



# Florida Library Youth Program

**2008**

**Elementary**

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# Program Overview

Welcome to the Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP) for 2008! This manual is a starting point to help you plan for special programs throughout the year. The 2008 Florida Library Youth Program Manual includes *Whole Wide World @ My Public Library* and *Technopop*.

## **Funding**

The Florida Library Youth Program is funded through a federal Library Services and Technology Act grant. This legislation provides that LSTA-funded projects target *persons having difficulty using a library*, including children in poverty and those with special needs. Libraries are encouraged to provide outreach programs and deposit collections at non-library locations such as camps, parks and recreation centers, summer schools, churches, and clubs.

## **Goals**

The program goals are to:

- Create lifelong readers and library users
- Emphasize the value of the public library and the services it offers
- Provide an opportunity for children to explore the wealth of information and fun waiting for them in a friendly, encouraging atmosphere
- Provide language and literature experiences that expand children's knowledge about the world, as well as enhance literacy
- Encourage library use for leisure and continued learning during the time that school is not in session

## **Philosophy**

Rewards and/or recognition for completing individual contracts, number of pages or number of minutes read, attending specific programs, or teamwork should be handled in such a way that all children have a positive experience. Libraries are encouraged to avoid a competition.

## **Chapter Subsections**

Each chapter has most of the following subsections, with varied emphasis; therefore, not all chapters have the same or equal subsections.

**All books were in print  
and all Web sites were  
operational as of May  
2007**

- Stories to Share Together or Read Alone
- Booktalks to deliver during programs and/or books to display
- Crafts and Games to reinforce the topic
- Poetry and Music to set a mood and energize an audience
- Community Assets to customize your programs to community interests

### ***Suggested Interest Level***

For consideration as an approximate guide, the materials are coded as follows:

- Preschool
- Lower Elementary
- Elementary
- Upper Elementary
- Teen

### ***Online Resources***

Print materials are online at the FLYP Web site; most are in English/Spanish format. Following is a list of examples of print materials that are free to be used by your library:

- Posters with space to customize or promote your programs
- Bookmarks in color or black and white to personalize
- Logo Sheets and various graphics
- Reading Logs with a calendar to record reading days
- Certificate of Completion
- Coloring Sheets

#### **F L Y P   W e b   s i t e**

<http://dhis.dos.state.fl.us/bld/flyp/2008/>

Consider using these materials to promote your program at schools, community centers, child care centers, literacy centers, and hospitals and other health care agencies—in addition to in the library.

The Web site has a Public Service Announcement template and a cover memo to issue press releases to your local newspapers.

Each of the included Web sites was visited several times during the development of this manual and found to be operating and appropriate for children.

# Online Program Evaluation

You can assist the State Library and Archives of Florida by submitting answers to the following questions online at the program's Web site. Your feedback is important in helping us assess the program's value and relevance.

Each library system should submit one evaluation. Please submit by September 30, 2008.

Please note that questions marked with an asterisk require a response.

## **Instructions:**

Part I. Provide identifying information

1. \*Name of Library System
2. \*Contact's Name
3. \*Contact's E-Mail

Part II: Provide numbers for the period beginning the end of May through start of school.

4. \*Youth
  - a. Number of youth enrolled in summer reading program
  - b. Number of youth programs
  - c. Total attendance for all youth programs
5. \*Teen
  - a. Number of teens enrolled in summer reading program
  - b. Number of teen programs
  - c. Total attendance for all teen programs

Part III. Provide comments and suggestions related to the manual, materials, and Web site.

6. Did you use any ideas from the manual?
7. Evaluate the materials, including the artwork and Web site.
8. Did your library request that local schools or television stations air the Public Service Announcement? If yes, who aired the announcement? Do you believe the announcement increased attendance and participation?

Please send samples of program announcements, fliers, photographs, newspaper clippings, videos, etc. to:

Youth Services Consultant  
State Library and Archives of Florida  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

## The Whole Wide World @ My Public Library

The 2008 Florida Library Youth Program Manual for elementary and/or all audiences is multicultural. The committee decided to include the whole wide world by highlighting each continent, and the people and cultures they encompass. This component is planned for all ages with a focus on elementary school-aged children.

A story time program might begin with an introduction of the continent by locating it on a globe or world map, and talking about the distance from Florida to the various countries and how long it would take to fly. Librarians would select a country or countries that would be presented and then have everyone board a plane to fly to the first country. When you arrive in the country, you could present a few brief facts through pictures, a PowerPoint picture presentation, and/or a welcoming song or greeting in the language.

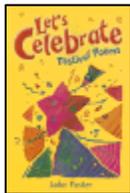
Oral storytelling passed from generation to generation guides us through life. “Don’t talk to strangers” (Little Red Riding Hood) or “You must keep your promise” (The Frog Prince) were lessons that were reinforced through fairy tales. All over the world, variations of these tales are told. Are Cinderella’s small feet influenced by the Chinese practice of foot binding? [Yeh-shen](#), the Chinese tale, is the earlier recorded story. In any case, these stories were told to teach children lessons. Old or new, stories give us insights to the many cultures of the world and help us understand the people of these cultures better.

### Stories to Share Together or Read Alone

Cole, Joanna. *Best-Loved Folktales of the World*.

Doubleday Publishing; 1983. ISBN: 978-0-385-18949-1

A wonderful essential collection of folktales listed by country from all corners of the world. (Preschool)

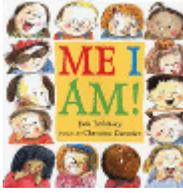


Foster, John. *Let's Celebrate*.

Oxford University Press Inc.; 2006.

ISBN: 978-0-19-276329-7

Find out what's special about rolls in Hong Kong, fishing in Nigeria, or trees in Australia. This unique collection of original poems by a variety of poets spans the world and its many traditions—from Bali to Boston, New Year's to Ramadan to Christmas. Notes to the poems explain the various festivals, and different artists illustrate the celebrations in color and black and white. (Preschool)



Prelutsky, Jack. ***Me I Am!***  
Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR); 2007.  
ISBN: 978-0-374-34902-8

Three very different children reveal their individual personalities in a series of visual mini-adventures. Readers meet a mischievous tomboy who would rather roller-skate than wear a frilly dress, an inquisitive nature-loving boy, and an artistic ballerina who puts her own spin on Swan Lake. Finally, in a wild and funny climax, the three collide—only to discover a world full of unique and special MEs. (Preschool)

## Crafts and Games



Braman, Arlette N. ***Kids Around the World Play!: The Best Fun and Games from Many Lands.***

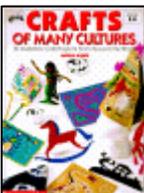
John Wiley & Sons Inc.; 2002.  
ISBN: 978-0-471-40984-7

Games from all over the world. Each entry has a brief description, history, and names of the game in other countries. For example, bingo is called "Housie, housie" in Australia. (Lower Elementary)



Erlbach, Arlene. ***Sidewalk Games Around the World.***

Lerner Publishing Group; 1998. ISBN: 978-0-7613-0178-3  
Describes various games played by children in countries around the world, describing the places where the games are played and the directions and equipment needed for each game. (Lower Elementary)



Gomez, Aurelia. ***Crafts of Many Cultures: Thirty Authentic Craft Projects from Around the World.***

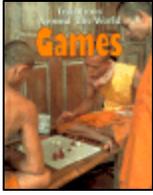
Scholastic Inc.; 1992.  
ISBN: 978-0-590-49182-2

Provides excellent craft ideas from all over the world with follow-ups. (Upper Elementary)

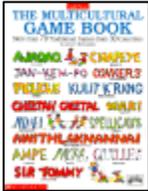
Gould, Roberta. ***The Kid's Book of Incredibly Fun Crafts.***

Ideals Publications; 2004. ISBN: 978-1-885593-85-6

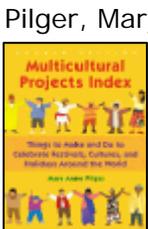
More than 100 multicultural crafts. Recommended crafts: See Three-Stick Stool from Venezuela (pg. 12-14), Amazon Basin Gourd Rattle (pg. 15-17), and Peruvian Woven Pouch (pg. 18-21). (Teens)



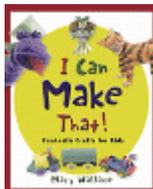
Hall, Godfrey. **Games**.  
 Raintree; 1995.  
 ISBN: 978-1-56847-345-1  
 From the series *Traditions Around the World*.  
 (Lower Elementary)



Orlando, Louise. **Multicultural Game Book, Grades 1-6: More Than 70 Traditional Games from 30 Countries**.  
 Scholastic Inc.; 1993. ISBN: 978-0-590-49409-0  
 Offers information on many games from around the world, game history, materials, skills, ages, playing the game, and winning the game. (Lower Elementary)



Pilger, Mary Anne. **Multicultural Projects Index: Things to Make and Do to Celebrate Festivals, Cultures, and Holidays Around the World, Fourth Edition**.  
 Libraries Unlimited Inc.; 2005.  
 ISBN: 978-1-59158-236-6  
 A popular reference book for teachers and librarians to use in planning interesting projects. (All ages)



Wallace, Mary. **I Can Make That!: Fantastic Crafts for Kids**.  
 Maple Tree Press; 2005. ISBN: 978-1-897066-33-1  
 A collection of projects that includes easy instructions and photographs on how to make puppets, costumes, nature crafts, toys, and games. (Lower Elementary)

## Web Sites

### [ALA Book Links.](#)

ALA; 2007.

### [Crafts: Around the World.](#)

eMINTS.org; 2004.

A list of sites with multicultural craft activities from other countries.

### [Kids World Sports: PBS Kids Go!](#)

Breakthrough New Media; 2006.

Video games, trading cards, sports definitions, athlete information, and e-cards to send to your friends. Sports range from mountaineering to wakeboarding. (Lower Elementary)

**[Maya & Miguel: World of Sports \(English\)/PBS Kids Go!](#)**

Scholastic Entertainment Inc.; 2005.

Learn the history of sports from around the world; then play the video version. (Lower Elementary)

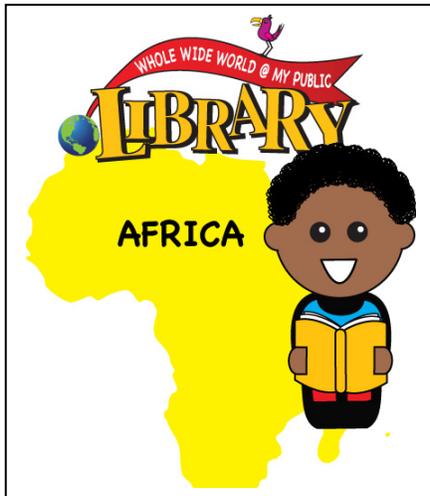
**[Peace Corps.](#)**

Peace Corps; 2007.

**[United Nations Cyberschoolbus.](#)**

United Nations; 2002.

The United Nations Cyberschoolbus offers informative and interactive educational materials to a global audience. They are working on several large-scale projects, including activities related to science, music, and history. (Upper Elementary)



# Africa

Welcome to the most diverse continent on the planet! Travel from the deserts of the Sahara to the snow-capped mountains of South Africa. See live gorillas, lions, gazelles, elephants, giraffes, rhinoceros, leopards, and more! Learn French in Morocco, Swahili in Kenya, and Arabic in Egypt! You can sail on the Nile River, explore the pyramids, hike the African Savanna, swim around the Barrier Reef, climb the snow-capped mountains, and learn the exciting history of the world's second largest continent!

Africa is home to the trickster tales of Anansi the Spider, the Rift Valley where mankind's history began, the north-flowing Nile River, and the largest number of cultures and languages on the planet. Wherever you go in Africa, there are new experiences around every corner: people, stories, languages, history, animals, landforms, cultures, and religions . . . the list never stops!

Africa . . . the greatest adventure you will ever experience!

## Stories to Share Together or Read Alone

### Preschool Stories

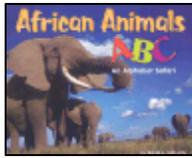


Aardema, Verna. ***Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain***. Penguin Group Inc.; 1981. ISBN: 978-0-8037-0809-9

A cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-pat brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain.

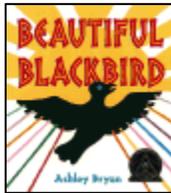


Diouf, Sylviane A. ***Bintou's Braids***. Chronicle Books LLC; 2001. ISBN: 978-0-8118-2514-6  
When Bintou, a little girl living in West Africa, finally gets her wish for braids, she discovers that what she dreamed for has been hers all along.



Schuette, Sarah L. ***African Animals ABC: An Alphabet Safari.*** Capstone Press Inc.; 2003.  
ISBN: 978-0-7368-1679-3  
Introduces African animals through photographs and brief text that describe one animal for each letter of the alphabet.

## Lower Elementary Stories

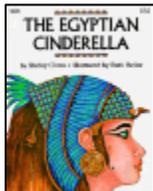


Bryan, Ashley. ***Beautiful Blackbird.***  
Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2003.  
ISBN: 978-0-689-84731-8  
In a story of the Ila people, the colorful birds of Africa ask Blackbird, whom they think is the most beautiful of birds, to decorate them with some of his "blackening brew."



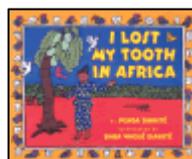
Chocolate, Deborah M. Newton. ***Spider and the Sky God: An Akan Legend.***  
Troll Communications LLC; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-8167-2812-1  
Anansi the Spider uses trickery to capture the four prizes demanded by the Sky God in payment for his stories.

Chocolate, Deborah M. Newton. ***Talk, Talk: An Ashanti Legend.***  
Troll Communications LLC; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-8167-2818-3  
Jumaani thinks he's heard a yam talk, and now he's off to the village to tell the chief in this delightful Ashanti legend.



Climo, Shirley. ***The Egyptian Cinderella.***  
Tandem Library Books; 1992. ISBN: 978-0-8335-8878-4  
In this version of Cinderella, which is set sixth century B.C. Egypt, Rhodopis, a slave girl, eventually comes to be chosen by the Pharaoh to be his queen.

Cunnane, Kelly. ***For You Are a Kenyan Child.***  
Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-689-86194-9  
From rooster crow to bedtime, a Kenyan boy plays and visits neighbors all through his village, even though he is supposed to be watching his grandfather's cows.

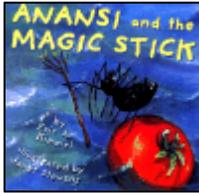


Diakite, Penda. ***I Lost My Tooth in Africa.***  
Scholastic Inc.; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-439-66226-0  
While visiting her father's family in Mali, a young girl loses a tooth, places it under a calabash, and receives a hen and a rooster from the African Tooth Fairy.

Feelings, Muriel L. ***Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book.***

Penguin Group Inc.; 1992. ISBN: 978-0-14-054652-1

Presents a word, with English translation, for each of the 24 letters in the Swahili alphabet. Brief explanation of each word introduces an East African custom.



Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi and the Magic Stick.***

Holiday House Inc.; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-8234-1763-6

Anansi the Spider steals Hyena's magic stick so he won't have to do the chores, but when the stick's magic won't stop, he gets more than he bargained for.

Lottridge, Celia Barker. ***The Name of the Tree: A Bantu Folktale.***

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 1990. ISBN: 978-0-689-50490-7

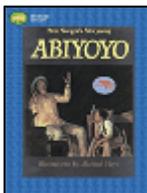
When the other animals fail at the task, the slow but wise turtle finds a way to obtain the bountiful fruits of a magic tree.



Mike, Jan M. ***Gift of the Nile: An Ancient Egyptian Legend.***

Troll Communications LLC; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-8167-2814-5

In ancient Egypt, Mutemwia the slave girl befriends Pharaoh and becomes his trusted counsel. But she is unhappy because she is not free. Will Pharaoh grant this gift to his friend?



Seeger, Pete. ***Abiyoyo.***

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-689-87825-1

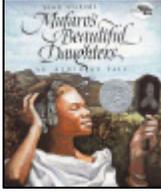
A boy who plays the ukulele and his father, a prankster magician, are the only thing standing between the town and a horrible giant named Abiyoyo.



Souhami, Jessica. ***The Leopard's Drum: An Asante Tale from West Africa.***

Frances Lincoln Limited; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-84507-506-4

Osebo the leopard has a magnificent drum that he won't share with anyone else, so Nayme, the Sky-God, offers a reward to the animal who will bring him the drum.



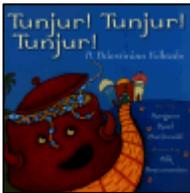
Steptoe, John L. ***Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters.***  
HarperCollins Publishers; 1987. ISBN: 978-0-688-04045-1  
A modern fable of pride going before a fall.

Zaslavsky, Claudia. ***Count on Your Fingers African Style.***  
Writers & Readers Publishing Inc.; 1996. ISBN: 978-0-86316-240-4  
Describes how finger counting is used for communication of price and quantity in an African market place.

## Upper Elementary Story

Mandela, Nelson. ***Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales.***  
W. W. Norton & Company Inc.; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-393-05212-1  
Presents 32 favorite African folktales as selected by the Nobel Laureate, complemented by specially commissioned paintings, in a collection that includes the tales of Simba the Kenyan lion, Zulu tricksters, and the Khoi fable about how animals acquired their tails and horns.

