

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS BIBLIOGRAPHY

The following bibliography is taken directly from the catalog of the NJLBH. Numbers and notations are included, since this information is necessary for borrowing the material.

Bibliography

B and BR = Braille RC = Recorded Cassette Tape LT = Large Type

NATURE

- LT 9262 Let's be Nature's Friend, by Jack Stokes.**
Offers suggestions in verse for improving our environment through such activities as recycling glass bottles, putting tea leaves on the garden and writing your congressman to encourage their passing laws against pollution. K-3.
- LT 9698 Strange Companions in Nature, by Olive Earle.**
Discusses how some animals share their lives with very different animals in a relationship profitable to both. K-3.
- RC 37386 The City Kid's Field Guide, by Ethan Herberman.**
Although one usually associates wildlife with rural areas, this book introduces wild animals and plants that can be found in a variety of urban environments such as backyards, lots and parks. Grades 5-8.

Gardening

- RC 43794 Inch by Inch: The Garden Song, by David Mallett.**
A youngster takes his rake and hoe and, inch-by-inch and row-by-row, plans to make a garden grow. Preschool-Grade 2.
- RC 25700 The Elephant in Duck's Garden, by Judy Delton.**
Duck and his friend Bear try everything they can think of to get rid of the elephant in the garden. K-2.
- BR 2669 The Zoo in My Garden, by Chiyoko Nakatani.**
A boy describes the many animals found in his garden. K-2.

- LT 20769 Flowers for Mom, by Jinna Marton.**
A young boy picks his mother a bouquet of wild meadow flowers only to give them away to strangers on his way home. K-3.
- RC 41442 In My Mother's Garden, by Melissa Madenski.**
It is the first day of spring, and Rosie is very excited. Her mother's birthday will soon be here, and Rosie has a special surprise planned. Because her mother loves flowers, especially pansies, Rosie is going to make her a pansy bed. But can Rosie keep the secret until her mother's birthday? K-3.
- RC 22445 The Rose in My Garden, by Arnold Lobel.**
A story in rhyme about the many kinds of flowers that grow near the hollyhocks that give shade to the bee that sleeps on the only rose in the garden. K-3.
- LT 5042 Johnny Crow's Garden, by Leslie Brooke.**
Unusual things happen in Johnny Crow's garden. Grades 3-4.
- BR 748 Squirrels in the Garden, by Olive Earle.**
Tells the story of the growth and adventures of a squirrel family. Grades 3-5.
- B 2881 Your First Garden Book, by Marc Brown.**
Suggested project outline for beginning gardeners, how to sprout seeds, turn soil, plant and care for the results. **PRINT/BRILLE.** Grades 3-5.
- BR 4266 Doctor Dolittle's Garden, by Hugh Lofting.**
Doctor Dolittle sets out to discover all there is to know about the insects in his garden. Grades 3-6.
- RC 28166 Linnea in Monet's Garden, by Christina Bjork.**
Linnea, a young girl, and her neighbor, Mr. Bloom, love flowers, so they visit Paris to see the home and garden of artist Claude Monet. Grades 3-6.

RC 31557 The Monster Garden, by Vivien Alcock.

Frankie secretly experiments with goop taken from her father's lab, resulting in the creation of Monnie. Monnie is a creature that whistles, changes shapes and grows at an alarming rate. Grades 4-7.

BR 10102 The Secret Garden, by Frances Burnett.

Two lonely cousins overcome many hardships and obstacles and conspire to restore a garden on a huge estate. Grades 4-7.

RC 43253 Enabling Gardens: A Guide to Lifelong Gardening by Gene Rothert.

A step-by-step guide to barrier-free gardening for people with disabilities. Provides a checklist for assessing one's gardening abilities, then offers advice on selecting appropriate structures, tools, equipment, plants and garden designs. Young Adult.

RC 46577 In a Desert Garden: Love and Death Among the Insects, by John Alcock.

