cupboards are bare!
<b><i>Curious Critters (vol 1 &amp; 2)</i></b> by David FitzSimmons 	Amazing photographic portraits of animals who come alive as the author jots down what each animal has to say about itself.

### Ages 6-8

<b><i>Timo's Garden</i></b> by Victoria Allenby 	Timmo has a very short time to turn his garden from a 'good' one to a 'great' one by the time of the neighbourhood garden tour. So what if he neglects his friends, but when time is running out, guess who steps in to help him? Of course, his friends!
<b><i>Francis the Little Fox</i></b> by Veronique Boisjol	Francis loves to go to the laundromat with his Father, except when Lily Li is there. Her tricks drive him crazy and this one puts Mouse the cat in peril: a funny, understated tale.
<b><i>Honey and Bear Stories</i></b> by Ursula Dubosarsky	All 10 Honey and Bear stories are gathered here in one volume. Honey, a little bird loves Bear and these stories are their heartwarming and cozy adventures together.

<p><b><i>Little Kids First Big Book of Animals</i></b> by Catherine D. Hughes</p>	<p>National Geographic is fantastic at informing young readers. This edition is a delightful, colourful, fact filled introduction to dozens of adorable animals. A great first reference book.</p>
<p><b><i>Kate and Pippin: an Unlikely Friendship</i></b> by Martin Springett</p> 	<p>The true tale of an abandoned fawn and Kate, the great dane that befriends her. This is an adorable story of love and friendship between an unlikely couple.</p>

## Ages 9-12

<p><b><i>Bearwalker</i></b> by Joseph Bruchac</p>	<p>This is a fast-paced indigenous, survival story and is a great read for mystery fans. It also depicts the delicate balance between humans and nature.</p>
<p><b><i>Elephant in the Garden</i></b> by Michael Morpurgo</p> 	<p>Lizzie and Karl's mother is a zoo keeper; what to do when the bombs start falling over Dresden? Shelter a baby elephant in your back yard, of course!</p>
<p><b><i>Darkwing</i></b> by Kenneth Oppel</p> 	<p>Shade is a young bat determined to prove himself on a long, dangerous winter migration. But when a fierce storm separates Shade from his colony, he soon faces the most incredible journey of his young life and that journey is just the beginning of an epic trilogy of adventure, wonder, and suspense.</p>
<p><b><i>Bambi</i></b> by Felix Salten</p> 	<p>Here is the classic wildlife coming of age story of a young deer who learns, through dangers, strife and survival, how to become a strong buck.</p>
<p><b><i>Chasing Cheetahs: the Race to Save Africa's Fastest Cats</i></b> by Sy Montgomery</p>	<p>Since 1900, the number of Cheetahs has plummeted from more than 100,000 to fewer than 10,000. At the Cheetah Conservation Fund's (CCF) African headquarters in Namibia, Laurie Marker and her team save these swift and beautiful animals from extinction. Since the organization's start in 1990, they have rescued more than 900 cheetahs, most of whom have been returned to the wild.</p>
<p><b><i>City Critters: Wildlife in the Urban Jungle</i></b> by Nicholas Read</p> 	<p>This informative guide beautifully illustrates the adaptability of urban creatures. It shows us how to co-exist with the wild animals that are our inner city neighbours.</p>

# Book List Theme 2

## Explora the Flora

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**Ages 3-5**

<b><i>The Tiny Seed</i></b> by Eric Carle	A simple description of a flowering plant's life cycle through the seasons
<b><i>Planting a Rainbow</i></b> by Louise Ehlert	A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden.
<b><i>Tap the Magic Tree</i></b> by Christie Matheson	Invites the reader to tap, rub, touch, and wiggle illustrations to make an apple tree bloom, produce fruit, and lose its leaves.
<b><i>Picture a Tree</i></b> by Barbara Reid 	From bare branches tracing the sky to an explosion of colour, a place for adventure or a friend to shelter us from the sun – a tree can be so many things.
<b><i>The Curious Garden</i></b> by Peter Brown	Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.
<b><i>The Carrot Seed</i></b> by Ruth Krauss	When a little boy plants a carrot seed, everyone tells him it won't grow. But when you are very young, there are some things that you just know, and the little boy knows that one day a carrot will come up. So he waters his seed, and pulls the weeds, and he waits...
<b><i>Sophie's Squash</i></b> by Pat Zietlow Miller	Sophie chooses a squash at the farmers' market, but instead of letting her mom cook it, she names it Bernice. Sophie brings Bernice everywhere, despite her parents' warnings that Bernice will begin to rot. As winter nears, Sophie does start to notice changes.... What's a girl to do when the squash she loves is in trouble?
<b><i>If You Plant a Seed</i></b> by Kadir Nelson	While planting seeds in their garden, two animals learn the value of kindness.

## Ages 6-8

<b><i>A Seed is Sleepy</i></b> by Dianna Hutts Aston	Poetic in voice and elegant in design, the book introduces children to a fascinating array of seed and plant facts.
<b><i>To Be Like the Sun</i></b> by Susan Marie Swanson	A child reflects on how a small, striped gray seed eventually becomes a strong, beautiful sunflower.
<b><i>From Seed to Plant</i></b> by Gail Gibbons	Explores the intricate relationship between seeds and the plants which they produce.
<b><i>Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!</i></b> by Candace Fleming 	After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.