## Booktalks



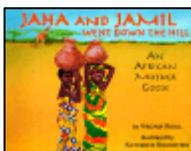
Muhawi, Ibrahim, and Sharif Kananah. ***Tunjur Tunjur Tunjur!: A Palestinian Arab Folktale.***  
Marshall Cavendish Corporation; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-0-7614-5225-6  
A childless woman prays to Allah for progeny and is rewarded with a mischievous little cooking pot with human attributes.  
(Lower Elementary)

Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Season of the Sandstorms.***  
Candlewick Press; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-375-83032-7  
Guided by a magic rhyme, Jack and Annie travel to ancient Baghdad on a mission to help the Caliph disseminate wisdom to the world.  
(Upper Elementary)

Smith, Chris. ***One City, Two Brothers: The Story of Jerusalem.***  
Barefoot Books Inc.; 2007. ISBN: 978-1-84686-042-3  
To settle an inheritance dispute between two brothers, King Solomon tells a tale of how Jerusalem came to be founded. (Upper Elementary)

## Poetry and Music

Kroll, Virginia L. *Jaha and Jamil Went Down the Hill: An African Mother Goose.*



Charlesbridge Publishing Inc.; 1994.

ISBN: 978-0-88106-865-8

A delightful treasury of rhyme fashioned after Mother Goose favorites that give readers a fresh new perspective of beloved classics. (Lower Elementary)

Kunda, Toure. *World Playground: A Musical Adventure for Kids.*

Putumayo World Music & Crafts; 1999. ISBN: 978-1-885265-95-1

Recommended title: "Adukbe." (Lower Elementary)

## Community Asset

Invite a drum circle or African dance troupe to perform.

## Crafts and Games

Kerina, Jane. *African Crafts.*

Lion Books; 1970. ISBN: 978-0-87460-084-1

Instructions for duplicating the crafts of various African peoples. Includes pottery, furniture, jewelry, West African textiles, and toys. (Elementary)

Souter, Gillian. *Rainy Day Fun.*

Gareth Stevens Inc.; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-8368-3052-1

Easy-to-follow instructions, colorful illustrations, and photographs of the completed crafts make these activities a snap! Recommended crafts: "Wet Weather Gear" (pg. 4-5) and "Melody Makers" (pg. 16-17). (Teen)



Van Vleet, Carmella. *Great Ancient Egypt Projects You Can Build Yourself.*

Nomad Press; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-9771294-5-4

Explores the lives of ancient Egyptians through more than 25 hands-on building projects and activities.

## Web Sites

### [African Animals.](#)

Africanfauna.com; 2004.

Loaded with photos and great fauna facts! (Elementary)

### [Explore the Regions: Rainforest.](#)

Public Broadcasting Service; 2007.

PBS Web site on the animals in the African rainforest. (Elementary)



### [National Geographic's: Wildcam Africa.](#)

National Geographic Society; 2007.

Streaming video of animals at the watering hole in Africa. (All Audiences)

### [PBS Kids' Africa.](#)

Public Broadcasting Service; 2007.

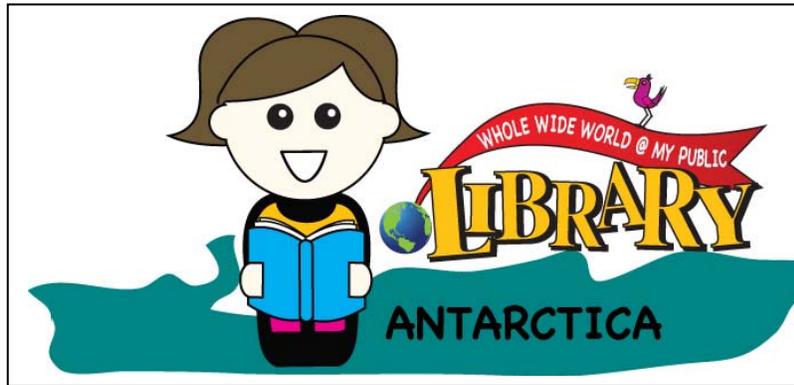
Explore Africa with Anansi the spider. You can learn some Swahili, go on a treasure hunt, and even make some Adinkra cloth. (Elementary)

### [PBS: Africa – Africa for Kids.](#)

Public Broadcasting Service; 2007.

Play a Thumb Piano, make a mask, or listen to a Swahili folktale. Discover Africa through pictures taken at four African schools. (Lower Elementary)

# Antarctica



Antarctica is home to penguins, seals, whales, and scientists. It is a frozen land shared by many countries. There are no traditional stories here, just the animals, and the way they survive, passed from one generation to the next by instinct and Mother Nature.

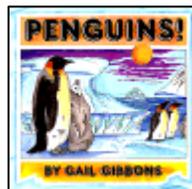
This section includes stories about animals from Antarctica, since it has not historically been inhabited by humans.

## Stories to Share Together or Read Alone

### Preschool Stories



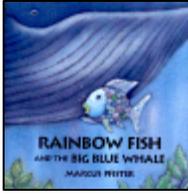
Chester, Jonathan. *Splash! A Penguin Counting Book*.  
Tricycle Press; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-1-58246-042-0  
Color photos of Adelle penguins brighten this counting book.



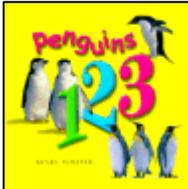
Gibbons, Gail. *Penguins!*  
Holiday House Inc.; 1998.  
ISBN: 978-0-8234-1388-1  
Describes the habitat, physical characteristics, and behavior of different kinds of penguins.

Hort, Lenny. *The Seals on the Bus*.  
Henry Holt and Company; 2000. ISBN: 978-0-8050-5952-6  
Different animals make their own sounds as they ride around town on a bus.

Janovitz, Marilyn. *Maybe, My Baby*.  
North-South Books Inc.; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-7358-1763-0  
Animal parents whisper endearments to their babies at bedtime.



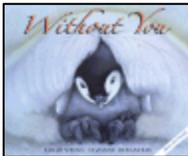
Pfister, Marcus. ***Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale.***  
North-South Books Inc.; 2001.  
ISBN: 978-0-7358-1430-1  
A gentle blue whale becomes angry and hurt when the smaller fish mistreat him. Rainbow Fish comes to the rescue and they all become friends.



Schafer, Kevin. ***Penguins 123.***  
T&N Children's Publishing; 2002.  
ISBN: 978-1-55971-830-1  
Rhyming text and photographs of penguins teach the numbers one through twelve.

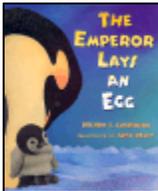


Schafer, Kevin. ***Penguins ABC.***  
T&N Children's Publishing; 2002.  
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Labeled photographs present words related to penguins from Antarctica.



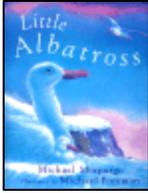
Weeks, Sarah. ***Without You.***  
HarperCollins Publishers; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-06-027816-8  
A young penguin and his father comfort each other as they wait for the mother penguin to return from her diving.

## Lower Elementary Stories

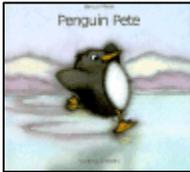


Guiberson, Brenda Z., and Joan Paley.  
***The Emperor Lays An Egg.***  
Henry Holt and Company; 2001. ISBN: 978-0-8050-6204-5  
An emperor penguin egg is cared for by the father until it hatches.

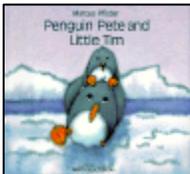
Lester, Helen. ***Tacky the Penguin.***  
Book Wholesalers Inc.; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-7587-3742-7  
Tacky the penguin does not fit in with his sleek and graceful companions, but his odd behavior comes in handy when hunters come with maps and traps.



Morpurgo, Michael. ***Little Albatross.***  
Transworld Publishers Limited; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-0-552-54698-0  
Mother and Father Albatross leave Little Albatross alone to go fishing. They return just in time to save him from a predator.

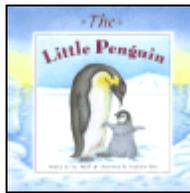


Pfister, Marcus. ***Penguin Pete.***  
North-South Books Inc.; 1987.  
ISBN: 978-1-55858-018-3  
Peter the penguin has a good time playing on the land with his fellow birds and learning how to swim in the sea.



Pfister, Marcus. ***Penguin Pete and Little Tim.***  
Tandem Library Books; 1997. ISBN: 978-0-613-05670-0  
While taking a walk with his father, a little penguin throws snowballs, rides a dogsled, slides down a slippery slope, gets lost in the snow, swims with seals, gets carried home, and asks to do it all again tomorrow.

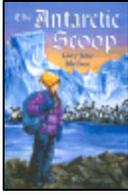
Tatham, Betty. ***Penguin Chick.***  
Tandem Library Books; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-613-56829-6  
This *Let's Read and Find Out Science* book details the life cycle of an emperor penguin.



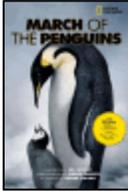
Wood, A.J. ***The Little Penguin.***  
Penguin Group Inc; 2002.  
ISBN: 978-0-525-47023-6  
A newly hatched emperor penguin wishes to look just like his dad.

## Booktalks

Atwater, Richard. ***Mr. Popper's Penguins.***  
Little Brown & Company; 1988. ISBN: 978-0-316-05842-1  
The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar Regions. (Upper Elementary)

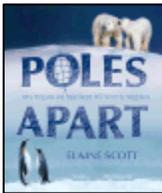


Bledsoe, Lucy Jane. ***The Antarctic Scoop.***  
Holiday House Inc.; 2003.  
ISBN: 978-0-8234-1792-6  
Victoria, age 12, wins a science contest trip to Antarctica and finds herself embroiled in a fraudulent scheme. (Upper Elementary)



Jacquet, Luc. ***March of the Penguins: The Official Children's Book.*** National Geographic Society; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-7922-6190-2  
A companion to the motion picture. (All Audiences)

McKernan, Victoria. ***Shackleton's Stowaway.***  
Random House Children's Books; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-440-41984-6  
A fictionalized account of the adventures of 18-year-old Perce Blackborow, who stowed away for the 1914 Shackleton expedition. (Teen)



Scott, Elaine. ***Poles Apart: Why Penguins and Polar Bears Will Never Be Neighbors.***  
Penguin Group Inc.; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-670-05925-6  
Dramatic color photographs enhance this book about the North and South Poles. (Teen)

Webb, Sophie. ***My Season with Penguins: An Antarctic Journal.***  
Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-0-618-43234-9  
Describes the author's two-month stay in Antarctica to study and draw penguins. (Upper Elementary)

## Music

Arnold, Linda. ***Splash Zone: Singable Sea Songs Just for Kids.***  
Youngheart Music; 2000. ISBN: 978-1-57471-747-1  
Fun, educational lyrics with lively Caribbean, Cuban, and South African rhythms. Recommended titles: "Penguin Party" and "Flying Through the Sea." (Preschool)

Banana Slug String Band. ***Penguin Parade.***  
Banana Slug String Band; 1996. ASIN: B00005TT52  
Recommended title: "Penguin Parade." (Lower Elementary)

Greg & Steve. *We All Live Together Volume 2*.  
Newsound; 1987. ASIN: B00000AG62  
Recommended title: "The Freeze." (Lower Elementary)

Raffi. *Baby Beluga*.  
Rounder Records; 1999. ISBN: 978-1-886767-36-2  
Recommended title: "Baby Beluga." (Preschool)

## Poetry

Sierra, Judy. *Antarctica Antics: A Book of Penguin Poems*.  
Harcourt Children's Books; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-15-204602-6  
A collection of poems celebrating the habits and habitats of emperor penguins. (Upper Elementary)

## Puppets

[\*Folkmanis Puppets\*](#).  
Emperor penguin and baby emperor penguin hand puppet.

## DVD

*Happy Feet*.  
Warner Home Video, 2007. ASIN: B00005JPCF  
Little Mumble isn't like other penguins—he loves to dance! When the penguin elders blame Mumble's unique "happy feet" for the shortage of food, Mumble bravely sets off on an epic quest to prove them wrong. (All audiences)

## Crafts and Games

[\*Beaded Safety Pin Pattern – Penguin Design\*](#).  
About Inc.; 2007.  
Use this free pattern to make penguin beaded safety pin jewelry.  
(Elementary)

[\*Fingerprint Penguin Craft\*](#).  
DLTK's Sites; 2007.  
Make cute little penguins using your fingerprints and some paint.  
(Lower Elementary)

[\*Penguin Family and Igloo\*](#).  
Michaels Stores Inc.; 2007.  
Make these cute little penguins out of miniature flower pots and beads.  
(Elementary)

Snowden, Maxine. ***Polar Explorers for Kids: Historic Expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic with 21 Activities.***  
Chicago Review Press Inc.; 2003.  
ISBN: 978-1-55652-500-1  
Includes 21 activities about Antarctica and the Arctic. (Upper Elementary)



## Web Sites

### [\*\*\*Animal Facts: The Polar Bear.\*\*\*](#)

DLTK's Sites; 2007.

Puzzles, activities, and facts about polar bears. (Lower Elementary)

### [\*\*\*Antarctic Connection: Wildlife of Antarctica.\*\*\*](#)

The Antarctic Connection; 2007.

Index to penguins, birds, seals, and whales. (Elementary)

### [\*\*\*Antarctic Webcams.\*\*\*](#)

Positive Health Publications; 2006.

Webcams showing current conditions from research stations in Antarctica. (Elementary)

### [\*\*\*Antarctica Schools Resources.\*\*\*](#)

Paul Ward; 2001.

Pictures, facts, history, whales, weather, science, blogs, and icebergs. This site has it all. (All Audiences)

### [\*\*\*Crittercam: Virtual World Antarctica.\*\*\*](#)

National Geographic Society; 2007.

An interactive Web site with games, coloring sheets, information, and more. (All Audiences)

### [\*\*\*Happy Feet Game.\*\*\*](#)

Enter the Flash site and find three games to play. Based on the movie.

(All Audiences)

### [\*\*\*It's Storytime: Puffins and Penguins Storytime.\*\*\*](#)

Wilma Flanagan; 2004.

A great compilation of books, poems, songs, riddles, and activities about puffins and penguins. (Preschool)

### [\*\*\*KidZone Penguin Activities.\*\*\*](#)

DLTK's Sites; 2007.

Penguin songs and poems. (Lower Elementary)

**[National Geographic Feature Film: March of the Penguins Game.](#)**

National Geographic Society; 2007.

A progressively harder video game of keeping your egg warm until your mate comes home and the egg hatches. (Elementary)

**[Real-Time Weather Data and Displays.](#)**

National Science Foundation; 2007.

Real-time weather information and conditions from an Antarctic weather station. (Elementary)

**[Webcams from Antarctica.](#)**

Natural Environment Research Council British Antarctic Survey; 2007.

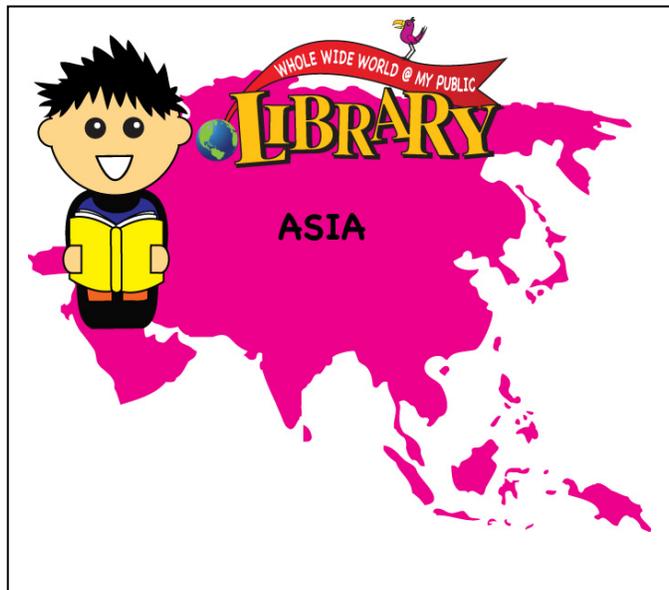
Five webcams with different views of Antarctica updated every hour. (Elementary)

**[ZOOM SCHOOL Antarctica.](#)**

EnchantedLearning.com; 2007.

This site has everything, including a quiz, explorers, jokes, and dinosaurs. (All audiences)

# Asia



The continent of Asia is the largest on earth in both size and population. It is made up of 50 countries. Over half of the people on Earth live in Asia. This presents a wonderful array of vacation trips via storytime to a wide variety of cultures. The preschool books in this listing will help children become acquainted with children and folktales from the Asian countries. For the elementary and middle school grades, this list includes books that present kids in a contemporary setting, stories featuring children that look back to old customs and traditions that were once part of their culture,

biographies of famous Asians, and books about children of different ethnic backgrounds who live in the United States.

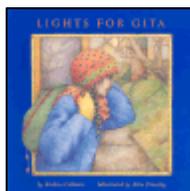
## Stories to Share Together or Read Alone

### Preschool Stories

Dooley, Norah. ***Everybody Cooks Rice.***

Tandem Library Books; 1997. ISBN: 978-0-613-63595-0

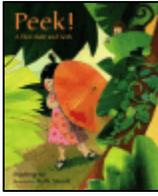
A child is sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime and is introduced to a variety of cultures through encountering the many different ways rice is prepared at the different households visited.