A biologist recounts the experience and the results of converting his Tempe, Arizona, yard into a desert ecosystem. He describes the fascination of observing marching milkweed bugs, fighting earwigs, pollinating zucchini bees and more. Young Adult.

Farming

LT 18477 On the Farm, by Jonathan Satchell.

In this counting book, the farmer's son introduces the animals that live on the farm. Preschool-Grade 2.

LT 9847 The Animals of Buttercup Farm, by Judy Dunn.

Describes the animals of Buttercup Farm and their activities throughout a typical day. K-2.

- BR 2987** **Christmas Tree Farm, by David Budbill.**
A visit to a Christmas-tree farm in Vermont follows the farmers from spring to late fall and winter. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** K-2.
- LT 8567** **I Am a Farmer, by Dick Swayne.**
Farmer Sue describes some of the chores, animals and helpers on her farm. K-2.
- LT 10141** **Pigs on the Farm, by Cliff Moon.**
Presents a look at pig farming, from the care of little piglets to the meat we get from the pigs. K-2.
- LT 10140** **Sheep on the Farm, by Cliff Moon.**
An introduction to sheep raising and the many ways the woolly animal is useful to man. K-2.
- BR 7939** **Family Farm, by Thomas Locker.**
A year in the life of a small Midwestern farm family is described. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** K-3.
- BR 8903** **Farming, by Gail Gibbons.**
This is a simple introduction to a family farm. It describes the many indoor and outdoor chores performed during each season of the year. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** K-3.
- RC 33344** **On Granddaddy's Farm, by Thomas Allen.**
The author shares fond memories of the 1930s, when he and his cousins spent summers on their grandparent's farm. K-3.
- LT 10923** **Bob Bodden and the Seagoing Farm, by Elizabeth Coatsworth.**
Homesick for the Maine farm where he grew up, Captain Bob sets up a farm on his ship. Grades 2-4.
- LT 9888** **Farm Animals, by Angela Hart.**
Text and pictures introduce typical farm animals and their uses. Grades 2-4.

LT 16991 *The Giant’s Farm, by Jane Yolen.*

A group of distinctly different giants has problems to solve when giants decide to live together on a farm. Grades 2-4.

RC 41575 *McBroom’s Wonderful One Acre Farm, by Sid Fleischman.*

Josh McBroom, his wife and their 11 children are heading west when they are offered a farm in Iowa. The farm is under water, but a dry spell soon turns it into one acre of land with very rich soil. Crops grow in minutes, trees in hours. The McBrooms love their new farm, but they must fight wind that carries off small children and grasshoppers that eat anything green. Grades 3-6.

BR 8387 *The American Family Farm, by Joan Anderson.*

A tribute to the American family farm that focuses on families on three different farms: a dairy farm, a chicken farm and an organic hog and grain farm. Grade 6-Young Adult.

Flowers

LT 9763 *Look at Flowers, by Rena Kirkpatrick.*

Easy-to-read text and illustrations describe various kinds of flowers. K-2.

LT 1766 *The Orchid Family, by Lynne Martin.*

An introduction to the orchid family and an explanation of the life cycle of both plant and flower. Grades 4-6.

Vegetables

LT 10032 *A Book of Vegetables, by Harriet Sobol.*

Introduces 14 vegetables, including brussel sprouts, cauliflower, onions and zucchini, and describes the plants on which they grow. K-2.

LT 10033 *Vegetables From Stems to Leaves, by Millicent Selsam.*

Explains the cultivation and growth of 12 vegetables, including onions, asparagus, cabbage and lettuce. Grades 2-4.

BR 1290 Cool as a Cucumber, Hot as a Pepper: Fruit Vegetables, by Meredith Sayles Hughes.

Discusses the history and uses of plants that normally are thought of as vegetables but share some of the traits of fruits, such as tomatoes, eggplants, avocados, cucumbers, peppers, squash and breadfruit. Includes recipes. Grades 4-7.

BR 12787 Stinky and Stringy: Stem and Bulb Vegetables, by Meredith Sayles Hughes.