## Ages 9-12

<b><i>Project Garden</i></b> by Stacy Tornio	In this beautiful, project-by-project guide, mom and master gardener Stacy Tornio will inspire gardeners young and old to explore, innovate, and cultivate through simple projects that will get a garden growing at any time of year.
<b><i>Wangari Maathai: The woman who planted millions of trees</i></b> by Franck Prévot	Wangari Maathai received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her efforts to lead women in a nonviolent struggle to bring peace and democracy to Africa through its reforestation. Her organization planted over thirty million trees in thirty years. This beautiful picture book tells the story of an amazing woman and an inspiring idea
<b><i>Dappled Annie and the Tigrish</i></b> by Mary McCallum	In this adventure with a young girl Annie in New Zealand, hedges are magical and have the ability to walk. When an earthquake strikes, these hedges, home to birds and nests, help Annie when a nest goes missing.
<b><i>The Secret Garden</i></b> by Frances Hodgson Burnett 	Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.
<b><i>Tom's Midnight Garden</i></b> by Philippa Pearce 	When Tom hears the grandfather clock strike 13, he is not prepared for what is going to happen. Outside the back door is a garden, which everyone tells him doesn't exist. But the magical place in which Tom finds himself is certainly a garden – his midnight garden.

# Book List Theme 3

## Spot Nature's Magic

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Available as an Audiobook

### Ages 3-5

<b><i>Canada All Year</i></b> by Per-Henrik G�rth 	The author uses boldly coloured illustrations with simple text to backdrop the travels of a happy group of animals. Their adventures span coast to coast to experience Canada's regions through the four seasons.
<b><i>The Life Cycle of a Salmon</i></b> by Ruth Thomson	Vibrant photographs with clear descriptions will guide young learners along the amazing life cycle of the salmon.
<b><i>Camouflage</i></b> by Terry J. Jennings	The book uses full page photographs with large colourful text to encourage readers to learn how different animals are camouflaged by their coats and colouring. The attractive images show a variety of animals in their natural environments throughout the seasons.
<b><i>Seasons</i></b> by Linda Aspen-Baxter	Interesting facts with vivid close-up photography combine to teach early learners about the four seasons. Additional detail is provided in "Season Facts" at the back pages, pointing readers to the corresponding page numbers.
<b><i>You Next Year</i></b> by Andrew Larsen 	The story is narrated in the voice of a girl who describes her family's summer ritual: their annual vacation week stay at the beach. While she reminisces of all things familiar each summer, she has something new to look forward to next year, when she meets a new friend who also spends the summer at the same beach.
<b><i>Taan's Moons: A Haida Moon Story</i></b> by Alison Gear 	This is a lovely version of the Haida moon cycle, each verse describing experiences through the seasons of a black bear called Taan. Detailed felt scenes adorn each verse to give readers a delightful sense of the magic of nature through the eyes of Taan.

## Ages 6-8

<p><b><i>Life Cycle of a Pacific Salmon</i></b> by Jason Cooper</p>	<p>Detailed information and dramatic photography inform the reader of the Pacific Salmon's life stages from egg hatchling to end of life spawning.</p>
<p><b><i>A Frog's Life</i></b> by Ellen Lawrence</p>	<p>Full page photo images coupled with eye-catching memo-pad style text will inspire young readers to discover fascinating facts about the life cycle of frogs.</p>
<p><b><i>When Butterflies Cross the Sky: The Monarch Butterfly Migration</i></b> by Sharon Katz Cooper</p>	<p>The difficult migration journey of the majestic butterfly is explained in this moving story accompanied with stunning artistic illustrations.</p>
<p><b><i>A Year of Seasons (Cycles in Nature series)</i></b> by George Pendergast</p>	<p>The earth's seasonal cycles are explained with scientific information, vibrant photography and attractive diagrams, to help readers understand how and why our seasons and their corresponding weather occur at the same time through each year.</p>
<p><b><i>Big City Bees</i></b> by Maggie De Vries </p>	<p>Two city kids work through the seasons to ensure that their pumpkin garden will grow and thrive with the help of pollinating bees. An inspiring story which will help readers to understand the importance of bees and their work necessary to pollinate our food growing plants.</p>
<p><b><i>Butterfly Park</i></b> by Elly MacKay </p>	<p>The story tells of a young girl who moves to a new neighbourhood, and discovers a place called Butterfly Park, but finds that no butterflies will settle there. She then sets out with her neighbours to plant a butterfly garden in the park. Intricate 3D cutout images accompany the simple, yet eloquent text.</p>
<p><b><i>Run Salmon Run</i></b> by Robyn Hardy</p>	<p>An enchanting story in rhyme with delightful illustrations, the author tells of the adventures of a special salmon throughout his entire life cycle. Includes an illustrated glossary to help young readers learn the salmon's life cycle stages.</p>

## Ages 9-12

<p><b><i>Birchbark House</i></b> by Louise Erdrich </p>	<p>A story about a young Ojibwa girl in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, enjoying the summer and autumn months of life living near Lake Superior and learning to be happy after smallpox affects the area in winter.</p>
<p><b><i>Beyond the Laughing Sky</i></b> by Michelle Cuevas </p>	<p>Nashville, a boy who is part human and part bird, was hatched from an egg and lives in a house up on a pecan tree. A bird boy with feathers for hair and a beak for a nose, who likes to wear hats and bow ties, this is a story about aspiration and acceptance.</p>

***The Moon Speaks Cree: A Winter Adventure***

by Larry Oskiniko Loyle



A boy is learning about the land, the animals, and his beautiful culture in the winter season. He'll ride a toboggan, learn about survival in the winter from his grandparents, and more.

***Dinosaur Boy***

by Cory Putman Oakes

When a fifth grader develops a dinosaur's tail and spikes, school gets crazy. Join him and two friends for an entertaining adventure.