Gilmore, Rachna. ***Lights for Gita.***

Tilbury House Publishers; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-88448-151-5

Recently emigrated from India, Gita is looking forward to celebrating her favorite holiday: Divali, a festival of lights. But things are so different in her new home that she wonders if she will ever adjust.



Ho, Minfong. ***Peek!: A Thai Hide-and-Seek.***

Candlewick Press; 2004.

ISBN: 978-0-7636-2041-7

A father and daughter play hide-and-seek in the midst of the animals near their house in Thailand. This is a fun story for a younger crowd as a read-aloud.



MacDonald, Margaret Read. ***Go to Sleep, Gecko!: A Balinese Folktale.***

August House Publishers Inc.; 2006.

ISBN: 978-0-87483-780-3

All Gecko wants is to go to sleep. If only the chief would make everyone pipe down! In this story, we learn, as does Gecko, that there are some things you just have to put up with.



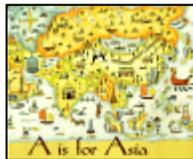
Mosel, Arlene. ***Tikki Tikki Tembo.***

Henry Holt and Company; 1968.

ISBN: 978-0-8050-0662-9

When the eldest son fell in the well and the people getting help spent most of the time pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names.

## Elementary Stories



Chin-Lee, Cynthia. ***A Is For Asia.***

Scholastic Inc.; 1997.

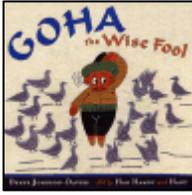
ISBN: 978-0-531-30011-4

This book is an unusual alphabet book where each letter represents some aspect of an Asian country or culture.

Goldstein, Peggy R. ***Long is a Dragon: Chinese Writing for Children.***

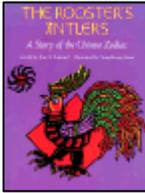
Pacific View Press; 1991. ISBN: 978-1-881896-01-2

Explains how Chinese writing developed and demonstrates how to write 75 Chinese characters, using detailed instructions and examples.



Johnson-Davies, Denys. ***Goha the Wise Fool.***  
Penguin Group Inc.; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-399-24222-9

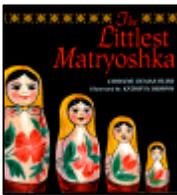
Sly, irrepressible, and sometimes foolish, Goha is an ancient Middle Eastern folklore figure as familiar in that part of the world as Brer Rabbit is in America. These 15 collected stories show Goha at his finest, whether he's buying back his own donkey after hearing the seller sing its praises or outsmarting uninvited visitors by selling their shoes at the market.



Kimmel, Eric A. ***The Rooster's Antlers: A Story of the Chinese Zodiac.***  
Holiday House Inc.; 1999.  
ISBN: 978-0-8234-1385-0

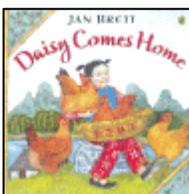
This version of the Chinese zodiac focuses on the role of the rooster, dragon, and centipede in the making of the calendar.

## Lower Elementary Stories



Bliss, Corine Demas. ***The Littlest Matryoshka.***  
Hyperion Books for Children; 1999.  
ISBN: 978-0-7868-0153-4

Nina, the smallest of a group of Russian nesting dolls, is separated from her sisters and swept along on a dangerous journey that eventually brings her back home. Ideas: find a person in the community who collects them and have a display at the library. Craft: Have children make their own set of nesting dolls using different sizes of paper cups, such as 3, 5, 7, and 9 ounce. Ask children to make up a story about their family of dolls, un-nesting them as the story goes along.



Brett, Jan. ***Daisy Comes Home.***  
Penguin Group Inc.; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-14-240270-2

This story, set in the countryside along the Li river, tells of Mei Mei, a young girl who raises hens and sells their eggs in the market each day. Idea: A prop story. Masks are available on the [Jan Brett Web site](#).

Brown, Marcia. ***Once a Mouse . . .***



Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 1972.

ISBN: 978-0-684-12662-3

A tiger roars that "no one shall tell me that I was once a mouse!" but an old hermit with magical powers does tell him; for it was he who first changed the tiger from a mouse to his proud and royal self. Woodcut illustrations depict the tiger's rise.



Buckley, Helen E. ***Moonlight Kite.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 1997.

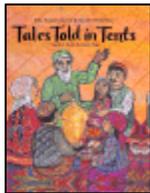
ISBN: 978-0-688-10931-8

The last three monks at a monastery have their lives enriched by the presence of children flying kites outside their walls.

Chen, Jiang Hong. ***Legend of the Kite: A Story of China with Doll.***

Tandem Library Books; 1999. ISBN: 978-0-613-89095-3

A boy's kite flies away from him. His grandfather tells him the legend behind the celebration, encouraging the boy to build a new, more beautiful kite.



Clayton, Sally. ***Tales Told in Tents.***

Frances Lincoln Limited; 2005.

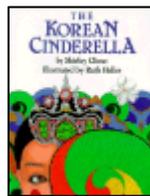
ISBN: 978-1-84507-066-3

An internationally acclaimed storyteller recounts 12 exotic tales that were shared with her in storytelling tents during her journeys through Central Asia.

Climo, Shirley. ***The Korean Cinderella.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 1996. ISBN: 978-0-06-443397-6

Pear Blossom is given one impossible chore after another by her demanding stepmother and stepsister. While on the way to the village festival, Pear Blossom loses her straw sandal in a stream alongside the road. A handsome nobleman recovers the shoe and seeks her out to be his wife. Idea: Using the Cinderella story, an Asian storytime could be developed by going from country to country with Cinderella.



Clynes, Kate. ***Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.***

Mantra Lingua; 2005. ISBN: 978-1-84444-418-2

A long time ago in Arabia, on the night of the full moon, Ali Baba noticed something very strange as he gathered firewood. A rumbling sound, like thunder, came not from the sky but from beneath the earth.

Coburn, Jewell R. ***AngKat: The Cambodian Cinderella.***

Shen's Books; 1998. ISBN: 978-1-885008-09-1

A Cambodian version of Cinderella in which a poor girl marries a prince, is killed by her jealous stepfamily, and then, through her virtue, returns to become queen.

Cohen, Barbara, and Bahija Lovejoy. ***Seven Daughters and Seven Sons.***

Peter Smith Publishers Inc.; 1995. ISBN: 978-0-8446-6806-2

In a story based on a traditional Iraqi folktale, Buran, an educated and intelligent young woman, disguises herself as a male merchant to secure bride wealth for her sisters. She succeeds in acquiring a fortune as well as a handsome and understanding prince.

Compestine, Ying Chang. ***The Runaway Rice Cake.***

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2001. ISBN: 978-0-689-82972-7

This heartwarming Chinese New Year celebration tale of compassion and generosity is a storytelling mix of "The Gingerbread Boy" and the bottomless rice jar.



Compestine, Ying Chang. ***The Story of Kites.***

Holiday House Inc.; 2003.

ISBN: 978-0-8234-1715-5

The three Kang brothers try a variety of remedies to keep the crows out of their family's rice fields in China. When none of their strategies work, they experiment with a new invention, which eventually evolves into a kite. Author notes provide more background information on kites, their origin in China, and building kites.



Demi. ***The Dragon's Tale and Other Animal Fables of the Chinese Zodiac.***

Henry Holt and Company; 1996.

ISBN: 978-0-8050-3446-2

A collection of fables about the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac.



Demi. ***The Greatest Treasure.***

Scholastic Inc.; 1998.

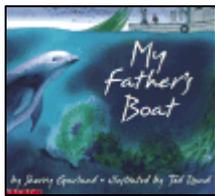
ISBN: 978-0-590-31339-1

In this traditional Chinese tale, a poor man receives a treasure of gold and discovers the true value of simple pleasures.

Demi. ***Kites: Magic Wishes That Fly Up to the Sky.***

Random House Children's Books; 2000. ISBN: 978-0-375-81008-4

In brilliant colors and on spacious double-page spreads, Demi depicts the origin of the Chinese holiday *Ch'ing Yang* or The Double Ninth Festival, a festival of kites that takes place on September 9, the ninth day of the ninth month.



Garland, Sherry. ***My Father's Boat.***

Scholastic Inc.; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-590-47868-7

When a Vietnamese American boy joins his father on the family's fishing boat, he begins to understand this traditional lifestyle and his Vietnamese heritage in a new and personal way.

Ginsburg, Mirra. ***The Chinese Mirror.***

Harcourt Children's Books; 1988. ISBN: 978-0-15-200420-0

When a peasant in long-ago Korea brings his family a mirror, they each see a different person in it. Young readers will be amused by the chaos the mirror creates when simple folks fail to recognize themselves.

Han, Suzanne Crowder. ***The Rabbit's Tail: A Story from Korea.***

Henry Holt and Company; 1999. ISBN: 978-0-8050-4580-2

An old Korean folktale explaining why rabbits have short tails.



Haskins, James. ***Count Your Way Through China.***

Lerner Publishing Group; 1987. ISBN: 978-0-87614-302-5

The author uses the numbers one through ten to show the Chinese characters and pronunciation of those numbers and introduces readers to the country of China, its culture, history, geography, religion, and traditions.

Kimmel, Eric A. ***The Three Princes.***

Holiday House Inc.; 1994. ISBN: 978-0-8234-1115-3

A beautiful princess shows great wisdom in choosing her husband from the three noble cousins who are her suitors in this Middle Eastern folktale.

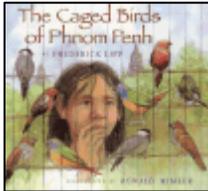


Kroll, Virginia L. ***A Carp for Kimiko.***

Turtleback Books; 1996.

ISBN: 978-0-606-13245-9

Each year, only boys are honored on May 5, Children's Day, in Japan. Colorful carp kite banners for each son are displayed in front of all the homes of Japanese boys. Kimiko wants a banner, but her parents who understand her feelings hold firm to the tradition. However, they create a special surprise for Kimiko.

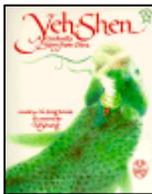


Lipp, Frederick J. ***The Caged Birds of Phnom Penh.***

Holiday House Inc.; 2001.

ISBN: 978-0-8234-1534-2

A young Cambodian girl saves her money to buy a bird on which to make a wish for her poor family's future.



Louie, Ai-Ling. ***Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China.***

Tandem Library Books; 1996. ISBN: 978-0-7857-1533-7

This version of the Cinderella story, in which a young girl overcomes the wickedness of her stepsister and stepmother to become the bride of a prince, is based on ancient Chinese manuscripts written 1,000 years before the earliest European version.



Mayer, Mercer. ***Shibumi and the Kitemaker.***

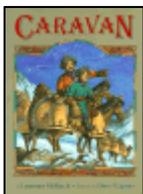
Marshall Cavendish Corporation; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-7614-5145-7

After seeing the disparity between the conditions of her father's palace and the city beyond its walls, the Emperor's daughter has the royal kitemaker build a huge kite to take her away from it all.

McKay Jr., Lawrence. ***Caravan.***

Lee & Low Books Inc.; 1995. ISBN: 978-1-880000-23-6



Replete with visual and tactile imagery (the icy Hindu Kush Mountains and the feel of camel manes) this book takes the reader into remote areas of Afghanistan with some of the most breathtaking landscapes on earth. Through the eyes of 10-year-old Jura, we encounter Kirghiz traders in their caravans, in the snow-covered winter world of northeastern Afghanistan.

Nunes, Susan Miho. ***The Last Dragon.***

Turtleback Books; 1997. ISBN: 978-0-606-11548-3

A young boy motivates his neighbors to work together after he spots a 10-man dragon costume in a shop window and decides to refurbish it. He gains a special appreciation for Chinatown and the traditions of his culture.

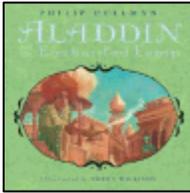


Pilegard, Virginia Walton. ***The Warlord's Kites.***

Pelican Publishing Company Inc.; 2004.

ISBN: 978-1-58980-180-6

An original folktale that tells of a young art apprentice in ancient China who devises a plan to scare away the enemy army using a kite.



Pullman, Philip. ***Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp.***

Scholastic Inc.; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-439-69255-7

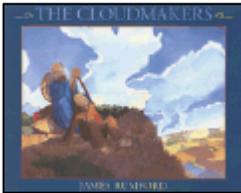
Recounts the tale of a poor tailor's son who becomes a wealthy prince with the help of a magic lamp he finds in an enchanted cave.



Reddix, Valerie. ***Dragon Kite of the Autumn Moon.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 1992. ISBN: 978-0-688-11031-4

A great read-aloud that is a tender story of a grandson's love. He flies his only kite in an effort to restore his grandfather's failing health. The kite is a spectacular dragon with a mane of streamers and green glass lantern eyes. This book could be used to inspire a kite building craft session that would create a giant dragon kite that could hang in the library, encouraging all young library patrons to think of the kite as a symbol of working hard and rising to every occasion.

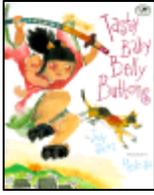


Rumford, James. ***Cloudmakers.***

Houghton Mifflin Company; 2006.

ISBN: 978-0-618-68951-4

A Chinese grandfather and his grandson who are captured by the Arab army barter for their freedom by demonstrating the art of papermaking.



Sierra, Judy. ***Tasty Baby Belly Buttons.***

Tandem Library Books; 2001.

ISBN: 978-0-613-35473-8

Uriko-hime, a girl born from a melon, battles the monstrous oni, who steal babies to eat their tasty belly buttons.

Sierra, Judy. ***The Dancing Pig.***

Harcourt Trade Publishers; 1999. ISBN: 978-0-15-201521-3

A Balinese version of the classic Hansel and Gretel story. The family pig comes to the rescue by creating spellbinding music and dance that captures Rangasa's attention long enough for the sisters to escape. Idea: Use Bali music, dance, and batik to enhance learning about this small province off the coast of Indonesia.

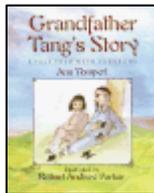


Sierra, Judy. ***The Gift of the Crocodile: A Cinderella Story.***

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2000.

ISBN: 978-0-689-82188-2

This Cinderella story is set on the Spice Islands off the coast of Indonesia. Grandmother Crocodile hears a sad Damura asking the creatures of the wild for their help. She comes to her rescue and dresses her in a golden sarong with slippers and sends her off to the dance at the palace. Yes, she loses her slipper, the prince finds it, searches for her, finds her, and they marry and live happily ever after.

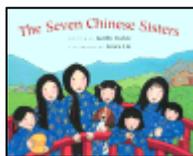


Tompert, Ann. ***Grandfather Tang's Story.***

Random House Children's Books; 1990.

ISBN: 978-0-517-57487-4

Grandfather tells a story about shape-changing fox fairies who try to best each other until a hunter brings danger to both of them.



Tucker, Kathy. ***The Seven Chinese Sisters.***

Albert Whitman & Company; 2003.

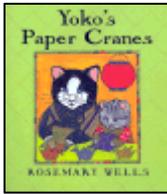
ISBN: 978-0-8075-7309-9

When a dragon snatches the youngest of seven talented Chinese sisters, the other six come to her rescue.

Voun Lee, Huy. ***At the Beach.***

Henry Holt and Company; 1998. ISBN: 978-0-8050-5822-2

A mother amuses her young son at the beach by drawing Chinese characters in the sand, including many characters that resemble the objects they stand for.



Wells, Rosemary. ***Yoko's Paper Cranes.***

Hyperion Books for Children; 2001.

ISBN: 978-0-7868-0737-6

When Yoko moves from Japan to California, she decides to make and send origami swans to her grandmother for her birthday.

Williston, Teresa Pierce. ***The Bamboo Cutter and the Moon Maiden: A Japanese Folk Tale.***

Silverleaf Press; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-933317-39-7

A young girl raised in the humble home of a bamboo cutter grows up to be a wise and renowned beauty, but eventually she must return to her real home.

Yeoman, John. ***The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor.***

Chrysalis Children's Books; 2003. ISBN: 978-1-84365-040-9

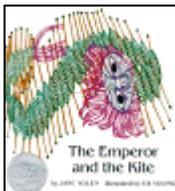
*The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor* chronicles the seven disastrous shipwrecks Sinbad and his motley crew face during their voyages.



Yep, Laurence. ***The Dragon Prince: A Chinese Beauty and the Beast Tale.*** HarperCollins Publishers; 1999.

ISBN: 978-0-06-443518-5

A poor farmer's youngest daughter agrees to marry a fierce dragon in order to save her father's life.



Yolen, Jane. ***The Emperor and the Kite.***

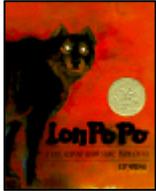
Penguin Group Inc.; 1998. ISBN: 978-0-698-11644-3

Largely ignored by her own family, Princess Djeow Seow spends her days playing with a kite made from paper and sticks. But when the Emperor is imprisoned in a high tower, only the Princess can save the day, flying her kite high up into the sky to rescue her father.