Describes historical origins, uses and growing requirements of four bulb vegetables (garlic, onions, shallots and leeks) and three stem vegetables (celery, asparagus and rhubarb). Includes recipes. Grades 4-7.

Ecology

B 3233 Rachel Carson: Pioneer of Ecology, by Kathleen Kudlinski.

A biography of an early ecology pioneer, Rachel Carson. Grades 3-6.

RC 50140 Ecology Crafts for Kids: Fifty Great Ways to Make Friends with Planet Earth, by Bobbe Needham.

Step-by-step directions for more than 50 projects using natural and recycled materials: a birch-bark basket, gourd birdhouse, log-cabin planter, recycling bin and license-plate bird feeder, as well as special-prints gift wrap, sand candles, corn-husk angels and beach-glass jewelry. Also presents background information on ecological and environmental issues. Grades 4-7.

Forests

LT 16237 Forests, by Shirley Greenway.

Discusses the homes built and care provided for their young by forest animals. Grades 3-4.

RC 47993 Forests for the Future, by Edward Parker.

Describes different types of forests, their importance to human life, their effect on the environment, products made from them and ways to protect them. Grades 3-6.

Baby Animals

LT 9633 White Patch, a City Sparrow, by Olive Earle.

A young house sparrow grows up. K-3.

BR 7938 Baby Animals on the Farm, by Hans Isenbart.

Introduces baby animals typically raised on farms all over the world. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** Grades 2-4.

LT 17165 Penguin Family, by Gene Klebe.

Traces the life of two baby penguins, Penny and Peter, from their summer birth through adolescence until winter adulthood. Grades 2-4.

Construction

BR 7547 Block City, by Robert Louis Stevenson.

A classic poem of the delightful world a young child creates with imagination and building blocks. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** Preschool-Grade 2.

RC 34733 Wake Up, City, by Alvin Tresselt.

This book tells how morning comes to the city, from the chirps of the birds to people and traffic in a hurry to begin the day. Preschool-Grade 2.

LT 8738 Building a House, by Byron Barton.

Briefly describes the steps in building a house. K-2.

LT 10123 Tunnels, by Gail Gibbons.

A brief introduction to tunnels—their types, shapes and parts, and how they are built. K-2.

- LT 9556 Trains and Railroads, by Howard Kanetzke.**
An introduction to the history of trains that also describes different kinds of trains and railroads and how they work. K-3.
- LT 12821 Ant Cities, by Arthur Dorros.**
Explains how ants live and work together to build and maintain their cities. Grades 2-4.
- RC 7725 Captains of the City Streets, by Esther Averill.**
Two hobo cats discover the perfect New York City hideaway. Grades 2-4.
- LT 9865 Roads, by Cass Sandak.**
Discusses the nature and history of roads built in ancient and modern times for travel by wheeled vehicles. Grades 2-4.
- LT 9864 Tunnels, by Cass Sandak.**
This book is an introduction to tunnels, including their history. It tells how they are designed and describes various kinds of tunnels, their construction and their uses. Grades 2-4.
- BR 8926 The Roadside, by David Bellamy.**
When a new highway is built to replace an old dirt track, road builders disrupt the wildlife but are considerate of the environment, so animals and plants perhaps will flourish again. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** Grades 3-6.
- B 2632 The City Under the Back Step, by Evelyn Lampman.**
Craig and his cousin, Jill, are reduced to minute size and taken prisoner by an ant colony in punishment for stepping on one of its members. Grades 4-6.
- RC 14212 Building Construction, by Melvin Berger.**
This behind-the-scenes account describes various jobs in the construction industry. Grades 4-7.
- RC 12826 Bridges, by Scott Corbett.**
Discusses the history of bridge building. Grades 5-8.

LT 9232 The Building of the First Transcontinental Railroad, by Adele Nathan.

The story of the men who helped build the transcontinental railroad. Grades 5-8.

RC 36821 A Capital City, 1790-1814, by Suzanne Hilton.