***Four Seasons of Patrick***

by Susan Hughes



The changing of seasons bring changes in young Patrick's life. How will he cope with it? Would a tree house be the answer?

# Book List Theme 4

## Beautiful British Columbia

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Available as an Audiobook

### Ages 3-5

<p><b><i>Explorers of the Wild</i></b> by Cale Atkinson</p> 	<p>Written and illustrated by Kelowna-based author Cale Atkinson, <i>Explorers of the Wild</i> is a sweet, heartfelt adventure story of a young boy who explores nature while making an unlikely friend. A great read-aloud with a twist of humour and stunning visuals, the lush forests, wide mountains, and charming animals are all reminiscent of B.C.'s natural surroundings.</p>
<p><b><i>Animals of the Salish Sea: Coast Salish First Nations and Native Art</i></b> by Melaney Gleeson-Lyall</p> 	<p>A great fact book that will sure get little ones excited and curious about the various animals found in Coast Salish First Nations traditions. It features bright and colourful artwork from a variety of artists with a brief description of what these animals symbolize in Coast Salish culture as well as information facts under a fun "Did you know?" section.</p>
<p><b><i>West Coast Wild</i></b> by Deborah Hodge</p> 	<p>An ABC book about all the natural wonders of the Pacific west coast and how everything is all connected. It is sure to capture imaginations and inspire young readers to learn more about what the wild has to offer. While slightly on the advanced side, it is a great opportunity to help build a little reader's vocabulary with the help of some gorgeous artwork illustrating the beauty of British Columbia.</p>
<p><b><i>Sharing Our World: Animals of the Native Northwest Coast</i></b> by Garfinkel Publications</p>	<p>This wonderful information book provides an insightful glance into the amazing creatures found in the Pacific Northwest. The beautiful and striking illustrations introduce children to aboriginal artwork, as well as the importance of the connections of the natural world to First Nations storytelling and culture.</p>
<p><b><i>In the Red Canoe</i></b> by Leslie A. Davidson</p> 	<p>British Columbian author Leslie A. Davidson provides readers with a touching story about a canoe trip a young girl and her grandfather embark on and all the wonderful things they see. From the "loon's wild call" and the beavers lodge, the natural surroundings become the focal point for connection and this heartfelt story about intergenerational family bonding.</p>

<p><b>British Columbia Lullaby</b> by P.L. McCarron and Joy Steuerwald</p>	<p>A deeply charming lullaby that highlights all of the natural beauty that British Columbia has to offer. From the vast ocean to the high mountains, this exquisitely illustrated book and perfect read aloud provides a sense of familiarity through the friendly critters and recognizable sites/landmarks. Furthermore, it captures one's love for the province with the touching refrain of "and my heart belongs to you".</p>
<p><b>S is for Salmon: A Pacific Northwest Alphabet</b> by Hannah Viano</p>	<p>This simple ABC reader with bold and contrasting illustrations is a great way to introduce what nature has to offer out in the Pacific Northwest. While various animals and sea creatures are featured, the book also takes the time to introduce children to some of the great plants and trees that can be found right here in British Columbia like the great Douglas Fir.</p>

### Ages 6-8

<p><b>British Columbia: The Best Place on Earth (My Canada series)</b> by My Canada</p>	<p>Colourful photographs and descriptions of many topics are packed into this factual book for young readers to enjoy.</p>
<p><b>Flood Warning</b> by Jaqueline Pearce</p> 	<p>Tom and his friend Peggy love to play with Tom's dog Amos in the wide open countryside of the 1940s. Living on dairy farms, he helps his parents with feeding and milking the cows. But what will Tom do when the nearby Fraser River starts rising and brown muddy water could flow into their farming community's houses and barns? The dairy cows are scared. Can he help save them?</p>
<p><b>The Two Sisters</b> by E. Pauline Johnson</p> 	<p>This Coast Salish legend about an iconic landmark is retold vividly, accompanied with beautiful imagery of the province's Pacific coast. Capturing themes such as peace, celebrating Indigenous traditions, and the role of women in society, the book also includes a fuller retelling of the legend and helpful learning resources about this Pacific Northwest region.</p>
<p><b>Weirdly Wonderful A to Z: Exotic Aquatic Creatures from the West Coast of British Columbia, Canada</b> by Dave Stevens</p>	<p>An alphabet book with big and colourful illustrations of West Coast sea life. Learn about these aquatic creatures in a book that's fun, entertaining and educational.</p>
<p><b>A Whale Tale</b> by Frieda Wishinsky</p> 	<p>It's 1778 on the West Coast. In this eighth book of the Canadian Flyer Adventure series, Matt and Emily's magical sled has taken them to the Nootka region on the West Coast. It's 1778 and a famous explorer has also come to BC's shores. Canoes and whales are part of their adventures in this book.</p>