Young, Ed. ***Cat and Rat: The Legend of the Chinese Zodiac.***

Henry Holt and Company; 1998. ISBN: 978-0-8050-6049-2

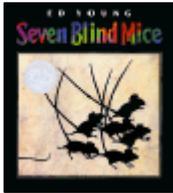
This version of the legend of the animal race that produced the 12 animals on the Chinese calendar is told with lively words and evocative, shadowy drawings.



Young, Ed. ***Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China.***

Penguin Group Inc.; 1989.  
ISBN: 978-0-399-21619-0

Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.



Young, Ed. ***Seven Blind Mice.***

Penguin Group Inc.; 1992.  
ISBN: 978-0-399-22261-0

This story retells in verse the Indian fable of the blind men discovering the different parts of an elephant and arguing about its appearance. The illustrations depict the blind arguers as mice.

## Upper Elementary Stories

Cha, Dia. ***Dia's Story Cloth: The Hmong People's Journey of Freedom.***

Lee & Low Books Inc.; 1998. ISBN: 978-1-880000-63-2

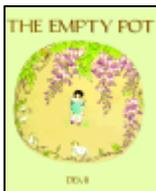
The story cloth made for her by her aunt and uncle chronicles the life of the author and her family in their native Laos and their eventual emigration to the United States.



Compestine, Ying Chang. ***The Story of Paper.***

Holiday House Inc.; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-8234-1705-6

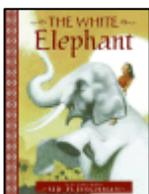
After the Kang brothers get in trouble at school, they devise a way to make paper, which will make things easier for both their teacher and themselves. Includes a historical note and a recipe for homemade paper. Illustrations are large and colorful.



Demi. ***The Empty Pot.***

Henry Holt and Company; 1990.  
ISBN: 978-0-8050-1217-0

When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty. A good folktale about honesty.



Fleischman, Sid. ***The White Elephant.***

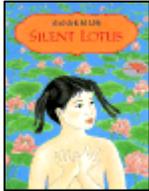
HarperCollins Publishers; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-0-06-113136-3

Young orphan Run Run toils with Walking Mountain, his beloved old elephant, clearing tree stumps for the farmers in the hillside village.

Hovanec, Erin M. ***An Online Visit to Asia.***

The Rosen Publishing Group Inc.; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-8239-6422-2

Among the eight topics covered in Asia are land and people, animals, and ways of life.



Lee, Jeanne M. ***Silent Lotus.***

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; 1994.

ISBN: 978-0-374-46646-6

Although she cannot speak or hear, Lotus trains as a Khmer court dancer and becomes eloquent in dancing out the legends of the gods. This picture book is available in DVD format.

Myers, Tim. ***Tanuki's Gift: A Japanese Tale.***

Marshall Cavendish Corporation; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-7614-5101-3

One winter, a Buddhist priest takes in a furry tanuki, a small badger-like animal, and the two become friends. But when the tanuki tries to repay the priest, they both learn a lesson.



Poole, Amy Lowry. ***How the Rooster Got His Crown: A Chinese Folktale.***

Holiday House Inc.; 1999. ISBN: 978-0-8234-1389-8

In the early days of the world, when the sun refuses to come out for fear of a skillful archer's arrows, a small rooster saves the day with his crowing.

## Booktalks



Blumberg, Rhoda. ***Shipwrecked!: The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 2001.

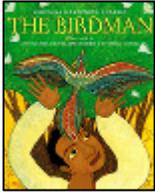
ISBN: 978-0-688-17484-2

This is a biography of a shipwrecked Japanese boy named Manjiro who was rescued by an American whaler. He was the first Japanese person to visit the United States and he developed a deep admiration for the Western world. After his return to Japan, he became involved in Commodore Perry's warships and the end of Japanese isolationism. (Upper Elementary)

Chang, Monica. ***Story of the Chinese Zodiac.***

Yuan-liou Publishing Company, Limited; 2000. ISBN: 978-957-32-2173-9

This folklore demonstrates the Chinese concept of calculating time in ancient days. An English and Chinese version of the Chinese zodiac (English with Chinese characters). (Elementary)



Charles, Veronika Martenova. ***The Birdman.***

Tundra Books of Northern New York; 2006.

ISBN: 978-0-88776-740-1

An impoverished tailor named Noor Nobi roams the streets and markets of Calcutta, India, and buys illegally captured birds so that he can nurse them back to health and free them. Based on a true story. (Lower Elementary)



Cheng, Andrea. ***Shanghai Messenger.***

Lee & Low Books Inc.; 2005.

ISBN: 978-1-58430-238-4

A free verse novel about 11-year-old Xiao Mei's visit with her extended family in China, where the Chinese-American girl finds many differences, but also the similarities that bind a family together. (Upper Elementary)

Choi, Sook Nyul. ***Year of Impossible Goodbyes.***

Tandem Library Books; 1993. ISBN: 978-0-8335-9794-6

A young Korean girl survives the oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940s, to later escape to freedom in South Korea. (Upper Elementary)

Cook, Sharon, and Jean Rusting. ***Jouanah: A Hmong Cinderella.***

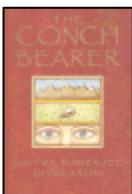
Shen's Books; 1996. ISBN: 978-1-885008-04-6

Ten ethnic versions of the Cinderella story from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East are summarized and worked into lessons for the middle and upper grades. (Upper Elementary)

Demi. ***One Grain of Rice: A Mathematical Folktale.***

Scholastic Inc.; 1997. ISBN: 978-0-590-93998-0

A reward of one grain of rice doubles day by day into millions of grains of rice when a selfish raja is outwitted by a clever village girl. Indian mathematical tale. (Upper Elementary)



Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***The Conch Bearer.***

Roaring Book Press; 2003.

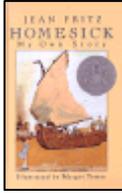
ISBN: 978-0-7613-1935-1

In India, a healer invites 12-year-old Anand to join him on a quest to return a magical conch to its safe and rightful home, high in the Himalayan mountains. (Upper Elementary)

Fritz, Jean. ***China Homecoming.***

Penguin Group Inc.; 1985. ISBN: 978-0-399-21182-9

The author returns to China to relive her memories of her youth, and to witness the many historical and social changes that have taken place since she left the country in 1928. (Elementary)

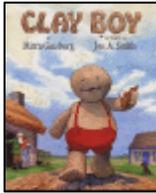


Fritz, Jean. **Homesick: My Own Story.**

Tandem Library Books; 1999.

ISBN: 978-0-88103-556-8

The author's fictionalized version, though all events are true, of her childhood in China in the 1920s. (Elementary)



Ginsburg, Mirra. **Clay Boy.**

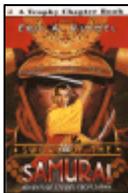
HarperCollins Publishers; 1997. ISBN: 978-0-688-14409-8

Wanting a son, an old man and woman make a clay boy who comes to life and begins eating everything in sight until he meets a clever goat. (Upper Elementary)

Kadohata, Cynthia. **Kira-Kira.**

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-689-85639-6

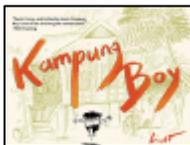
Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill. (Upper Elementary)



Kimmel, Eric A. **Sword of the Samurai: Adventure Stories from Japan.** HarperCollins Publishers; 2000.

ISBN: 978-0-06-442131-7

Eleven delightful samurai stories. They range from frightening to humorous, increasing the reader's understanding about the ways of these famous warriors from long ago. (Upper Elementary)



Lat. **Kampung Boy.**

Roaring Brook Press; 2006.

ISBN: 978-1-59643-121-8

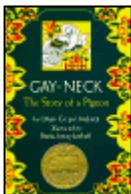
This graphic novel relates the life experiences, from birth to beginning boarding school, of a boy growing up on a rubber plantation in rural Malaysia. (Teens)



McCaughrean, Geraldine. **The Kite Rider.**

HarperCollins Publishers; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-06-441091-5

In 13<sup>th</sup>-century China, after trying to save his widowed mother from a horrendous second marriage, 12-year-old Haoyou has life-changing adventures when he takes to the sky as a circus kite rider and ends up meeting the great Mongol ruler Kublai Khan. (Upper Elementary)



Mukerji, Dhan G. ***Gay-Neck: The Story of a Pigeon.***  
Penguin Group Inc.; 1968. ISBN: 978-0-525-30400-5  
The story of the training of a carrier pigeon and its service during World War I, revealing the bird's courageous and spirited adventures over the housetops of an Indian village, in the Himalayan Mountains, and on the French battlefield. (Upper Elementary)

Park, Linda Sue. ***A Single Shard.***  
Random House Audio Publishing Group; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-8072-1760-3  
Tree-ear, a 13-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. (Upper Elementary)

Park, Linda Sue. ***The Kite Fighters.***  
Tandem Library Books; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-613-57908-7  
Two brothers pool their talents to make and fly a kite in 1473 Korea. When the boy king sees their tiger kite, he asks the brothers to make and fly one for him. Throughout the story, the issues of sibling rivalry and the boys' competition for their father's affection put readers in touch with the characters even as they learn about the culture and customs of medieval Korea. (Upper Elementary)



Park, Linda Sue. ***When My Name was Keoko.***  
Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 2002.  
ISBN: 978-0-618-13335-2  
With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely. (Upper Elementary)



Perkins, Mitali. ***Monsoon Summer.***  
Random House Children's Books; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-440-23840-9  
Jazz Gardner reluctantly travels with her family to India in the middle of the monsoon season to volunteer in the orphanage where her mother lived as a child. (Teen)

Pilegard, Virginia Walton. ***The Warlord's Puzzle.***  
Pelican Publishing Company Inc.; 2000. ISBN: 978-1-56554-495-6  
Hoping to avoid punishment for breaking a beautiful tile that was his gift to a Chinese Warlord, an artist suggests that the Warlord hold a contest to see if anyone can mend it. (Upper Elementary)

Say, Allen. ***Kamishibai Man.***



Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-618-47954-2

After many years of retirement, an old Kamishibai man—a Japanese street performer who tells stories and sells candies—decides to make his rounds once more even though such entertainment declined after the advent of television. (Upper Elementary)

Scieszka, Jon. ***Sam Samurai, Vol. 10.***

Penguin Group Inc; 2001. ISBN: 978-0-670-89915-9

Joe, Fred, and Sam are transported to 17<sup>th</sup>-century Japan where they infuriate a Samurai warrior, encounter their great-granddaughters, and save their lives by reciting an ancient form of poetry. (Lower Elementary)

Silverman, Erica. ***Raisel's Riddle.***

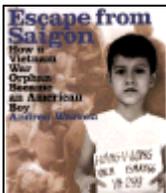
Tandem Library Books; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-613-59711-1

This is a Jewish version of the Cinderella story in which a poor, but educated, young woman captivates her "Prince Charming" at a Purim ball. (Lower Elementary)

Sinnott, Susan. ***Extraordinary Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.***

Scholastic Library Publishing; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-516-22655-2

Seventy-two short biographies of Asian and Pacific Americans who over time have left their mark on American life. (Teens)



Warren, Andrea. ***Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy.***

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-374-32224-3

At the end of the Vietnam War, an eight-year-old Amerasian orphan named Long fled his country and found a loving home with an adoptive family in Ohio. The child-at-war photo-essay story and the facts about the Operation Baby lift rescue are tense and exciting, as are the other fascinating accounts of his growing up, becoming a high school athlete and valedictorian, and finding success as a doctor. (Upper Elementary)

Whelan, Gloria. ***Chu Ju's House.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-06-050724-4

In order to save her baby sister, 14-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns food and shelter by working on a sampan, tending silk worms, and planting rice seedlings, while wondering if she will ever see her family again. (Upper Elementary)



Whelan, Gloria. ***Homeless Bird.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 2000.

ISBN: 978-0-06-028454-1

When 13-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it. (Upper Elementary)



Wilson, Diane Lee. ***I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade.***

Tandem Library Books; 1999.

ISBN: 978-0-613-20158-2

In early 14<sup>th</sup>-century China, Oyuna tells her granddaughter of her girlhood in Mongolia and how love for her horse enabled her to win an important race and bring good luck to her family. (Elementary)

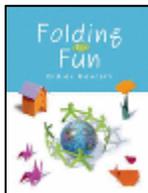
Yep, Laurence. ***Spring Pearl: The Last Flower.***

Tandem Library Books; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-613-46231-0

Called boyish by her new family for being able to read and write, 12-year-old orphan Spring Pearl's "odd ways" help save the family during the 1857 Opium War in Canton, China. (Upper Elementary)

## Crafts and Games

Craft projects are a great way to introduce children to a variety of cultures. The Asian continent is rich with a wide variety of crafts, from dragons to kites to nesting dolls. Perhaps you could sponsor a multicultural craft workshop with quick and simple crafts.

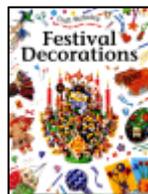


Boursin, Didier. ***Folding for Fun: 16 Easy Origami Projects – For Ages 4 and Up.***

Firefly Books, Limited; 2007.

ISBN: 978-1-55407-253-8

If a child can fold a piece of paper, he or she can learn the basics of origami. Plus, once a project is finished, it's fun to decorate and play with the object created. (Lower Elementary)



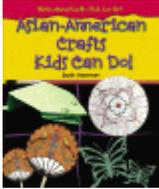
Civardi, Anne and Penny King. ***Festival Decorations.***

Crabtree Publishing Company; 1998.

ISBN: 978-0-86505-780-7

Discusses various occasions celebrated around the world and provides instructions for a related craft. (Upper Elementary)

Fiarotta, Phyllis. ***Papercrafts Around the World.***  
Tandem Library Books; 2000. ISBN: 978-0-613-75597-9  
Background information and instructions for a variety of papercrafts for China, Japan, Thailand, Russia, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. (Upper Elementary)



Hartman, Sarah. ***Asian-American Crafts Kids Can Do!***  
Enslow Publishers Inc.; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-0-7660-2455-7  
Asian-American culture encompasses many different countries. Learn about different cultures while putting together crafts that represent each. (Lower Elementary)

Hosking, Wayne. ***Asian Kites.***  
Tuttle Publishing; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-8048-3545-9  
Presents full-color illustrated instructions for making 15 different kites from Asia. (Lower Elementary)

Marchant, Kerena. ***Hindu Festivals.***  
Raintree; 2001. ISBN: 978-0-7398-2734-5  
Recipes that are easy to follow and traditional foods introduce the Hindu religion and its holidays. (Elementary)

Phoasavadi, Pornprapit, and Patricia Campbell. ***From Bangkok and Beyond: Thai Children's Songs, Games and Customs.***  
World Music Press; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-937203-97-2  
The author's life has been dedicated to mastering and sharing the music of her homeland, from her favorite children's game songs and chants to intricate instrumental compositions. (Lower Elementary)



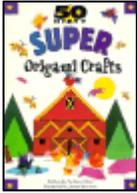
Reynolds, Betty. ***Japanese Celebrations: Cherry Blossoms, Lanterns and Stars!***  
Tuttle Publishing; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-8048-3658-6  
Beautifully illustrated and full of fascinating facts about Japanese holidays and celebrations, this 48-page picture book offers a vivid picture of some of Japan's most festive events, including New Year's, Children's Day, Cherry Blossom Season, Harvest Moon Viewing, Christmas in Japan, and many more, with simple but informative text and illustrations that explain the significance of the dress, decoration, food, gifts, and activities associated with these events. (Lower Elementary)

Sato, Alice Ogura, and Shozo Sato. ***Ikebana.***  
Tuttle Publishing; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-8048-3502-2  
Discusses the history and characteristics of the art of Japanese flower arrangement known as ikebana, and describes 10 simple projects. (Lower Elementary)

Sato, Shozo. ***Tea Ceremony.***

Tuttle Publishing; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-8048-3500-8

Presents full-color, illustrated instructions for performing a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and includes information on its history, various kinds of tea, and hosting family and friends. (Upper Elementary)



Urton, Andrea. ***50 Nifty Super Origami Crafts.***

Lowell House Juvenile; 1997.

ISBN: 978-1-56565-730-4

Ancient art with Japanese and Chinese roots. (Lower Elementary)

Winchester, Faith. ***Asian Holidays.***

Capstone Press Inc.; 1996. ISBN: 978-1-56065-458-2

Briefly describes eight festivals celebrated by the Chinese, Japanese, and Vietnamese people. (Lower Elementary)

## Poetry and Music

Cheng, Andrea. ***Shanghai Messenger.***

Lee & Low Books Inc.; 2005. ISBN: 978-1-58430-238-4

Warm, soft pastels by Caldecott Medalist Ed Young grace this lovely collection of free verse poems about a Chinese-American girl's solo trip to Shanghai to visit her extended family. (Elementary)

Donegan, Patricia. ***Haiku.***

Tuttle Publishing; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-8048-3501-5

Readers read and learn how to write Haiku. (Upper Elementary)



Gollub, Matthew. ***Cool Melons – Turn to Frogs!: The Life and Poems of Issa.***

Lee & Low Books Inc.; 1998.