In this history of early Washington, D.C., the author focuses on the people who influenced the creation and form of the city. The author concludes with the 1814 burning and rebirth of the city. Grades 5-8.

RC 52503 Construction: Building the Impossible, by Nathan Aaseng.

Profiles seven structures of engineering genius and their builders: Imhotep's Step Pyramid, Marc Brunel's Thames Tunnel, John and Washington Roebling's Brooklyn Bridge, Alexandre Gustave's Eiffel Tower, George W. Goethal's Panama Canal, Frank Crowe's Hoover Dam and William Lamb's Empire State Building. Grades 5-8.

EVERYDAY LIFE

Kids Growing Up

LT 13027 Why Do Grown-Ups Have All the Fun? By Maisabina Russo.

When Hannah is in bed unable to sleep, she imagines all the fun the grown-ups are having—doing all the things she herself likes to do. K-2.

RC 41957 Grown-Ups Get to Do All the Driving, by William Steig.

Grown-ups do many things. They make you go to the dentist, they like to look in the mirror a lot, they have aches and pains, they love restaurants and parties, they like to tell jokes, they hate to answer questions, they like children to be polite, they take lots of pills, and they get to do all the driving. K-3.

RC 49376 The Lost Garden, by Laurence Yep.

A Newbery Honor author, born in 1948, tells of growing up in a San Francisco apartment over his parents' corner grocery. Though his family emigrated from China, Chinese was not spoken in Yep's home. Grades 6-9.

RC 39836 I Was a Teenage Professional Wrestler, by Ted Lewin.

Illustrator and writer Ted Lewin began a double life when he entered Pratt Art Institute in Brooklyn—by night, he earned his living as a wrestler. Grade 6-Young Adult.

RC 22154 Memo: To Myself When I Have a Teenage Kid, by Carol Snyder.

Being 13 is not easy for Karen, and there are plenty of times she'd like to divorce her parents and her younger sister. Grade 6-Young Adult.

BR 11070 Skin Deep and Other Teenage Reflections, by Angela Medearis.

Collection of poems about the problems teenagers face in growing up. Expressing the pride, anger and loneliness teens often feel, the verses cover concerns about school, family, friends and appearances. Grade 6-Young Adult.

RC 51201 Don't Sweat the Small Stuff, by Richard Carlson.

This book advises teens on controlling stress in their lives. It includes 100 tips on coping with such things as breakups, bad hair days and peer pressure. Grade 7-Young Adult.

RC 46516 How Rude! The Teenager's Guide to Good Manners, by Alex J. Packer.

Advice on dealing with various social situations. Discusses internet courtesy and handling special situations such as funerals and religious rites, family and school expectations, and other scenarios. Question-and-answer segments and charts summarize the counsel. Grade 7-Young Adult.

RC 47579 What Do You Stand For? A Kid’s Guide to Building Character.

Advice on developing character traits such as a positive attitude, imagination, courage, citizenship, endurance and empathy is given. Includes teen profiles, self-inventories and character dilemmas to ponder. Grade 7-Young Adult.

RC 51013 Bobbi Brown Teenage Beauty: Everything You Need to Look Pretty, Natural, Sexy, and Awesome, by Bobbi Brown.

Noted makeup artist provides instructions on choosing and applying cosmetics. Addresses common teen issues including blemishes and braces. Includes sections on hair care, body type, self-image and beauty tips for various ethnic types. Grade 9-Young Adult.

RC 49701 Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen, by Dyan Sheldon.

When 16-year-old Lola, deemed the “drama queen” by her mother, moves to New Jersey, she is appalled by suburbia. Lola immediately runs into conflict with Carla, the reigning debutante, especially when Lola beats her out for the lead in the school play. Grade 9-Young Adult.

RC44769 A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith.

An Irish-American girl struggles against poverty to get an education. The setting is Brooklyn’s tenement life of the early 1900s. Grade 9-Young Adult.