## Ages 9-12

<p><b><i>Far West: The Story of British Columbia</i></b> by Daniel Francis</p> 	<p>Full of maps, descriptions of BC's habitats and historical pictures, this book spans both the province's history and development. Don't forget to read about places, people, natural resources and animals through "pop up" text boxes along the way.</p>
<p><b><i>S is for Spirit Bear: A British Columbia Alphabet</i></b> by G. Gregory Roberts</p> 	<p>People, places, animals and landmarks are presented through each letter of the alphabet. In rhyming short verses, meet Aboriginal peoples, learn about the Gold Rush, travel to the Queen Charlotte Islands and finish with a visit to Zeballos in the Nootka Sound. Side margins on each page present more information on each topic.</p>
<p><b><i>People of the Land: Legends of the Four Host First Nations</i></b> by Johnny Abraham, Glenn George and Aaron Nelson Moody</p> 	<p>Sacred legends and traditions passed through time are included in this anthology of the Lil'wat, Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations stories and legends. A beautiful celebration of the four host First Nations for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.</p>
<p><b><i>Nowhere Else on Earth: Standing Tall for the Great Bear Rainforest</i></b> by Caitlyn Vernon</p>	<p>Packed with eco-stories, photographs and many perspectives including those of Indigenous communities' about this vast rainforest, this book provides young readers with an appreciation of one of BC's most amazing regions. From its sea life and water bodies, to its ecosystems, to discussions on conservation, this is a fascinating book.</p>
<p><b><i>Cloudwalker</i></b> by Roy Henry Vicker</p> 	<p>Swans, cedar trees, and northern BC lakes form the backdrop to this adaptation of a traditional legend. When a Gitksan hunter's plans to capture the swans to feed his people fails, he becomes the Cloudwalker. Legend has it that three rivers, including the Skeena or <i>Ksien</i> river were formed as a result of this transformation.</p>

# Book List Theme 5

## Weather Watchers

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Available as an Audiobook

Ages 3-5

<p><b><i>Once upon a northern night</i></b> by Jean E. Pendziwol</p> 	<p>A beautiful lullaby of an icy Canadian night – a young child sleeps wrapped in warm blankets, while outside the snow falls, the animals are awake and the northern lights shine. In the morning a beautiful picture awaits outside the window. Soft black and white illustrations, highlighted by single colours, contribute to the gentle feeling of the poetry.</p>
<p><b><i>Rain Fish</i></b> by Lois Ehlert</p>	<p>When it ‘rains all day, the rain fish come out and play.’ These are the creatures created by the debris that gathers and floats along in streams caused by rain. Simple rhymes and colourful collages celebrate creativity by looking at found items with new eyes, and will inspire young artists to see what they can find to make rain fish with.</p>
<p><b><i>So Much Snow</i></b> by Robert Munsch</p> 	<p>Jasmine heads off to school even though a blizzard is coming, because she likes snow and besides, it’s Pizza Day. But as she steps out the door, the snow starts to fall – deeper and deeper until Jasmine ends up buried with only the top of her hat showing. When she is finally rescued, a Snow Day has been declared and school is closed, but where is the pizza?</p>
<p><b><i>Snow</i></b> by Lauren Taylor</p>	<p>Simple descriptions of what snow is, when it falls and what happens in winter are complimented by bright clear photos that children can relate too. Animals, birds and other children are shown enjoying snowy days in this first look at snow.</p>
<p><b><i>Tap, tap, BOOM, BOOM</i></b> by Elizabeth Bluemle</p>	<p>A sudden downpour on a city street sends everyone dashing for cover in the subway, where strangers become friends and a community is created, at least for the duration of the summer storm. Written in rhythmic verse, this book is perfect for reading aloud and together.</p>
<p><b><i>Toys meet Snow: Being the Wintertime Adventures of a Curious Stuffed Buffalo, a Sensitive Plush Stingray and a</i></b></p>	<p>When a girl is away on holidays, three of her toys go outside and experience the first snowfall. With beautiful illustrations and gentle humour, the toys play in the snow before coming in wet, cold and happy as the day begins to fade. A perfect day in</p>

<b>Book-loving Rubber Ball</b> by Emily Jenkins and Paul O. Zelinsky	the snow will be instantly recognised by children of all ages.
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## Ages 6-8

<b>Boy, were we wrong about the weather!</b> by Kathleen V. Kudlinski	This book is a great introduction to meteorology, the science of weather – full of fascinating facts for young scientists. Old myths and ideas about weather and climate are shown to be wrong (or not!) by the findings of modern science, proving that <i>boy, were we wrong about the weather</i> .
<b>Snow Dog Marley</b> by Susan Hill	Winter is here and the first big snowfall. Mischievous Marley can't wait to go out to play, and surprises his family with how helpful he can be. Early readers will enjoy Marley's winter adventure in this story from a popular series.
<b>Survival: Avalanche!</b> by Frieda Wishinsky 	Alex has just moved to BC, close to the Rockies and Jasper National Park. On a perfect day to make an epic snow fort with new friends, the boys hear a boom and see a wall of snow coming towards them. Avalanche! Suddenly everything is turned upside down, and Alex must figure out how to survive and help his friends.
<b>Toad Weather</b> by Sandra Markle	On a rainy spring night, Mama persuades Ally and Grandma to come outside for a special surprise. Past the colourful umbrellas and everyday sounds, they discover crowds of people at a 'Toad Detour'. It is perfect toad weather, when toads migrate to nearby ponds to mate and lay their eggs. Ally and her family spend the night carrying toads safely across the road, and discover that toad weather makes them happy.
<b>What are Clouds?</b> by Ellen Lawrence	A first look at clouds, with interesting facts (the water in one cloud can weigh more than a jumbo jet) and clear, bright photos. Simple activities and a 'Science Lab' explaining how to keep your own weather diary provide lots of ideas for further discoveries.
<b>When will it rain? Noticing Weather Patterns</b> by Martha Rustad	– Mr. Davis's class is learning to look at weather and notice patterns in what they see. When a meteorologist visits, she explains how those patterns can also help predict future weather. Beginning meteorologists will be inspired to create their own weather charts at home, and there are instructions to make an anemometer to see how fast the wind is blowing, enabling them to start noticing weather patterns of their own.