ISBN: 978-1-880000-71-7

Born in 1763 in a small mountain village, young Issa lived in harmony with the earth, and in this book his translated poetry is accompanied by soft watercolors that reflect the beauty of nature, the joy of the changing seasons, and the wonder of small things. An afterword explains the rules of writing haiku, both the number of syllables and the subject matter. (Elementary)



Mak, Kam. ***My Chinatown: One Year in Poems.*** HarperCollins Publishers; 2001. ISBN: 978-0-06-029190-7  
A homesick Hong Kong boy who lives in New York's Chinatown with his mother describes Chinatown in his free verse poems. (Elementary)

Putumayo. ***World Playground.***  
Putumayo World Music; 1999. ASIN: B00000JT4P  
A collection of great songs from around the world.



Young, Ed. ***Beyond the Great Mountains: A Visual Poem About China.*** Chronicle Books LLC; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-8118-4343-0  
Lyrical text and illustrations featuring Chinese characters and paper collage introduce the beauty and richness of China. (Lower Elementary)

## Community Assets

- Check with community cultural groups to find someone who can demonstrate cultural calligraphy.
- Contact local martial arts instructors to find someone who can demonstrate martial arts.
- See if someone knows a Japanese flower arranger.

## Professional Resources

Dalby, Elizabeth. ***Introduction to Asia.*** Scholastic Inc.; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-439-88982-7  
A lavishly illustrated book in full color with beautiful photographs and detailed maps. The continent has been divided into six subcontinents, and each is described in facts, figures, flags, and details of the land and culture. The Middle East countries are not included.

"It's A Multi-Colorful World!" ***Copycat: Ideas & Activities for K-3 Teachers.***  
May/June 1994, pg. 4-13.  
Building cultural awareness through crafts, songs, and activities is the focus of this article. Building a friendship tree, cutting a paper doll border, "Be a Friend" circle game, writing pen pals, and creating craft objects that are traditions of the cultures are a few of the activities featured for Japan, China, and Russia.

"Kite Kamp." ***Copycat: Ideas & Activities for K-3 Teachers.***

Mar/April 2002, pg. 13-21.

April is National Kite Month, and kites are flown all over the world; however, kite flying in many Asian countries is a part of the culture. This article provides kite history, kite science, kite flying 101, patterns for a kite book that includes directions for making four styles of kites, kite songs, kite culture, and a listing of books and Web sites.

"Reach Across the World." ***Copycat: Ideas & Activities for K-3 Teachers.***

Nov/Dec 2003, pg. 37-43.

Afghanistan, Cambodia, China, Laos, India, Japan, and Russia are Asian countries included in this article. A brief description of the country is followed by a listing of books, both fiction and nonfiction, and Web sites that provide information and activities to use with children.

"Roosters, Rats, Rabbits, and Rice Cakes" ***Copycat: Ideas & Activities for K-3 Teachers.***

May-August 2003, pg. 4-14.

Includes Asian-Pacific stories and books, and how to use them with children to celebrate the rich customs and traditions of the countries of China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, and Bali. Includes craft suggestions and Internet sites. Craft patterns include a dragon mask, Chinese writing, crocodile finger puppets, rooster paper cut, and an origami doll.

Spagnoli, Cathy, and Paramasivam, Michi Ukawa. ***A Treasury of Asian Stories and Activities for Schools and Libraries.***

Upstart Books; 1998. ISBN: 978-1-57950-006-1

This is an incredible resource for developing a storytime about Asia. The Asian tales in this book are for preschool to third grade. They come from south, southeast, and east Asia, and are meant to be told or read aloud. The book also includes is an educational activity from the culture to complement every story and an extensive bibliography.

## Web Sites

### [Asia For Kids](#)

Master Communications Inc.; 2006.

Kids Corner for ages four to six features coloring pages and Chinese Zodiac.

### [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.](#)

Master Communications Inc.; 2006.

The history of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and groups of Asian or Pacific Americans for older students. (Upper Elementary)

**[Asian Pacific Americans by the Numbers.](#)**

Pearson Education; 2007.

This is a well-designed site highlighting key statistics about Asian and Pacific Americans. (Elementary)

**[AsiaSource: Home Page – A Resource of the Asia Society.](#)**

Asia Society; 2007.

AsiaSource is a comprehensive online resource developed by the Asia Society to meet the need for timely, reliable, unbiased information and assistance. (Upper Elementary)

**[Book Links: Connecting Books, Libraries, and Classrooms.](#)**

American Library Association; 2007.

Bimonthly issues of this magazine focusing on bibliographies, essays, reviews, and other features connecting children's books with topics typically presented in school curricula are excellent resources for books and activities for cultures around the world. The Web site has a searchable index and links to the full text of articles that have been posted on the Web site. (Elementary)

**[KCKC Member Pages – Dave Ellis.](#)**

Kansas City Kite Club; 2007.

A retired teacher shares his love of kites. (Elementary)

**[National Kite Month.](#)**

NationalKiteMonth.org; 2007.

Learn all about kites, their history, and how to make them. (Elementary)

**[Peace Corps Kids World – Explore the World.](#)**

A Web site for grades three to six that features central and eastern Asia. (Elementary)

**[The Virtual Kite Zoo.](#)**

Philip Le Riche; 2006.

Downloadable plans for building all types of simple kites. (Elementary)

# Australia



G'Day Mates!

Come along on a wacky walkabout to the land down under. Australia, called "down under" because it lies beneath the equator in the southern hemisphere, is a land of opposites and strange creatures. It is hot in the north and cold in the south. It is home to the echidna, wombat, sunglider, koala, kangaroo, platypus, and fairy penguin—the smallest penguin in the world.

Join us for a tour, tales, and tucker in a continent that is slightly smaller than the United States. All aboard!

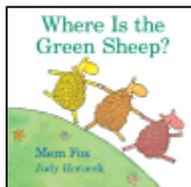
## Stories to Share Together or Read Alone

### Preschool Stories

Fox, Mem. *Hunwick's Egg*.

Harcourt Children's Books; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-15-216318-1

Sweet story with lovely animal illustrations about a bandicoot who adopts an egg. It shows that love does not have restrictions.

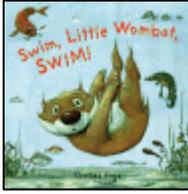


Fox, Mem. *Where Is the Green Sheep?*

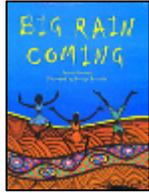
Harcourt Children's Books; 2004.

ISBN: 978-0-15-204907-2

Few rhyming words and cute illustrations make this an appealing story about many different kinds of sheep. But where is the Green Sheep?



Fuge, Charles. ***Swim, Little Wombat, Swim!***  
Sterling Publishing Company Inc.; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-1-4027-2375-9  
Large whimsical pictures and little text enhance this story of a Wombat who makes friends with a Platypus who teaches him to swim. Great for younger audiences.



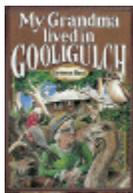
Germein, Katrina.  
***Big Rain Coming.***  
Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 2000.  
ISBN: 978-0-618-08344-2  
Simple text and large pictures in the style of Aboriginal art make this an excellent introduction to the Australian aborigine.

Maddern, Eric. ***Rainbow Bird.***  
Little Brown & Company; 1993. ISBN: 978-0-316-54314-9  
An Aboriginal pourquoi story about how fire was given to the people. Beautifully illustrated with large illustrations. Great animal story.

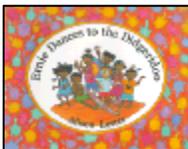


Riddell, Chris. ***Platypus and the Birthday Party.***  
Harcourt Children's Books; 2003.  
ISBN: 978-0-15-204753-5  
Platypus and Echidna plan a birthday party for Bruce, a stuffed toy Platypus. Pictures are vibrant and very appealing to younger children. It introduces two Australian animals.

## Lower Elementary Stories



Base, Graeme. ***My Grandma Lived in Gooligulch.***  
Harry N. Abrams Inc.; 1990.  
ISBN: 978-0-8109-1547-3  
Great illustrations complement a zany rhyme of an adventurous Grandma and her Australian animal friends.



Lester, Alison. ***Ernie Dances to the Didgeridoo.***  
Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 2001.  
ISBN: 978-0-618-10442-0  
Told in a postcard format, this story tells of Ernie's journey to Arnhem Land, the aboriginal reserve in northern Australia. It is a story of Gunbalanya and introduces the different weather seasons and their Aboriginal names.



Lithgow, John. ***Marsupial Sue.***

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2001.

ISBN: 978-0-689-84394-5

A young Kangaroo decides she would like to try doing what other animals do, but learns to find happiness in "doing what kangaroos do." Comes with a CD so you can play and show illustrations at the same time.

Oliver, Narelle. ***The Best Beak in Boonaroo Bay.***

Fulcrum Publishing; 1995. ISBN: 978-1-55591-227-7

The birds of Boonaroo Bay have a beak contest to see which beak is the best.

Roth, Susan L. ***The Biggest Frog in Australia.***

Turtleback Books; 2000. ISBN: 978-0-606-21611-1

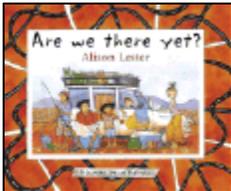
When a thirsty frog drinks up all of Australia's water, the animals have to figure out a way to get it back. Clever story based somewhat on Aboriginal myth that appeals to most ages.

Sheehan, Patty. ***Kylie's Song.***

Marsh Media; 1989. ISBN: 978-1-55942-021-1

Kylie, a Koala who loves to sing, is discouraged when other animals laugh at her for being different.

## Upper Elementary Story



Lester, Alison. ***Are We There Yet?: A Journey Around Australia.*** Kane/Miller Book Publishers; 2005.

ISBN: 978-1-929132-73-7

This details an Australian road trip by camper. Grace, the eight-year-old narrator, gives great comments and scrapbook-like art of points of interest.

## Booktalks



Gleitzman, Morris. ***Toad Away.***

Random House Inc.; 2006.

ISBN: 978-0-375-92766-9

Limpy's adventures with humans continue in this third Gleitzman book where he journeys to the Amazon. (Lower Elementary)

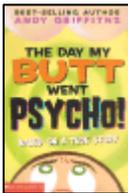


Gleitzman, Morris. ***Toad Heaven.***  
Random House Children's Books; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-375-82764-8  
A sequel to *Toad Rage* continuing the adventures of Limpy, the cane toad. (Lower Elementary)



Gleitzman, Morris. ***Toad Rage.***  
Random House Inc.; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-375-82763-1  
The first book in a three-part toad series features Limpy, the Australian Cane Toad who embarks on a quest to the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Its humor is characteristic of Morris Gleitzman's work. (Lower Elementary)

Griffiths, Andy. ***Just Annoying.***  
Tandem Library Books; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-613-86024-6  
You'll meet Andy, a boy who dreams of becoming the most annoying kid in the world. Andy bugs his friends, irritates his sister, and drives his parents crazy. Find out how much fun annoying people can be. (Upper Elementary)

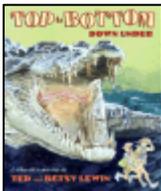


Griffiths, Andy. ***The Day My Butt Went Psycho!***  
Scholastic Inc.; 2003.  
ISBN: 978-0-439-42469-1  
One in a series of strange butt humor written by one of Australia's funniest kid writers. This is the equivalent of *Captain Underpants* without the artwork, and is also a little higher grade level. (Upper Elementary)



Hartnett, Sonya. ***Thursday's Child.***  
Candlewick Press; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-7636-1620-5  
A dreamlike memoir of a young woman looking back on her farm family's poverty and her younger brother Tin's obsession for digging tunnels and living underground. Told slightly in dialect. (Upper Elementary)

Lewin, Ted. ***Top to Bottom Down Under.***  
HarperCollins Publishers; 2005.  
ISBN: 978-0-688-14114-1  
Great pictorial travelogue of Australia. Fantastic pictures, facts, and a flora and fauna guide are included. A fair dinkum account of this land. (Upper Elementary)

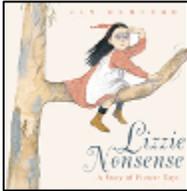




Marsden, John. ***Winter.***

Scholastic Inc.; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-439-36849-0

Tough teen heroine Winter returns home after 12 years to learn that her mother did not die in a boating accident as she was told. This gutsy teen must face her tragic past to move ahead. All is revealed in an unexpected conclusion. (Teen)

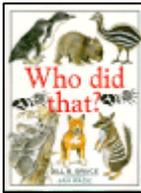


Ormerod, Jan. ***Lizzie Nonsense: A Story of Pioneer Days.***

Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-618-57493-3

Imagination plays an important part in the lives of these Australian pioneers. Lovely illustrations and short dialogue make this a satisfying read. (Lower Elementary)

## Crafts and Games



Bruce, Jill B., and Jan Wade. ***Who Did That?***

Simon & Schuster Australia; 1994. ISBN: 978-0-86417-575-5

In this beautifully illustrated book, we are first shown tracks and droppings of Australian animals. On the next page are pictures, descriptions, and locations of where the animals are found on an Australian map. (Upper Elementary)

World Book Inc. Staff. ***Christmas in Australia.***

World Book Inc.; 1999. ISBN: 978-0-7166-0850-9

Very good non-fiction source for crafts, carols, and recipes. Has excellent pictures of Santa in different parts of Australia. (Upper Elementary)

**[Didgeridoos.](#)**

KinderArt; 2006.

How to make and play a Didgeridoo. (Lower Elementary)

## Music

Harris, Rolf. ***Best of Rolf Harris.***

Disky Records; 2001. ASIN: B0000257DE

Sung by Australian Rolf Harris, this contains mostly songs that are popular in the land down under, and have a bit of Australian history and culture. Some examples are "Johnny Day," "Two Little Boys," "Wild Colonial Boy," "Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport," and "Waltzing Matilda." (Upper Elementary)

***Disney Travel Songs.***

Walt Disney Records; 1994. ISBN: 978-1-55723-612-8

Good collection of songs that could be used throughout this summer program. Some examples are "Ease On Down the Road" and "The Happy Wanderer." (Preschool)

The Wiggles. ***Wiggly Safari.***

Koch Records; 2002. ASIN: B0000AE5YP

Cute songs dealing with animals, with Wiggles dialogue between each song. Some animals are Emu, Dingo, Kookaburra, and Koala. (Preschool)

Zanes, Dan. ***House Party.***

Festival Five Rec.; 2003. ASIN: B0000CC85J

Contains music featuring various artists with an international flavor. It has Spanish, Jamaican, Japanese, Australian, and West Indian songs, and a song about the ideal world. (Lower Elementary)

## DVD

Sheehan, Patty. ***Kylie's Song.***

Marsh Film Enterprises (Video); 1989. ASIN: 6301699874

Kylie, a Koala who loves to sing, is discouraged when other animals laugh at her for being different. Good animation based on the book's artwork and catchy music. Film is 12 minutes. (Lower Elementary)

## Web Sites



***Australia.*** KidsKonnnect; 2007.

Fast facts and many links to Web pages on Australia. A safe gateway to the Internet created and maintained by educators. (Elementary)

**[Australia Theme Unit: Worksheet and Printables.](#)**

Abcteach; 2007.

Coloring sheets, maps, puzzles, and more. (Elementary)

**[Australia Zoo: Home of the Crocodile Hunter.](#)**



Crocodile Hunter; 2007.

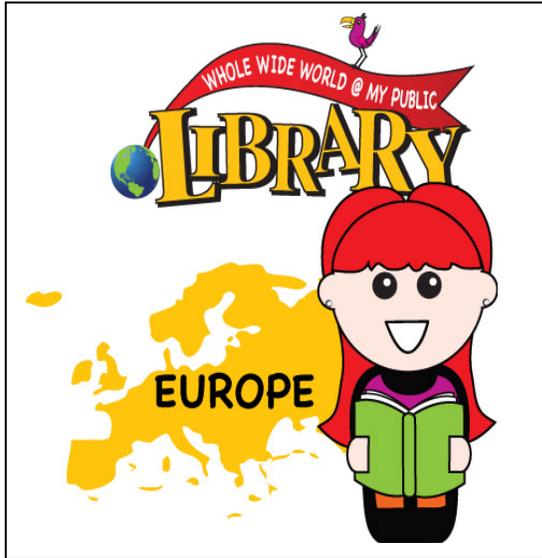
The Web site for the Australia Zoo and home of the Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin. You can even go on a tour lead by the Crocodile Hunter himself. (Elementary)

**[How to Play the Didgeridoo.](#)**

Aboriginal Australia Art & Culture Centre; 2007.

Instructions on how to play the didgeridoo. (Elementary)

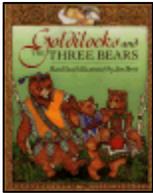
# Europe



Many of the most familiar and beloved children's stories come from Europe. Hans Christian Andersen is from Denmark, the brothers Grimm lived in Germany, and Aesop came from Greece. The familiar version of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" comes from England, and many children's favorites come from Russia and the Ukraine.

## Stories to Share Together or Read Alone

### Preschool Stories



Brett, Jan. *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

Penguin Group Inc.; 1992.

ISBN: 978-0-399-22033-3

Classic tale of the three bears and Goldilocks the intruder.



Brett, Jan. *The Mitten*.

Penguin Group Inc.; 1989.

ISBN: 978-0-399-21920-7

When Peter accidentally loses his mitten in the snow, woodland animals find it and crawl in. The animals get larger and larger until a tiny brown mouse comes for the climax.

Brett's beautiful illustrations with wonderful borders let the children know what is about to happen.