RC 47201 Working Days: Short Stories about Teenagers at Work, by Anne Mazer.

Fifteen short stories about teenagers at work in a variety of jobs. In “The Baseball Glove,” Manny works in a farm field until the “immigration people” show up. In “The Pill Factory,” Meredith endures a hot summer on an assembly line in order to earn money for college. Grade 9-Young Adult.

Birthdays

BR 7532 Birthday Party, by Ruth Krauss.

A boy named David has been to the beach, to the woods and to the corner alone, but he never has been to a birthday party. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** K-2.

LT 11278 The Birthday Party, by Helen Oxenbury.

After choosing a gift for her friend's birthday, a young girl has trouble relinquishing it. K-2.

LT 11008 A Birthday Present for Mama, by Nicole Lorian.

After considering many possibilities, Little Rabbit inadvertently gives his mother a very special birthday present. K-2.

LT 3538 Happy Birthday, Sam, by Pat Hutchins.

Sam's birthday brings a solution to several of his problems. K-2.

LT 20928 It's My Birthday, by Pat Hutchins.

Billy is reluctant to share his birthday presents with the other little monsters, but then something happens to make him change his mind. K-2.

LT 11348 Manuela's Birthday, by Laura Bannon.

A Mexican girl's fifth birthday turns out to be a very special occasion. K-2.

B 2841 Too Much Birthday, by Stan Berenstain.

Sister Bear is distressed when things don't go quite right at her birthday party. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** K-2.

BR 7146 Will It Ever Be My Birthday? By Dorothy Corey.

As Young Rabbit attends all his friends' birthday parties in January through July, he feels his own birthday will never come again. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** K-2.

- BR 9949 Arthur's Birthday, by Marc Brown.**
When Arthur hands out invitations to his birthday party he discovers that Muffy's party is the same day. Everyone wants to go to both parties, but how can they? K-3.
- BR 2156 Dorrie and the Birthday Eggs, by Patricia Coombs.**
On the way to buy eggs for a birthday cake, Dorrie, a good little witch, meets an evil witch who puts a spell on her. K-3.
- B 2656 The Happy Birthday Present, by Joan Heilbroner.**
Two small brothers with limited funds shop for a birthday present for their mother. K-3.
- LT 16436 Alice and the Birthday Giant, by John Green.**
Alice wishes for something really big and special for her birthday, but what she gets isn't what she'd hoped for. Grades 1-3.
- BR 7514 Happy Birthday, Cookie Monster! by Felice Haus.**
Unable to help himself, Cookie Monster eats the cake he'd baked to serve at his birthday party. But his friends come through with appropriate presents so all the guests can be fed. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** Grades 1-2.
- LT 10489 George Washington's Birthdays, by Wilma Hays.**
The events of George Washington's youth, which made him a man people could trust, are recounted. Grades 2-4.
- BR 10884 Happy Birthday, Addy! A Springtime Story, by Connie Porter.**
Addy, Momma and Poppa are now living as free people in a Philadelphia house, and it is like being a family again ... except that Sam and baby Esther are still missing. Addy makes friends with the landlord's mother, M'dear, who encourages Addy to select a special gift for her birthday. Grades 2-4.
- BR 7548 My Dog and the Birthday Mystery, by David Adler.**
Jenny is unhappy because everyone seems to have forgotten her birthday. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** Grades 2-4.

BR 6237 Happy Birthday From Carolyn Haywood, by Carolyn Haywood.

A collection of nine stories about the birthday celebrations of a variety of Haywood's characters, old and new. Grades 3-4.

LT 16902 The Birthday Burglar, by Margaret Mahy.

A poor little rich boy who never had a birthday decides to steal one, and a deceitful adventuress finds herself in charge of a select boarding school. Grades 3-5.

Families

BR 9940 Arthur's Family Vacation, by Marc Brown.

Arthur would much rather go to Camp Meadowcroak with his best friend, Buster, than spend a week with his family at the beach. But when they get to the beach, Arthur is surprised by all the things he finds to do, even when it rains.