## Ages 9-12

<b><i>Drizzle</i></b> by Kathleen Van Cleeve	Living on a rhubarb farm with magical qualities, a drought could be coming. A strange mist has appeared and things get crazy. In all of this eleven year old Polly who lives on the farm tries to find a way for there to be rain so the farm survives.
<b><i>Extreme Weather: Surviving Tornadoes, Sandstorms, Hailstorms, Blizzards, Hurricanes, and More!</i></b> by Thomas Kostigen	Learn about extreme weather and why it is happening. Lots of topics packed in here including ocean levels and derachos.
<b><i>Usborne Weather &amp; Climate Change</i></b> by Laura Howell	Many topics here such as forecasting the weather and the greenhouse effect. Also includes how floods, droughts, and other weather patterns occur.
<b><i>What Are Weather and Climate</i></b> by Joanne Mattern	Explains both the differences between weather and climate and how they are connected. Includes diagrams and pictures to help the reader understand how weather is made and the relationship they have with us.
<b><i>Whatever the Weather: Science Experiments and Art Activities That Explore the Wonders of Weather</i></b> by Annie Riechmann	The basics of the science of weather we experience every day and a great read for kids and adults!

# Book List Theme 6

## Go Fish!

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Available as an Audiobook

### Ages 3-5

<b><i>I'm the biggest thing in the ocean!</i></b> by Kevin Sherry	A giant squid brags about being bigger than everything else in the ocean—almost.
<b><i>I Spy under the Sea</i></b> by Edward Gibbs	Look through the spy holes and count the sea creatures in this underwater take on the classic game.
<b><i>Ocean Animals from Head to Tail</i></b> by Stacey Roderick 	This nonfiction picture book uses a playful guessing game to introduce eight different ocean animals and some unique aspects of their bodies. First, readers are shown a close-up illustration of an unusual part of an animal's body and asked to guess its owner: "What ocean animal has a head like this?" Then the following spread reveals the animal's name (e.g., "A hammerhead shark!"), along with an illustration of the whole animal in its habitat.
<b><i>Fish Jam</i></b> by Kylie Howarth	Jazz is a scat-singing fish who is way too noisy! Will he ever find a place to play without being shoo, shoo, shooed away?
<b><i>Squid and Octopus: Friends for Always</i></b> by Tao Nyeu	Four separate stories celebrate the many-legged friendship between Squid and Octopus as they disagree over how to stay warm, encourage each other, and fret over the contents of a fortune cookie.
<b><i>First Big Book of the Ocean</i></b> by Catherine D. Hughes	Introduces several of the ocean's species, provides profiles of creatures, from dolphins and sharks to sea otters and penguins, while sharing facts about their characteristics, diets, and habitats.
<b><i>I'm a Shark</i></b> by Bob Shea	A boastful shark is not afraid of anything, which impresses his underwater friends until they ask about spiders.

## Ages 6-8

<b><i>The Great Googly Moogly</i></b> by Courtney Dicmas	Nobody has ever been able to catch The Great Googly Moogly, a giant and terrifying fish of legend. But Stella aims to do just that. Armed with fishing gear and differing baits, she sets out every day to realize her dream, whatever the weather. But what will she do if she succeeds?
<b><i>The Magic School Bus Presents Sea Creatures</i></b> by Joanna Cole	On another special field trip on the magic school bus, Ms. Frizzle's class learns about the ocean and the different creatures that live there.
<b><i>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i></b> by Dr Seuss 	"From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere" . . . So begins this classic Beginner Book by Dr. Seuss. Beginning with just five fish and continuing into flights of fancy, One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish celebrates how much fun imagination can be. From the can-opening Zans to the boxing Gox to the winking Yink who drinks pink ink, the silly rhymes and colorful cast of characters create an entertaining approach to reading that will have every child giggling from morning to night: "Today is gone. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one."
<b><i>Shark School: Deep Sea Disaster</i></b> by Davy Ocean	Harry the hammerhead shark wishes he could be any other type of shark, but when a class trip to a famous shipwreck almost ends in disaster, Harry realizes the importance of being exactly who he is.
<b><i>The Kraken's Rules for Making Friends</i></b> by Brittany R. Jacobs	It's no big surprise that the Kraken has no friends, but he is TIRED OF IT. With a bad temper and a knack for destruction, his talent for meeting new fish is...not so seaworthy. He finds hope when another monster of the deep, a great white shark, offers him some RULES FOR MAKING FRIENDS. Will these rules help the most terrifying monster of the deep make a new chum?
<b><i>Flotsam</i></b> by David Wiesner	A wordless picture book about what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam. Beautiful artwork and engaging energetic scenes bring this story to life.

## Ages 9-12

<p><b><i>The Walking Fish</i></b> by Rachelle Burke</p>	<p>The humorous, exciting tale of an ordinary girl who makes the extraordinary scientific discovery of a blind fish that walks. When seventh-grader Alexis catches an unusual fish that looks like a living fossil, she sets off a frenzied scientific hunt for more of its kind. Alexis and her friend Darshan are off-snorkeling, sounding the depths of Glacial Lake, even observing from a helicopter and exploring a cave, while trying to keep a selfish scientist from claiming the discovery. When Alexis follows one final hunch, she risks her life and almost loses her friend.</p>
<p><b><i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i></b> by Scott O’Del</p> 	<p>Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.</p>
<p><b><i>Nim’s Island</i></b> by Wendy Orr</p> 	<p>Nim loves her island home and the animals she shares it with even while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way and a new e-mail friend could be the only one who can help.</p>
<p><b><i>Stranded</i></b> by Jeff Probst</p> 	<p>Jane, Buzz, Carter, and Vanessa, aged nine to thirteen, are on a sailing trip in the South Pacific intended to help them bond in their newly-blended family when a massive storm strands them on a deserted island.</p>
<p><b><i>A Ring of Endless Light</i></b> by Madeline L’Engle</p>	<p>During the summer her grandfather is dying of leukemia and death seems all around, 15-year-old Vicky finds comfort with the pod of dolphins with which she has been doing research.</p>
<p><b><i>The Thing about Jelly Fish</i></b> by Ali Benjamin</p> 	<p>Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend’s death.</p>