Grimm, Jacob, and Wilhelm K. Grimm. ***Rumpelstiltskin.***

Penguin Group Inc.; 1986.

ISBN: 978-0-525-44265-3

An odd little elf helps a girl become queen and then expects a favor in return. When the elf demands the baby prince as his favor, unless the queen can guess his strange name, she finds a way.

Taback, Simms. ***Joseph Had a Little Overcoat.***



Penguin Group Inc.; 1999.

ISBN: 978-0-670-87855-0

This traditional Yiddish tale is retold in a clever way. When Joseph's coat gets worn, he turns it into a jacket, then a vest, and so on. The book has die-cuts, revealing what will happen next.

## Elementary Story

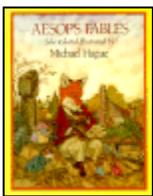
Ruiz, Margarita. ***Pinocchio.***

Tandem Library Books; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-613-82581-8

This collection of 28 fairy tales will delight both children and adults. The colorful illustrations, die-cut shapes, and simple renditions make for hours of reading, fun, and bonding.

## Lower Elementary Stories

Aesop. ***Aesop's Fables.***



Henry Holt and Company; 1999.

ISBN: 978-0-8050-6315-8

In the sixth century, a slave named Aesop was known for his witty storytelling. These stories are still popular today.

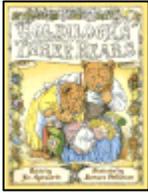
Selections include "The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse," "The Crow and the Pitcher," and "The Hare and the Tortoise."

Andersen, Hans Christian. ***Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen.***

The Reader's Digest Association Inc.; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-276-42830-2

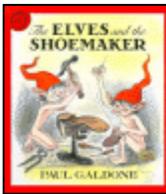
A collection of 40 classic tales including "The Princess and the Pea," "The Ugly Duckling," "The Little Mermaid," and more.



Aylesworth, Jim.  
***Goldilocks and the Three Bears.***  
Scholastic Inc.; 2003.  
ISBN: 978-0-439-39545-8  
Classic tale has fun illustrations.



de Paola, Tomie.  
***Fin M'Coul: The Giant of Knockmany Hill.***  
Holiday House Inc.; 1981.  
ISBN: 978-0-8234-0385-1  
Fin's wife saves him from the most feared giant in Ireland.



Galdone, Paul. ***The Elves and the Shoemaker.***  
Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 1986.  
ISBN: 978-0-89919-422-6  
This is the retelling of a Grimm tale. The shoemaker gets behind and the little elves help. When the shoemaker and his wife discover their helpers, they make them little clothes.

Grimm, Jacob, and Wilhelm K. Grimm. ***Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs: A Tale from the Brothers Grimm.***

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; 1987. ISBN: 978-0-374-46868-2  
Retells the tale of the beautiful princess whose lips were red as blood, skin was white as snow, and hair was black as ebony.



Grimm, Jacob, Wilhelm K. Grimm, and Christine San José. ***The Six Swans.*** Boyds Mills Press; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-1-59078-056-5  
A king's daughter undertakes a difficult task to rescue her six brothers from the enchantment imposed on them by their wicked stepmother.



Lesser, Rika. ***Hansel and Gretel.***  
Penguin Group Inc.; 1999.  
ISBN: 978-0-525-46152-4  
A Grimm's fairy tale retold by Lesser and illustrated by Paul Zelinski. Two children abandoned in the woods find a house of candy and are imprisoned by a witch who they will later outsmart.



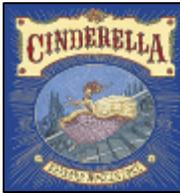
Mayer, Marianna. ***Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 1994.

ISBN: 978-0-688-08500-1

Vasilisa survives both the schemes of her wicked stepmother and a visit to the witch Baba Yaga, and finally marries the czar.

McClintock, Barbara. ***Cinderella.***



Scholastic Inc.; 2005.

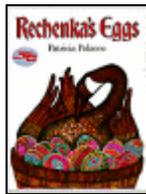
ISBN: 978-0-439-56145-7

This version of Cinderella is derived from the French version by Charles Perrault. The classic tale of poor Cinderella, terribly mistreated by her evil stepmother and stepsisters, magically transformed by her fairy godmother into a beautiful lady, beguiling the handsome prince.

Pinkney, Jerry. ***Aesop's Fables.***

Chronicle Books LLC; 2000. ISBN: 978-1-58717-000-3

A collection of 60 tales from the Greek slave and storyteller Aesop. Includes "Grasshopper and the Ants," "Goose and the Golden Eggs," "Travelers and the Bear," and many more.



Polacco, Patricia. ***Rechenka's Eggs.***

Penguin Group Inc.; 1988. ISBN: 978-0-399-21501-8

Babushka always wins first prize in the Easter egg coloring contest. Babushka finds a wounded goose she names Rechenka, and lovingly nurses her back to health. When the goose starts feeling better she flaps around the house, knocking over the eggs and paints, ruining Babushka's chance of winning the contest.

Miraculously, Rechenka lays a beautifully decorated egg, saving Babushka's reputation.

## Booktalks



Baker, E. D. ***The Frog Princess.***

Bloomsbury Publishing; 2004.

ISBN: 978-1-58234-923-7

After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward 14-year-old princess suddenly finds herself turned into a frog, and sets off with the prince to seek the means—and the self-confidence—to become human again. (Upper Elementary)



Cabot, Meg. ***Avalon High.***  
HarperCollins Publishers; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-0-06-075587-4  
Having moved to Annapolis, Maryland, with her medievalist parents, high school junior Ellie enrolls at Avalon High School where several students may or may not be reincarnations of King Arthur and his court. (Upper Elementary)

Holmes, Sarah. ***Letters from Rapunzel.***  
HarperCollins Publishers; 2007. ISBN: 978-0-06-078074-9  
Through a series of letters written to a post office box, 12-year-old Cadence describes her father's hospitalization for depression, her subsequent problems at school, and her hope that the mysterious recipient will help her find a happy ending.

Levine, Gail Carson. ***Ella Enchanted.***  
Tandem Library Books; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-613-71408-2  
In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. (Elementary)

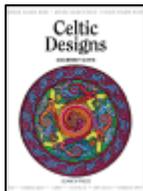
Maguire, Gregory. ***Leaping Beauty: And Other Animal Fairy Tales.***



HarperCollins Publishers; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-0-06-056419-3  
Stories include "Leaping Beauty," "Goldiefox and the Three Chickens," "Hamster and Gerbil," "So What and the Seven Giraffes," "Little Red Robin Hood," "The Three Little Penguins and the Big Bad Walrus," "Cinder-elephant," and "Rumplesnakeskin." (Elementary)

## Crafts and Games

Davis, Courtney. ***Celtic Designs, Vol. 3.***



Search Press, Limited; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-0-85532-972-3  
This is a source of ideas for all craftspeople and artists. The designs are copyright-free and can be photocopied, traced, colored, adapted, or used as inspiration for creating one's own designs. (Elementary)

Edwards, Diane. ***Swedish Folk Art: Floral and Kurbits Design.***

Nordic Arts; 2005. ISBN: 978-0967458366  
This wonderful book of Swedish folk art covers all the major styles from 1750 to 1900. Included are 32 projects with photos of antique pieces and pages of basic kurbits and floral forms with stroke work by the author. Good information for beginners to advanced students of folk art painting. (Upper Elementary)

Steele, Philip. ***Clothes and Crafts in Ancient Greece.***

Gareth Stevens Inc.; 2000. ISBN: 978-0-8368-2734-7

This book describes such crafts as pottery, metalwork, architecture, temple decorations, paintings, and textiles, and also outlines projects including creating a soldier's shield and making a painting for a palace wall.

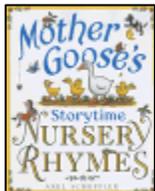
(Elementary)

Steele, Philip. ***Clothes and Crafts in Roman Times.***

Gareth Stevens Inc.; 2000. ISBN: 978-0-8368-2737-8

After a brief introduction to Roman history, this book introduces Roman artisans and gives directions for craft projects including making a dolphin brooch, a mosaic, an actor's mask, and small clay statues. (Elementary)

## Poetry



Green, Alison, and Axel Scheffler. ***Mother Goose's Storytime Nursery Rhymes.***

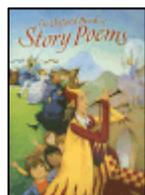
Scholastic Inc.; 2007. ISBN: 978-0-439-90306-6

An illustrated collection of more than 100 nursery rhymes, interspersed with vignettes about Mother Goose and her three young goslings, Boo, Lucy, and Small. (Lower Elementary)

Greenaway, Kate. ***Kate Greenaway's Mother Goose.***

University of California Press; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-87328-216-1

A collection of 44 traditional nursery rhymes with drawings of life in Victorian times. (Preschool)



Harrison, Michael, and Christopher Stuart-Clark. ***The Oxford Book of Story Poems.***

Oxford University Press Inc.; 2007.

ISBN: 978-0-19-276344-0

Dragons and castles, knights and mermaids, witches and magicians, ships on the high seas, and journeys into mystery—every poem tells a story in this enchanting anthology of narrative verse for children. (Elementary)

## Music

***Kids Fun: Games, Songs & Sing-A-Longs.***

Turn Up the Music; 1998

ASIN: B000006HM2

Music and lyrics available on the [NIEHS Kid's Pages](#).

## Web Sites

### [Embassy of France: Just for Kids.](#)

Embassy of France; 2005.

A kid-friendly site featuring the history, culture, art, geography, economy, sports, and life in France. (Elementary)

### [France: A Children's Guide.](#)

Terry Hongell – Pocantico Hills School; 2005.

A fun site to learn about France through puzzles and games. (Lower Elementary)

### [Germany for Kids.](#)

Germany Information; 2007.

Visit with Phillip and his cat, Paula, and learn about Germany. (Elementary)

### [Little Russia Children Page.](#)

Just Web Templates; 2007.

Russian songs and fairy tales for children. This site also features audio stories told in Russian and songs to listen to. (Elementary)

### [Si, Spain.](#)

Si, Spain.org; 2007.

Everything you could ever want to know about Spain. (Upper Elementary)

### [The Lawrence Welk Show: Chicken Dance.](#)

YouTube; 2007.

Instructions by former Mousekeeter Bobby on how to do the Chicken Dance. (Elementary)

# North America



From Alaska to Mexico, North America is a giant melting pot of the Native Americans and the cultures of the rest of the world. Every person who came to the continent brought a little piece of their homeland, which has flavored the soup in the pot. Whether it is the rhythm of Africa which has influenced our music or the European folktales that have evolved to teach lessons to the children, the world has given and North America has made it its own.

## Stories to Share Together or Read Alone

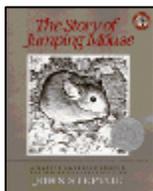
### Preschool Story



Hurston, Zora Neale. *The Three Witches*.  
HarperCollins Publishers; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-0-06-000650-1

Three hungry witches set out to eat two orphaned children while their grandmother is away at the market.

### Stories for All Audiences



Steptoe, John L. *The Story of Jumping Mouse*.  
HarperCollins Publishers; 1989.  
ISBN: 978-0-688-08740-1

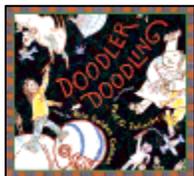
The gifts of Magic Frog and his own hopeful and unselfish spirit bring Jumping Mouse finally to the Far-Off Land where no mouse goes hungry.

## Lower Elementary Stories

Doyle, Malachy. ***Dancing Tiger.***

Penguin Group Inc.; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-670-06020-7

A tiger secretly dances alone in the woods at night, but when a little girl finds him out, he invites her to dance with him when the moon is full.

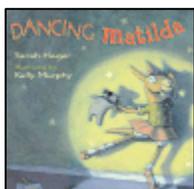


Golden Gelman, Rita. ***Doodler Doodling.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 2004.

ISBN: 978-0-688-16645-8

Teachers teach, flyers fly, painters paint, climbers climb—and teachers fly, climbers paint.

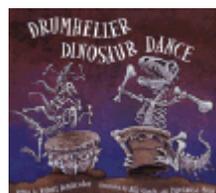


Hager, Sarah. ***Dancing Matilda.***

HarperCollins Publishers; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-06-051452-5

Meet Dancing Matilda, a gleefully energetic character who lives life in her own spunky style. This rhyming story follows Matilda through her dancing day with a rhythm so infectious that readers will want to get up and dance themselves!



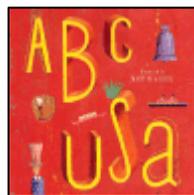
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Kids Can Press, Limited; 2005.

ISBN: 978-1-55337-393-3

The slumbering Drumheller dinosaur skeletons feel the call of the rising moon and get ready to shake, rattle, and roll their bones.

Jarrie, Martin. ***ABC USA.***



Sterling Publishing Company Inc.; 2005.

ISBN: 978-1-4027-1619-5

Goes through the alphabet and presents words representative of America and its past, illustrated in folk art style and including types of music, groups of people, locations, and objects.

Johnson, Janet P. ***How Mr. Dog Got Tame: An African-American Legend.***

Troll Communications; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-8167-4350-6

Tale of a starving dog and a starving wolf during a bad winter.

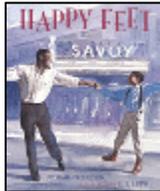
Lowell, Susan. ***Josefina Javelina: A Hairy Tale.***



Northland Publishing; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-87358-790-7

Josephina, a javelina who dreams of becoming a famous ballerina, heads for California hoping to be discovered, but her cousin Angelina takes her to a talent agent who looks strangely familiar.

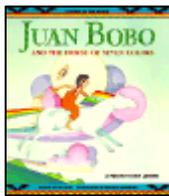


Michelson, Richard. ***Happy Feet: The Savoy Ballroom Lindy Hoppers and Me.***

Harcourt Children's Books; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-15-205057-3

A young boy who loves to dance listens as his father retells the story of the night he was born, which coincided with the opening of the Savoy Ballroom in Harlem.



Mike, Jan M. ***Juan Bobo and the Horse of Seven Colors: A Puerto Rican Legend.***

Troll Communications; 2003.

ISBN: 978-0-8167-3746-8

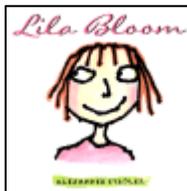
After winning seven wishes from a magical horse, the foolish Juan Bobo wastes six of them on his way to try to make the king's daughter laugh.



Nobisso, Josephine. ***The Numbers Dance: A Counting Comedy.*** Gingerbread House; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-940112-11-7

Numerals one through ten divide up by their respective dance styles of classical, boogie, and western line dancing, until their competition ends in tolerance.



Stadler, Alexander. ***Lila Bloom.***

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; 2004.

ISBN: 978-0-374-34474-0

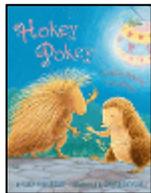
Angry after a difficult day, Lila decides to quit ballet class but reconsiders after she realizes that dancing makes her feel much better.



Stevenson, James. ***Flying Feet: A Mud Flat Story.***  
HarperCollins Publishers; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-0-06-051975-9  
Stanley and the other animals of Mud Flat take dance lessons from some touring tap dancers and prepare for a big show.



Stower, Adam. ***Two Left Feet.***  
Bloomsbury Publishing; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-1-58234-884-1  
Rufus, a monster who has trouble dancing due to his two left feet, finds the perfect partner for the dance competition.



Wheeler, Lisa. ***Hokey Pokey: Another Prickly Love Story.***  
Little Brown & Company; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-0-316-00090-1  
After a series of discouraging dance teachers, Cushion the porcupine finds his rhythm with his true love, Barb.

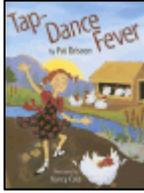
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Anderson, Doug. ***Too Big to Dance.***  
Handprint Books; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-1-59354-046-3  
Cecil the alligator, Woo the armadillo, and Eloise the zebra attend a dance deep in the bayou. When Eloise can't fit through the door of the dance hall, all of the animals join her to dance outside.



Arnold, Marsha Diane. ***Prancing, Dancing Lily.***  
Penguin Group Inc.; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-0-8037-2823-3  
Lily will someday be the "bell cow," leading her herd, but because her prancing and dancing only disrupt their order, she travels the world looking for the right place and dance for her.

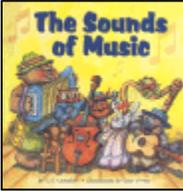


Brisson, Pat. ***Tap-Dance Fever.***

Boyd's Mills Press; 2005.

ISBN: 978-1-59078-290-3

Annabelle Applegate will not stop tap dancing, no matter what the frustrated citizens of Fiddlers Creek do to make her quit.



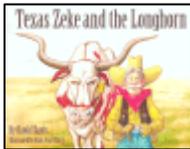
Casterline, L.C. ***The Sounds of Music.***

Gareth Stevens Inc.; 2004.

ISBN: 978-0-8368-4100-8

An introduction to various musical instruments and the music they make.

Davis, David. ***Texas Zeke and the Longhorn.***



Pelican Publishing Company Inc.; 2006.

ISBN: 978-1-58980-348-0

A cumulative tale set in Texas, in which a cowboy seeks help in herding his longhorn steer into the corral.



de Varennes, Monique. ***The Sugar Child.***

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2004.