PRINT/BRAILLE. K-3.

RC 45686 Beginnings: How Families Come to Be, by Virginia Kroll.

Six children ask their parents to tell them how they became families. Only one, Ruben, was born to his present parents; the other five are adoption stories that include an uncle who adopts his nephew when his sister dies and a Korean baby who is brought to America and later is joined by a baby brother from South America. K-3.

RC 42955 Elephant Families, by Arthur Dorros.

Describes the lives of African elephants in the wild. Grandmother, mother, aunts, female cousins and young children live together in families, while the adult males travel alone or in herds. K-3.

LT 20237 Henry and Mudge in the Family Tree, by Cynthia Rylant.

Henry and his big dog, Mudge, attend a family reunion. K-3.

- LT 18199** **How My Family Lives in America, by Susan Kuklin.**
African-American, Asian-American and Hispanic-American children describe their families' cultural traditions. Grades 2-4.
- LT 17154** **Me and My Family Tree, by Paul Showers.**
Presents a discussion of genetics and heredity as illustrated by a youngster's family tree. Grades 2-4.
- RC 9979** **Families Are Like That, by The Child Study Association.**
Presents 10 easy-to-read stories about family life and relationships. Grades 3-4.
- RC 18427** **The Family Under the Bridge, by Natalie Carlson.**
A Parisian tramp lives a free and easy life until the day he befriends three homeless children. Grades 3-5.
- BR 11363** **Family Tree, by Katherine Ayres.**
When sixth-grader Tyler Stoudt gets an assignment to create a family tree, her heart sinks. Her widowed father won't talk about his own family or her mother's, so Tyler has no idea who her relatives are. Grades 3-6.
- RC 26970** **Free to Be a Family, by Marlo Thomas.**
This book is a collection of stories, poems and songs about the different types of families and family relationships. Grades 3-6.
- RC 14698** **Ella of All-Of-a-Kind Family, by Sydney Taylor.**
Ella, oldest daughter of a close-knit Jewish family, must choose between a career as a singer—something she always has wanted—and the chance to become Jules' wife. Grades 4-6.
- RC 32316** **More All-Of-a-Kind Family, by Sydney Taylor.**
The all-of-a-kind sisters are two years older, and there is a new baby brother, who adds to their amusing adventures. Grades 4-6.

- BR 224 **A Family of Foxes, by Eilis Dillon.****
Four boys rescue a pair of silver foxes washed ashore in a storm and find a way to keep them. Grade 4-7.
- BR 9153 **The Not-Just-Anybody-Family, by Betsy Byars.****
While their mother is traveling on a summer rodeo circuit, two children help family members out of bizarre situations. Grades 4-7.
- RC 22140 **Building Blocks, by Cynthia Voight.****
In an incredible trip back in time, Brann meets his father as a 10-year-old and learns for the first time to love and understand him. Grades 5-8.
- RC 37904 **Plain City, by Virginia Hamilton.****
The revelation that her father is close to home and not dead hits Buhlaire-Marie Sims like a bomb and turns her life upside down. Her worst enemy, Grady Terrell, proves to be a friend. Grades 5-8.
- BR 8265 **The Swiss Family Robinson, by Johann Wyss.****
Shipwrecked on a deserted island, the family uses its ingenuity to overcome dangers and build a home. Grades 5-8.
- BR 55 **My Family and Other Animals, by Gerald Durrell.****
An accounting of the author's unusual pets and unconventional family life when he lived on Corfu from ages 10 to 15. Grades 6-9.
- BR 11788 **My Louisiana Sky, by Kimberly Holt.****
In Louisiana during the 1950s, 12-year-old Tiger Ann Parker begins to feel embarrassed in front of the other kids about the slowness of her parents. Her grandmother is the one who keeps the family intact. When Granny dies, Tiger has a chance to move to the city with her sophisticated aunt, but she is reluctant to abandon the parents who love her. Grades 6-9.