# Book List Theme 7

## Tales of Nature: Nature Traditions and Legends

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### Ages 3-5

<p><b><i>Lessons from Mother Earth</i></b> by Elaine McLeod</p> 	<p>This gentle story demonstrates the First Nations' tradition of taking care of Mother Earth. Tess has visited her grandmother many times without really being aware of the garden. But today they step outside the door and Tess learns that all of nature can be a garden. And if you take care of the plants that are growing, you will always find something to nourish you.</p>
<p><b><i>Ogopogo Odyssey</i></b> by D.A. Hawes</p> 	<p>While visiting his grandparents' winery in the Okanagan Valley, a young boy meets the legendary monster of the lake, the Ogopogo, and embarks on a summer adventure that he will never forget.</p>
<p><b><i>Goodnight World: Animals of the Native Northwest</i></b> by Native Northwest</p>	<p>Twenty-three Northwest Coast artists have contributed their art for this beautiful book as each of the animals, birds, and sea creatures say good night by dreaming, singing each other to sleep, and various activities unique to each animal. This picture book reinforces worldview values of acknowledging the end of the day while explaining the importance of interdependence with the environment.</p>
<p><b><i>A Stick Is An Excellent Thing: Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play</i></b> by Marilyn Singer</p>	<p>This book presents a tribute to timeless childhood summer activities, from playing hide-and-seek and hopscotch to making mud soup and imagining that a stick is a magic wand. While younger readers might need help with some of the poems, this book invites the whole family to join in and have fun!</p>
<p><b><i>The Water Hole</i></b> by Graeme Base</p>	<p>Introducing the numbers from one to ten, an ever growing number of animals visit a watering hole, while the water slowly dwindles. Though the animals disappear when the water hole dries up, rain eventually falls and the earth springs back to life.</p>
<p><b><i>The Raven and the Loon</i></b> by Rachel Qitsualik-Tinsley</p> 	<p>This retelling of a traditional Inuit folktale tells of how these two birds, originally all white, came to have their current appearances. Bored one day, Raven stops by to visit Loon, and the two decide to make new coats for each other. But a series of mishaps leave them with the forms and colors that they have today.</p>

## Ages 6-8

<p><b><i>In the Red Canoe</i></b> by Leslie Davidson</p> 	<p>Ducks and frogs, swallows and dragonflies, beaver lodges and lily pads—a multitude of wonders enchant the child narrator in this tender, beautifully illustrated picture book. A tribute to those wild places we love, <i>In the Red Canoe</i> celebrates the bond between grandparent and grandchild and invites nature lovers along for the ride.</p>
<p><b><i>Saving Sammy</i></b> by Eric Walters, Norah McClintock</p> 	<p>After Morgan’s backyard is flooded by the nearby river, her dog, Shire, finds a baby beaver that has been washed out of its den. Realizing that its parents aren’t coming back, Morgan must quickly learn to care for the beaver, which she names Sammy. Morgan’s parents warn her that he can’t stay with them forever. Will Morgan be able to find a safe home for Sammy?</p>
<p><b><i>Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and other Natural Disasters</i></b> by Lenore Look</p>	<p>Alvin Ho does not think the great outdoors is great. It is super-duper scary. Luckily, when his dad suggests—gulp!—a camping trip, Alvin is prepared. So grab your mosquito netting and your heavy-duty flashlight and experience the great outdoors with the one and only Alvin Ho.</p>
<p><b><i>A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse</i></b> by Frank Viva</p>	<p>There’s so much to see at the bottom of the world! Join a young explorer and his best friend, Mouse, on a sea journey to Antarctica, where they make new friends with penguins and a whale — and have all kinds of fun.</p>
<p><b><i>If You Love Honey: Nature’s Connections</i></b> by Martha Sullivan</p>	<p>Honey is a sweet gift from nature – all of nature, actually. Honey is linked in a very real way to dandelions, earthworms, mushrooms, the old oak tree and even the blue jays squawking in its branches. A simple but accurate diagram in the back matter explains how bees make honey and also pollinate plants, as well as the role of beneficial insects and decomposers. Included are activities and recipes sure to be lot of fun!</p>
<p><b><i>A Walk on the Shoreline</i></b> by Rebecca Hainnu</p> 	<p>Young Nukappia can’t wait to get out to his family campsite on the shoreline. While walking along the shore, he learns that the shoreline is not just ice and rocks and water. There is an entire ecosystem of plants and animals that call the shoreline home. From seaweed to clams to char to shore grasses, there is far more to see along the shoreline than Nukappia ever imagined.</p>