ISBN: 978-0-689-85244-2

When a child made of candy mysteriously comes to life, her loving parents and friends shelter and protect her, but there comes a time when she must risk herself for a friend.



Duvall, Deborah L. ***The Opossum's Tale.***

University of New Mexico Press; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-8263-3694-1

This is a time-honored pourquoi story, drawn from the Cherokee traditions offering lessons about arrogant behavior.

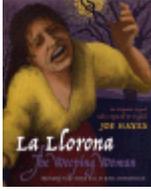


Hamilton, Martha, and Mitch Weiss. ***The Hidden Feast: A Folktale from the American South.***

August House Publishers Inc.; 2006.

ISBN: 978-0-87483-758-2

The barnyard animals have a good time at their neighbors' party until dinner is served, when the feast appears to be disappointing and Rooster rudely storms off before discovering a hidden treat.



Hayes, Joe. ***La Llorona, the Weeping Woman: An Hispanic Legend Told in Spanish and English.***

Cinco Puntos Press; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-0-938317-86-9

Retells, in parallel English and Spanish text, the traditional Hispanic American tale of a proud and beautiful woman who, in a fit of jealousy, commits a terrible act and then cannot stop weeping for it, even after she is dead.



Icenogge, Jodi. ***'Til the Cows Come Home.***

Boyd's Mills Press; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-1-56397-987-3

In the American west, a young cowboy tries to hold on to the perfect piece of leather for as long as possible in this retelling of "The Button Story," a Jewish folktale.

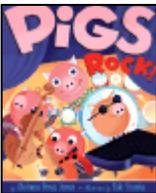


Johnson, Janet P. ***Brer Rabbit and the Wonderful Tar Baby.***

Troll Communications; 2003.

ISBN: 978-0-8167-4349-0

Relates how the wily Brer Rabbit outwits Brer Fox, who has set out to trap him.

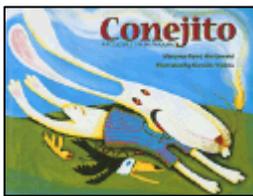


Jones, Melanie Davis. ***Pigs Rock!***

Penguin Group Inc.; 2003.

ISBN: 978-0-670-03581-6

A music band of pigs plays various kinds of music for their fans.



MacDonald, Margaret Read. ***Conejito: A Folktale from Panama.***

August House Publishers Inc.; 2006.

ISBN: 978-0-87483-779-7

In this folktale from Panama, a little rabbit and his Tia Monica outwit a fox, a tiger, and a lion, all of who want to eat him for lunch.

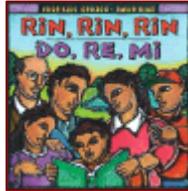


Myers, Walter Dean. **Jazz**.  
 Holiday House Inc.; 2006.  
 ISBN: 978-0-8234-1545-8  
 Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate the roots of jazz music.



Nordenstrom, Michael. **Pele and the Rivers of Fire**.  
 Bess Press Inc.; 2002.  
 ISBN: 978-1-57306-079-0  
 Tells the story of Pele, the impetuous and unpredictable Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes.

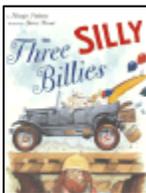
Orozco, José-Luís. **Rin, Rin, Rin/Do, Re, Mi**.



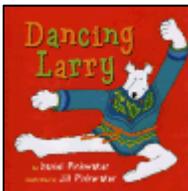
Scholastic Inc.; 2005.  
 ISBN: 978-0-439-64941-4  
 When a little boy asks his family to sing and read to him, they are only more than happy to oblige, in a bilingual picture book that introduces readers to Spanish through the use of specific terms throughout the tale.



Ortakales, Denise. **The Legend of the Old Man of the Mountain**.  
 Sleeping Bear Press; 2004.  
 ISBN: 978-1-58536-236-3  
 Love and devotion are the central themes in a retelling of the Native American legend of the Great Stone Face of Cannon Mountain and the silent vigil it keeps.

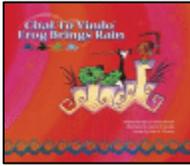


Palatini, Margie. **The Three Silly Billies**.  
 Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2005.  
 ISBN: 978-0-689-85862-8  
 Three billy goats, unable to cross a bridge because they cannot pay the toll, form a car pool with the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, and Jack of beanstalk fame to get past the rude Troll.



Pinkwater, Daniel M. **Dancing Larry**.  
 Marshall Cavendish Corporation; 2006.  
 ISBN: 978-0-7614-5220-1  
 Larry the polar bear follows in the footsteps of little Mildred Frobisher's ballet class to overcome strict Madame Swoboda's admonition that "bears have no place in ballet."

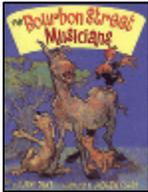
Powell, Patricia Hruby. ***Chal to Yinilo: Frog Brings Rain.***



Salina Bookshelf; 2006.

ISBN: 978-1-893354-08-1

This is a delightful retelling from the Navajo tradition explaining how rain comes to earth with the help of Crane and Frog.



Price, Kathy. ***The Bourbon Street Musicians.***

Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 2002.

ISBN: 978-0-618-04076-6

A Cajun retelling of the classic tale of four animals, past their prime, who set out together to become musicians.

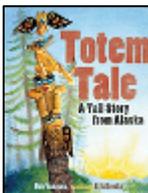
Roberts, Brenda C. ***Jazzy Miz Mozetta.***



Farrar, Straus & Giroux; 2004.

ISBN: 978-0-374-33674-5

On a beautiful evening, Miz Mozetta puts on her red dress and blue shoes and dances the jitterbug just like she did many years before.



Vanasse, Deb. ***A Totem Tale: A Tall Story from Alaska.***

Sasquatch Books; 2006.

ISBN: 978-1-57061-439-2

On a full moon night in Alaska, a traditional native totem pole magically comes to life. The Grizzly, Beaver, Frog, and Raven all stretch, scratch, and voice their relief at being free at last. But then the first dawn light appears on the horizon, and the totems have to reassemble themselves in the proper order before morning. Who should be on top of whom? Can wise Raven reason with these contentious creatures?

Villasenor, Victor. ***The Frog and his Friends Save Humanity/la Rana y Sus Amigos Salvan a la Humanidad.***



Arte Publico Press; 2005.

ISBN: 978-1-55885-429-1

In the Spring of Creation, the animals gather around a newly arrived creature and decide that it is funny and cute—a joke of Mother Nature—and work together to save this first human child from extinction.



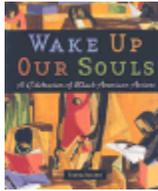
Waldman, Debby. ***A Sack Full of Feathers.***

Orca Book Publishers; 2006.

ISBN: 978-1-55143-332-5

A traditional folktale instructing about the harm of gossip in a charming picture book.

## Booktalks



Bolden, Tonya. ***Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists.***

Harry N. Abrams Inc.; 2004.

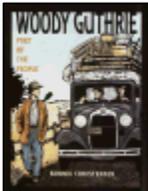
ISBN: 978-0-8109-4527-2

Presents a history of African-American visual arts and artists from the days of slavery to the present. (Upper Elementary)

Celenza, Anna Harwell. ***Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.***

Charlesbridge Publishing Inc.; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-57091-556-7

In January of 1924, 26-year-old pianist George Gershwin finds himself slated to compose, in only five weeks, a concerto that defines American music. The result is his masterpiece, "Rhapsody in Blue." (Upper Elementary)



Christensen, Bonnie. ***Woody Guthrie, Poet of the People.***

Alfred A. Knopf Inc.; 2001. ISBN: 978-0-375-81113-5

Celebrates the life and career of the folk musician who wrote over 1,000 songs championing the poor, the disenfranchised, labor unions, and America and its people, before he was silenced by Huntington's disease. (Upper Elementary)

Curry, Jane Louise. ***Hold Up the Sky.***

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-689-85287-9

Twenty-six tales from 14 Indian tribes that lived in Texas or the southern Plains over the past 250 years with a brief introduction to the history of each tribe. (Upper Elementary)

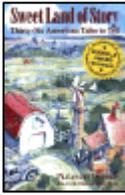


Debon, Nicolas. ***Four Pictures by Emily Carr.***

Groundwood Books; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-88899-532-2

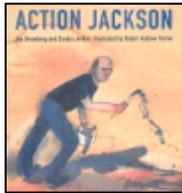
The author pens an illustrated fictional biography of painter Emily Carr, chronicling her life through four of her paintings, from her first sketching trip through her exhibition at the National Gallery and beyond. (Upper Elementary)

DeSpain, Pleasant. ***Sweet Land of Story: Thirty-Six American Tales to Tell.***



August House Publishers Inc.; 2001.  
ISBN: 978-0-87483-569-4

Thirty-six true, tall, and traditional tales, primarily from the 19<sup>th</sup> century or earlier, selected by a professional storyteller and divided by the region of the United States from which they originated. (All Audiences)



Greenberg, Jan, and Sandra Jordan. ***Action Jackson.***

Roaring Brook Press; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-7613-1682-4

Imagines Jackson Pollock at work during the creation of one of his paint-swirled and splattered canvasses. (Upper Elementary)

Griffin, Peni R. ***The Music Thief.***



Henry Holt and Company Books For Young Readers; 2002.

ISBN: 978-0-8050-7055-2

Living in San Antonio, Texas, 11-year-old Alma tries to cope with the drive-by shooting death of her favorite Latina singer, as well as deal with the struggles of her various family members, and finds herself doing something she knows is wrong. (Upper Elementary)

Grover, Lorie Ann. ***On Pointe.***

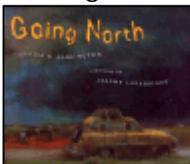


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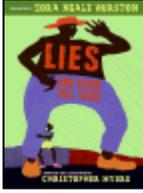
In this novel written in free verse, Clare and her grandfather must deal with changes in their lives when Clare's summer growth spurt threatens to end her dream of becoming a ballet dancer and her grandfather suffers a stroke. (Upper Elementary)

Harrington, Janice N., Jerome Lagarrique. ***Going North.***

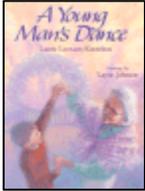


Farrar, Straus & Giroux; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-374-32681-4

A young African-American girl and her family leave their home in Alabama and head for Lincoln, Nebraska, where they hope to escape segregation and find a better life. (Upper Elementary)



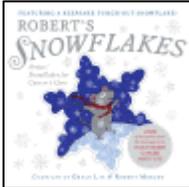
Hurston, Zora Neale. ***Lies and Other Tall Tales.***  
HarperCollins Publishers; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-06-000655-6  
A compilation of tall tales collected by folklorist Zora Neale Hurston during her travels in the Gulf states during the 1930s. (Upper Elementary)



Knowlton, Laurie. ***A Young Man's Dance.***  
Boyd's Mills Press; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-59078-259-0  
Grandma Ronnie's grandson has a hard time adjusting to her needing a wheelchair, living in a nursing home, and not recognizing him when he comes to visit her. (Upper Elementary)

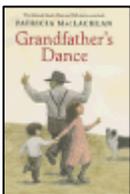
Lang, Andrew. ***The Red Fairy Book.***  
BiblioBazaar; 2007. ISBN: 978-1-4264-3068-8  
Once there was a man whose one wish was to get rich. When his wish was granted, he did not want to die, so he made up his mind to search for a land where there was no death.

Lin, Grace. ***Robert's Snowflakes: Artists' Snowflakes for Cancer's Cure.*** Penguin Group Inc.; 2005.



ISBN: 978-0-670-06044-3  
Haiku by well-known authors highlight this collection of illustrated snowflakes created by children's book illustrators for an auction to raise money for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. (Upper Elementary)

MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Grandfather's Dance.***



HarperCollins Publishers; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-06-027561-7  
As her family gathers for the wedding of her sister, fourth-grader Cassie Whiting sees the many changes brought about by everyday life and finds comfort in the love of those around her, especially her grandfather. (Upper Elementary)

Madden, Kerry. ***Gentle's Holler.***

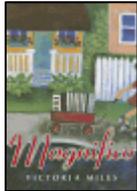


Penguin Group Inc.; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-670-05998-0  
In the early 1960s, 12-year-old songwriter Livy Two Weems dreams of seeing the world beyond the Maggie Valley, North Carolina, holler where she lives in poverty with her parents and eight brothers and sisters, but understands that she must put family first. (Upper Elementary)

Marsalis, Wynton. ***Jazz A-B-Z: An A to Z Collection of Jazz Portraits.***  
Candlewick Press; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-7636-2135-3



Profiles 26 of the jazz greats of all time, from Count Basie to Louis Armstrong, through a review of their work, their life stories, and their greatest hits by one of today's top jazz performers. (Upper Elementary)



Miles, Victoria. ***Magnifico.***  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, Limited; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-55041-960-3  
Mariangela's Italian immigrant family arranges for accordion lessons for her, and even though she cannot be inspired to play well, Mariangela is fascinated by her teacher, whose stories of his life help her to understand her own family. (Upper Elementary)



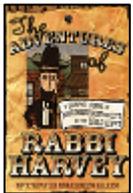
San Souci, Robert D. ***Double-Dare to Be Scared: Another Thirteen Chilling Tales.***  
Cricket Books; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-8126-2716-9  
This collection for middle readers offers 13 diverse scary stories, including fantasy, science fiction, and ghost tales. (Upper Elementary)

Scieszka, Jon. ***Seen Art?***  
Penguin Group Inc.; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-670-05986-7

While trying to find his friend, Art, a young boy accidentally stumbles upon the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan. Thinking his friend is inside, he gets a tour of some of the most wonderful modern art the world has to offer.  
(Upper Elementary)



Sheinkin, Steve. ***The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey: A Graphic Novel of Jewish Wisdom and Wit in the Wild West.***



Jewish Lights Publishing; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-58023-310-1  
Rabbi Harvey—part Wild West sheriff, part old world rebbe—is famous throughout the western frontier for his wisdom and kindness. He resolves conflict, offers friendship, teaches Jewish values, and loves a good meal and a game of baseball. (Upper Elementary)

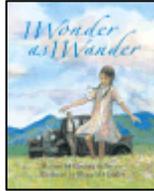


Stemple, Heidi, and Jane Yolen. ***The Barefoot Book of Ballet Stories***. Barefoot Books Inc.; 2004.

ISBN: 978-1-84148-229-3

Retellings of seven of the world's greatest ballet stories. (Upper Elementary)

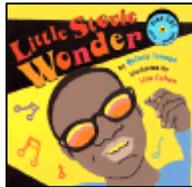
Swain, Gwenyth. ***I Wonder as I Wander***.



William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; 2004.

ISBN: 978-0-8028-5214-4

In this fictional account of the folk song's origin, a girl writes a song that expresses her feelings about Jesus while dealing with the loss of her mother and life on the roads of Appalachia after her father becomes an itinerant preacher. (Upper Elementary)



Troupe, Quincy. ***Little Stevie Wonder***.

Houghton Mifflin Company Trade & Reference Division; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-618-34060-6

A poem tribute to musician and composer Stevie Wonder. (Upper Elementary)



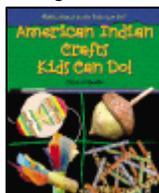
Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***The Great Googlestein Museum Mystery***. Penguin Group Inc.; 2003.

ISBN: 978-0-8037-2765-6

Three adventurous mice escape from their home at Macy's department store and spend an exciting week in the Guggenheim Museum, creating a sensation in the art world. (Upper Elementary)

## Crafts and Games

Gnojewski, Carol. ***American Indian Crafts Kids Can Do!***



Enslow Publishers Inc.; 2006.

ISBN: 978-0-7660-2458-8

Learn about different tribes while putting together crafts that represent each, and learn some games. (Elementary)

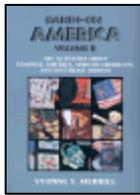
[Create a children's folk art wall mural](#) at your library.

Variations:

- Create group mural on large sheet of butcher block paper. Section off the paper by drawing straight lines to create separate work areas. Depending on the age of the patrons, several children can work together.
- Print each child's name at the top of his or her section of the paper.
- Create a sidewalk chalk drawing with a folk art theme.
- Establish an art exhibit at the library, using original artwork of young patrons, using the theme, "North American Culture."

Merrill, Yvonne Y. ***Hands-On America, Vol. 2: Art Activities About Colonial America, African-Americans, and Southeast Indians.***

KITS Publishing; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-9778797-0-0



This book contains more than three dozen historically accurate projects that allow young readers to create tools, household goods, and other commonly used items of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Each project includes detailed background information that explains the item's cultural relevance, easy-to-follow instructions, and a photograph illustrating the finished project. (Upper Elementary)

Ross, Kathy. ***Step-By-Step Crafts for Summer.***



Boyd's Mills Press; 2007. ISBN: 978-1-59078-360-3

Step-by-step illustrations guide children age five and up in making 20 summer crafts, including games, toys, holiday (Father's Day, Fourth of July) crafts, useful and wearable items, decorations, and gifts. (Lower Elementary)

## Poetry



Alarcón, Francisco X. ***Poems to Dream Together: Poemas para soñar Juntos.***

Lee & Low Books Inc.; 2005.