## Ages 9-12

<p><b><i>Bearwalker</i></b> by Joseph Bruchac</p>	<p>When Baron arrives at the camp in the Adirondacks, he senses something sinister about the man who wears a bear claw necklace. He's heard the Aboriginal legend of evil men who can walk the earth as a bloodthirsty combination of man and bear, but Baron never thought he'd come face to face with the legend.</p>
<p><b><i>Snow Summer</i></b> by Kit Peel</p> 	<p>Massive climate change has caused a winter that will not thaw, and it seems that the forces of nature have turned on humanity itself. But in the sleepy British village of Pateley, one special girl may hold the key to the earth's survival.</p>
<p><b><i>The Wild Robot</i></b> by Peter Brown</p> 	<p>When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. Why is she there? Where did she come from? And, most important, how will she survive in her harsh surroundings? Roz's only hope is to learn from the island's hostile animal inhabitants.</p>
<p><b><i>Nature Anatomy: The Curious Parts &amp; Pieces of the Natural World</i></b> by Julia Rothman</p>	<p>See the world in a new way! With whimsically hip illustrations, every page is an extraordinary look at all kinds of subjects, from mineral formation and the inside of a volcano to what makes sunsets, monarch butterfly migration, the ecosystem of a rotting log, the parts of a bird, the anatomy of a jellyfish, and much, much more.</p>
<p><b><i>Eye of the Storm</i></b> by Kate Messner</p>	<p>In the not-too-distant future, huge tornadoes and monster storms are a part of everyday life. Sent to spend the summer in the heart of storm country, Jaden Meggs is excited to reconnect with her dad after he spent years researching storm technology in Russia. She'll also be attending the exclusive summer science camp, Eye On Tomorrow, that her dad founded. There, Jaden meets Alex, a boy whose passion for science matches hers, and together they discover a horrible truth about her dad's research that is putting countless lives at risk.</p>
<p><b><i>Spirit Animals: Wild Born</i></b> by Brandon Mull</p> 	<p>Four children separated by vast distances all undergo the same ritual, watched by cloaked strangers. Four flashes of light erupt, and from them emerge the unmistakable shapes of incredible beasts – a wolf, a leopard, a panda, a falcon. Suddenly the paths of these children – and the world – have been changed forever.</p>

# French Book List

## BC SRC 2017: Walk on the Wild Side!

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### Ages 3-5

<b><i>Canada sports d'hiver</i></b> by Per-Henrik Gurth 	Filled with popular winter sports and bright illustrations.
<b><i>National Geographic Kids: En safari</i></b> by Gail Tuchman	What would you see on a safari? Meet your tour guide and get ready to be dazzled by amazing animals. You will see lions playing, rhinoceroses running, and more.
<b><i>Spectacle animal</i></b> by Jill Eggleton	An elephant, a rabbit, and more animals in this easy reader.
<b><i>L'âne Trotro a Trop Chaud</i></b> by Bénédicte Guettier	It's a hot summer day and Trotro is going to do lots of fun things like enjoying a popsicle.
<b><i>Pat sous la mer</i></b> by James Dean	Pete the Cat is off on another adventure. This time it's scuba diving in the deep blue sea. He's got his oxygen tank and his flippers on. He's ready. He sees lots of sea life. A sea turtle, an octopus and even a globe fish. But what will it take to find a seahorse in all that water?

### Ages 6-8

<b><i>Mon Canada: La Columbie-Britannique, Le meilleur endroit de la Terre</i></b> by Kaite Goldsworthy	This book includes colourful photographs and topics such as the Gold Rush, wildlife, and forestry.
<b><i>Archie le paresseux hyperactif</i></b> by Heath McKenzie	Leaping, dancing sloth Archie is sad because he is so different from the others sloths. While they don't like him at first, they soon love him.
<b><i>Blaireau et le terrible orage</i></b> by Suzanne Chiew	A group of cute animals get ready for a storm. They need to take care of the lettuce, there's a bird house to get ready, and more. But where will Badger live after his home is destroyed?
<b><i>Le petit chevalier qui n'aimait pas la pluie</i></b> by Gilles Tibo 	This is the story of a little knight whose kingdom is on top of a forest. He loves cats and birds and he loves chocolate cake very very much. But when it rains for 39 days and 39 nights, his kingdom is left mostly stranded, crying and very hungry. How can he save them?

## Ages 9-12

<p><b><i>Les animaux du Canada</i></b> by Jessica Lupien</p> 	<p>Celebrates Canada's diverse range of animal and sea life through stunning photography and great descriptions. The heron, the beluga, the beaver, and the otter are some of the animals you will see in this book.</p>
<p><b><i>Fleurs des Champs</i></b> by Nicole Bustarret</p>	<p>This delightful book is neatly arranged with illustrations and descriptions of flowers. Includes sidebars with fascinating things such as flowers' colours, heights and aromatic qualities.</p>
<p><b><i>La Foret</i></b> by James Gourier</p>	<p>A great book to learn about forests, it explores their geographies, seasonal change, the wildlife calling forests home, and more.</p>
<p><b><i>Mon Imagier de Toute L'Année: 400 Photos au Fil du Temps: La Journée, Les Saisons, Les Fêtes ...</i></b> by Milan Jeunesse</p>	<p>Filled with photographs of clothes, food, nature, and more, this book captures seasons, daily life, and special times in brightly coloured images and great descriptions.</p>
<p><b><i>Les saisons</i></b> by Pascale Hédelin</p>	<p>Explore the four seasons through so many things such as the foods we eat, fields of flowers, the solstice, and how animals respond with the coming of fall, winter, summer and spring. Beautiful pictures accompany great descriptions.</p>
<p><b><i>La mer</i></b> by Elisabeth Mauris</p>	<p>Walk along the seaside and learn how shells stay alive, or explore the Arctic Ocean and meet Inuit who cut holes in some icy areas to fish. Go by a busy sea port full of fishermen or explore a 2000 km reef in Australia. Packed with fascinating details about the sea.</p>
<p><b><i>La Pluie</i></b> by Honor Head</p>	<p>From how it is formed to droughts to monsoons, this book includes a range of topics about rain. The book also offers a glossary and an activities page.</p>

# Liste de livres en français

CLÉ DE LA C.-B. 2017 : Balade dans la nature sauvage!

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Disponible en livre audio

## Pour les 3 à 5 ans

<b>Canada sports d'hiver</b> par Per-Henrik Gurth 	Un recueil rempli de sports d'hiver populaires et d'illustrations à couper le souffle.
<b>National Geographic Kids: En safari</b> par Gail Tuchman	Que verriez-vous en safari? Faites la rencontre de votre guide et laissez-vous éblouir par des animaux extraordinaires. Vous verrez des lions s'amuser, des rhinocéros courir et plein d'autres images fabuleuses.
<b>Spectacle animal</b> par Jill Eggleton	Un éléphant, un lapin et bien d'autres animaux dans ce livre pour jeunes lecteurs.
<b>L'âne Trotro a Trop Chaud</b> par Bénédicte Guettier	Par une chaude journée d'été, Trotro compte bien faire plein de choses amusantes, à commencer par déguster une bonne sucette glacée.
<b>Pat sous la mer</b> par James Dean	Pete le chat entreprend une nouvelle aventure. Cette fois-ci, c'est une plongée autonome au fond de l'océan. Équipé de sa bouteille d'oxygène et palmes aux pieds, il est prêt. Il contemple la vie marine. Une tortue de mer, une pieuvre et même un poisson-globe. Mais comment fera-t-il pour trouver un hippocampe dans toute cette étendue d'eau?

## Pour les 6 à 8 ans

<b>Mon Canada: La Colombie-Britannique, Le meilleur endroit de la Terre</b> par Kaite Goldsworthy	Ce livre contient des photographies aux couleurs vives et porte sur des sujets comme la ruée vers l'or, la faune et la foresterie.
<b>Archie le paresseux hyperactif</b> par Heath McKenzie	Le paresseux Archie, bondissant et dansant, est triste d'être aussi différent de ses congénères, qui ne l'apprécient pas au premier abord mais qui s'attachent vite à lui.

<p><b><i>Blaireau et le terrible orage</i></b> par Suzanne Chiew</p>	<p>Un groupe d'animaux mignons s'apprête à affronter la tempête. Ils doivent s'occuper de la laitue, préparer le nichoir, etc. Mais où habitera Badger lorsque sa maison aura été détruite?</p>
<p><b><i>Le petit chevalier qui n'aimait pas la pluie</i></b> par Gilles Tibo</p> 	<p>Ce livre nous raconte l'histoire d'un petit chevalier dont le royaume culmine au sommet d'une forêt. Il adore les chats et les oiseaux, et raffole du gâteau au chocolat plus que tout. Mais après 39 jours et 39 nuits de pluie, son royaume voit son activité bloquée, et ses habitants pleurent et sont affamés. Comment pourra-t-il les sauver?</p>

### Pour les 9 à 12 ans

<p><b><i>Les animaux du Canada</i></b> par Jessica Lupien</p> 	<p>Cet ouvrage célèbre la riche faune terrestre et marine du Canada, grâce à des photographies superbes et à des descriptions magnifiques. Le héron, le béluga, le castor et la loutre sont quelques-uns des animaux que vous croiserez dans ce livre.</p>
<p><b><i>Fleurs des Champs</i></b> par Nicole Bustarret</p>	<p>Ce livre magnifique, bien ordonné, regorge d'illustrations et de descriptions de fleurs. On retrouve des encadrés qui portent sur des sujets fascinants comme la couleur, la taille et les qualités aromatiques des fleurs.</p>
<p><b><i>La Forêt</i></b> par James Gourier</p>	<p>Un livre superbe sur les forêts, qui en décrit la géographie et qui aborde des sujets comme les changements de saison, la faune qui les habite, etc.</p>
<p><b><i>Mon Imagier de Toute L'Année: 400 Photos au Fil du Temps: La Journée, Les Saisons, Les Fêtes ...</i></b> par Milan Jeunesse</p>	<p>Ce livre rempli de photographies de vêtements, d'aliments et de plein de choses de la nature décrit les saisons, la vie quotidienne et les moments spéciaux grâce à des images colorées et des descriptions magnifiques.</p>
<p><b><i>Les saisons</i></b> par Pascale Hédelin</p>	<p>Découvrez les quatre saisons à travers des sujets aussi divers que les aliments que nous mangeons, les champs de fleurs, le solstice et la manière dont les animaux se préparent à la venue de l'automne, de l'hiver, du printemps et de l'été. De magnifiques images accompagnent des descriptions tout aussi pertinentes.</p>

<b><i>La mer</i></b> par Elisabeth Mauris	Marchez au bord de la mer et apprenez comment les coquillages vivent, ou explorez l'océan Arctique et rencontrez des Inuits qui percent des trous dans la glace pour pêcher. Visitez un port maritime très fréquenté par les pêcheurs ou découvrez un récif long de 2 000 km en Australie. Un ouvrage rempli de détails fascinants sur la mer.
<b><i>La Pluie</i></b> par Honor Head	Ce livre, qui porte sur toute une gamme de sujets liés à la pluie, nous apprend comment elle se forme et nous explique la cause des sécheresses et de la mousson. On y retrouve également un glossaire et une page d'activités à expérimenter.