ISBN: 978-1-58430-233-9

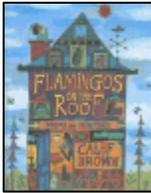
A collection of poems in English and Spanish discusses imagination, dreams, family, and growing up in California and in Mexico. (Upper Elementary)



Bates, Katharine Lee. ***America the Beautiful.***  
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-0-316-73743-2  
Four verses of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century poem, illustrated by the author's great-great-grandnephew. (Upper Elementary)



Bernier-Grand, Carmen T. ***Cesar: Si, Se Puede! Yes, We Can!***  
Marshall Cavendish Corporation; 2004.  
ISBN: 978-0-7614-5172-3  
Poems celebrate the life and accomplishments of labor leader Caesar Chavez. (Upper Elementary)

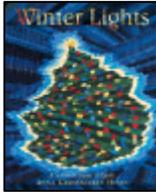


Brown, Calef. ***Flamingos on the Roof: Poems and Paintings.***  
Houghton Mifflin Company; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-618-56298-5  
Collects 29 poems featuring zany characters, including Bob and Bossy Casey and singing Mr. Andy Mandolin, as they gather around Weatherbee's Diner and visit the Soggy Circus. (Elementary)

Fletcher, Ralph J. ***A Writing Kind of Day: Poems for Young Poets.***  
Boyd's Mills Press; 2004. ISBN: 978-1-59078-276-7  
A series of poems takes the reader inside the creative process, revealing both the playfulness and the power of poetry that can be written about anything, from a squished squirrel or grammar homework to a baby sister or failing grandmother. (Upper Elementary)

Grandits, John. ***Technically, It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems.***  
Houghton Mifflin Company; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-618-42833-5  
Offers the thoughts of an 11-year-old boy who, through a collection of poetry and illustrations, ponders the many things he sees and experiences in the world around him. (Upper Elementary)

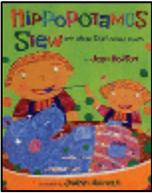
Gunning, Monica. ***America, My New Home.***  
Boyd's Mills Press; 2004. ISBN: 978-1-59078-057-2  
Poems describe a young Jamaican immigrant's new experiences as she faces life in the United States, including hearing new languages; loneliness; and visiting Washington, D.C., the circus, and a library. (Upper Elementary)



Hines, Anna Grossnickle. ***Winter Lights: A Season in Poems and Quilts.*** HarperCollins Publishers; 2005.

ISBN: 978-0-06-000817-8

Presents 16 poems about the dark, winter months with 15 original quilt creations representing the various forms of light, including a Christmas tree, fireplace, lighted candle, and moonlight on the snow. (Upper Elementary)



Horton, Joan. ***Hippopotamus Stew and Other Silly Animal Poems.***

Henry Holt and Company; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-8050-7350-8

A collection of easy-to-read animal poems presents animals of all shapes and sizes in humorous situations and settings, including a sneaker-wearing centipede and a berry-flavored jellyfish. (Upper Elementary)



Kennedy, Caroline. ***A Family of Poems: My Favorite Poetry for Children.***

Hyperion Press; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-7868-5111-9

An anthology of poems celebrating poetry's ability to connect us like family. (Upper Elementary)

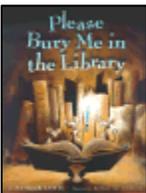
Larios, Julie Hofstrand. ***Yellow Elephant: A Bright Bestiary.***



Harcourt Trade Publishers; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-15-205422-9

A collection of 14 poems describes animals of all shapes, sizes, and colors, including a red donkey, a purple puppy, and a blue turtle.

(Upper Elementary)



Lewis, J. Patrick. ***Please Bury Me in the Library.***

Harcourt Children's Books; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-15-216387-7

A collection of poems celebrating the joys of reading, books, libraries, and all things literary. (Upper Elementary)

Ochoa, Annette. ***Night is Gone, Day is Still Coming: Stories and Poems by American Indian Teens and Young Adults.***



Candlewick Press; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-7636-1518-5  
Collects poetry, prose, and memoirs from 57 young American Indians expressing their thoughts and views on such topics as life, love, heritage, family, and identity. (Upper Elementary)

Rowden, Justine. ***Paint Me a Poem: Poems Paired with Glorious Museum Paintings.***



Boyd's Mills Press; 2005. ISBN: 978-1-59078-289-7  
A collection of 14 poems, drawn from paintings in the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., advocates appreciating art by enjoying the colors and getting lost in the details. (Upper Elementary)

## Poetry and Music

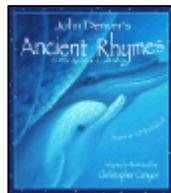
Carpenter, Mrs. Kate. ***Florida Family Folksongs.***

Mrs. Kate Carpenter; 2005. ASIN: B000CAGKVG  
Includes "Livin' in Okeefenokee," "Hey Little Scrub Jay," "Anhinga," "Hot Boiled Peanuts," "Jessamine," "Florida Rain," "Coon in the Can," "Florida Sunshine," "Florida Kids Jingle Bells," "Honeysuckle," "Takin' Enough Time," and "She Still Sings."  
(All audiences)

Carpenter, Mrs. Kate. ***Hug-a-Bug-a-Boo.***

Mrs. Kate Carpenter; 2003. ASIN: B000CAE9Y6.  
Includes "Give Me a Smile," "Crack a Book," "Hug-a-Bug-a-Boo," "Time with You," "Ode to Leftovers," "Mothers of Teenagers, Unite!," "Who Put a Toothpick in My Waterbed?," "Two Hands to Work," "Bifocal Blues," and "Do it Again." (All audiences)

Denver, John. ***Ancient Rhymes, a Dolphin Lullaby: With Audio CD and Score.***



Dawn Publications; 2004. ISBN: 978-1-58469-064-1  
A picture book adaptation of John Denver's song "Ancient Rhymes," celebrating the birth of a dolphin. (Upper Elementary)



Vande Griek, Susan. ***The Art Room.***

Groundwood Books; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-88899-449-3

Visits the classroom of Canadian artist Emily Carr as she teaches her young students to paint the natural world. (Upper Elementary)

Various Artists. ***American Lullaby.***

Ellipsis Arts; 2003. ASIN: B00009PJR8

Folk, country, gospel, and old-timey bedtime songs, including "Prairie Lullaby," "Hobo's Lullaby," "Mama Loves," "Song for Two Pamelas," "Lulalulay," "Home on the Range," "Resophonic Lullaby," "Cowgirl's Lullaby," "My Creole Belle," "Hush L'il Baby," "All the Pretty Little Horses," "Hush Little Baby," "Who's Goin' to Shoe Your Pretty Little Foot?," and "Love Me Tender." (All Audiences)

Various Artists. **[Best of The Land of Nod Store Music.](#)**

Land of Nod; 2005. ASIN: B000B6TR5M.

Includes "All Around the Kitchen," "Red, Red Robin," "Yellow Bus," "Ladybug Picnic," "The Old Hen Cackled and the Rooster Laid the Egg," "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," "Skip to My Lou," "The Banana Splits," "Where Do They Make Balloons?," "Le Hoogie Boogie," "This Old Man," "I Had a Rooster," "Why, Oh Why?," and "Sherm the Worm." (All audiences)

Various Artists. **[Best of the Land of Nod Store Music, Vol. 2.](#)**

Land of Nod; 2006. ASIN: B000F1HG9W.

Includes "Don't Let Us Bug Ya," "Mahna Mahna," "Rock Island Line," "Backyard Spaceship," "The Crawdad Song," "Everything'll Be Alright," "Lemonade Stand," "Unpack Your Adjectives," "Linus and Lucy," "Car Car," "Rooty Toot Toot for the Moon," "Red Bird," "The Fox," and "Over the Rainbow." (All audiences)

Various Artists. ***This Land is Your Land: Songs of Unity.***

Music Little People; 2002. ASIN: B00006JOBT

Includes "The Kids in School With Me," "This Land is Your Land," "Reflections of Woody Guthrie," "If I Had a Hammer," "Everyday People," "Ballad of the Underground Railroad," "Follow the Drinking Gourd," "The Story of Claudette Colvin," "Sister Rosa," "Calypso Freedom," "Human Family," "Like Me and You," "Anishinabe," "Somos el Barco," and "Dreams of Harmony." (All audiences)

## Web Sites

### [Cultures of North America.](#)

MSU EMuseum; 2003.

Brief information about Native American cultures.

### [DiscoverySchool.com: North American Cultures.](#)

Discovery Education; 2006.

Good site for gleaning cultural activities for the whole continent.

### [Florida Folk Festival: 2007.](#)

Florida Folk Festival; 2007.

Information about the Florida Folk Festival.

### [Folk Art and Artists from Canada.](#)

Jantje Blokhuis-Mulder; 2004.

Learn about wonderful creative souls from Canada.

### [Folk Art and Artists from Mexico.](#)

Jantje Blokhuis-Mulder; 2004.

Discover the folk art of Mexico.

### [Folk Art and Artists from the United States of America: USA.](#)

Jantje Blokhuis-Mulder; 2004.

Find out about interesting creative folks from the U.S. (Note: This is a listing of artists with links to other sites. Some links are dead. If an artist is interesting to you, search for them by name.)

### [Folklife Sourcebook: A Directory of Folklife Resources in the United States.](#)

Library of Congress; 2006.

A reference site for publishers of folklife materials.

### [Handsoncrafts.org.](#)

Hands on Crafts; 2007.

The Web site encourages children to learn about pottery, weaving, quilting, and basketry techniques and traditions by playing around in online studios. (Elementary)

### [Instructional Dance, Exercise & Sports Videos for Kids.](#)

Active Videos; 2007.

An excellent reference site for exercise videos for children.

### [Letterboxing Kids.](#)

WebRing Inc.; 2007.

This page includes how to get started with letterboxing, a game, photo album, instructions on how to use a compass, and a story.

[\*National Gallery of Art: NGAkids.\*](#)

National Gallery of Art; 2007.

Nice site with interactive online activities and games. (Elementary)

[\*What is Folklife?: The American Folklife Center.\*](#)

Library of Congress; 2005.

Great site to get your culture feet wet!

## **Community Activities**

- Attend and/or participate in a local or regional folk festival, starting with the Florida Folk Festival.
- Invite a representative of the folk festival to your library for a presentation.
- Sponsor a local children's folk festival, encouraging young patrons to demonstrate their original songs, dances, artwork, and poetry.
- Initiate a partnership with your local art gallery or museum for displays or a visit from a representative.
- Invite a local artist to give introductory art lessons.
- Invite a local dance school to conduct a short program or a class demonstrating simple folk dance techniques (like square dancing or clogging).
- Put on one of the folk music CDs and have fun creating your own dance routines.
- Family Folk Artist Interview. Have students ask their parents if there is or has been anyone in their family involved in quilting, woodworking, painting, or making any type of object that requires creativity, skill, and imagination. If possible, have patrons interview the artist(s) in their family and bring in some of their creations (or photos of their creations) to share with the group.
- Invite members of a local poetry club to conduct a poetry workshop.
- Host a youth poetry jam at your library.
- Sponsor a youth poetry writing contest.

# South America



Hola Amigos! Bienvenidos! Welcome to South America! Sail the Amazon to the heart of the continent where myth and legend walk hand in hand. Visit the ancient Heights of Machu Picchu. Explore the Galapagos Islands where giant turtles grunt, marine iguanas spit their salty spray, and tiny penguins dart through the waters.

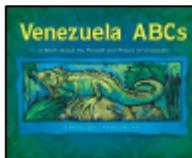
South America is home to the world's highest waterfall, Angel Falls in Venezuela; the largest river, the Amazon River; the longest mountain range, the Andes; the driest desert, the Atacama Desert; the largest rainforest, the Amazon Rainforest; the highest capital city, La Paz, Bolivia; and the world's southernmost town, Puerto Toro, Chile.

In South America, adventure and magic never ends!

## Stories to Share Together or Read Alone

### Lower Elementary Stories

Cooper, Sharon Katz. *Venezuela ABCs: A Book about the People and Places of Venezuela.*



Picture Window Books; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-4048-2250-4  
Oil, mangoes, and Angel Falls. International beauty contest winners and the golden legend of El Dorado. Wander inside this beautiful book to learn the ABCs of what makes Venezuela a South American jewel.

Ehlert, Lois. *Moon Rope.*

Tandem Library Books; 2003. ISBN: 978-0-613-70661-2

In this imaginative take on an ancient Peruvian tale, Fox persuades Mole to climb with him on a grass rope he has braided and—with the birds' help—hitched to the moon.

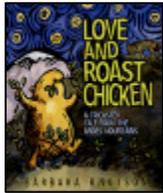
Gonzalez, Lucía M. ***Señor Cat's Romance and Other Favorite Stories from Latin America.***

Scholastic Inc.; 2001. ISBN: 978-0-439-27863-8



"Señor Cat's Romance" ("El Romance de Don Gato") is an old story from Spain. It is known as a song or as a story in rhyme. It is usually played as a game. In "How Uncle Rabbit Tricked Uncle Tiger," Tío Conejo is a very clever and cunning little fellow who loves to play tricks on his powerful rivals, Tío Tigre (the tiger) or Tía Zorra (the fox), and always manages to get away with it. Perfect for a puppet show or stick puppets.

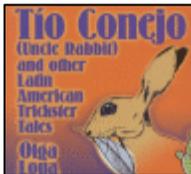
Knutson, Barbara. ***Love and Roast Chicken: A Trickster Tale from the Andes Mountains.***



Lerner Publishing Group; 2004. ISBN: 978-1-57505-657-9  
Cuy, a clever guinea pig, manages to escape three times from a hungry fox. In their final encounter, Cuy, trapped by a sticky doll and tied to a tree by a farmer, talks Tío Antonio into switching places with him. A glossary provides a pronunciation guide for the Spanish and Quechua words.

Loya, Olga. ***Tío Conejo and other Latin American Trickster Tales.***

August House Publishers Inc.; 1997. ISBN: 978-0-87483-768-1



Latino stories of the trickster are told in many countries and retold to each generation because they instruct, and because they are fun. In folktales, the trickster can be the wise one or the fool, the one who fools or the one who is fooled.



Seidman, David. ***Brazil ABCs: A Book About the People and Places of Brazil.***

Picture Window Books; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-4048-2248-1  
Parrots, rain forests, and the Amazon River. Soccer legends and the Carnival of Rio de Janeiro. Discover the ABCs of a country known worldwide for its deep jungles and amazing

variety of plant and animal life in this tour of Brazil.

Torres, Leyla. ***Saturday Sancocho.***

Tandem Library Books; 1999. ISBN: 978-0-613-84583-0

Maria Lili and her grandmother barter a dozen eggs at the market square to get the ingredients to cook their traditional Saturday chicken sancocho.

Includes recipe.

## Upper Elementary Stories

Cherry, Lynne. ***The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest.*** Book Wholesalers Inc.; 2002. ISBN: 978-0-7587-2651-3

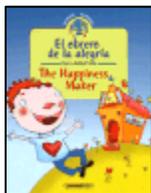
In the dense, green Amazon rain forest, a man is chopping down a great Kapok tree. The animals who live among its leaves and branches beg him not to destroy their home and tell him how important every tree is in the rain forest. An anteater reminds the man, "What happens tomorrow depends on what you do today." Finally, a Yanomamo child of the rain forest pleads, "When you awake, please look upon us all with new eyes."



DeSpain, Pleasant. ***The Emerald Lizard: Fifteen Latin American Tales to Tell in English and Spanish.***

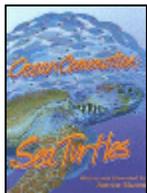
August House Publishers Inc.; 1999. ISBN: 978-0-87483-552-6  
A retelling in English and Spanish of 15 traditional tales from a variety of Latin American countries.

Espitia, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Jairo Anibal Nino. ***The Happiness Maker/El obrero de la alegría.***



Panamericana Editorial; 2004. ISBN: 978-958301-4659

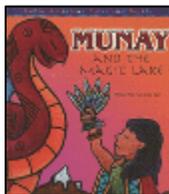
In this inspiring picture book, Pedro Pablo wakes up every morning despite all of the bad things that happen to him in a big metropolis like Bogotá. His day is happy because he remembers all of the good things that happen to him as well.



Mason, Janeen. ***Ocean Commotion: Sea Turtles.***

Pelican Publishing Company Inc.; 2006.  
ISBN: 978-1-58980-434-0

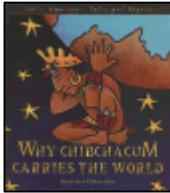
A turtle hatchling is born on a Florida beach and begins her adventure from there to the Azores, South America, and back to Florida 25 years later to lay her own eggs.



Sepehri, Sandy. ***Munay and the Magic Lake: Based on an Inca Tale.***

Rourke Publishing, LLC; 2007. ISBN: 978-1-60044-146-2  
A South American myth or Incan story about a magic lake.

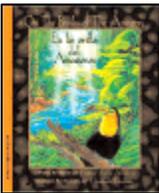
Sepehri, Sandy. ***Why Chibchacum Carries the World: Based on a Colombian Legend.***



Rourke Publishing, LLC; 2007. ISBN: 978-1-60044-215-5  
Columbian legend about the origin of earthquakes. Vibrant artwork highlights this South American moral myth. This folktale from the Inca is brought to life by stunning illustrations.

## Booktalks

Allen, Nancy Kelly. ***On the Banks of the Amazon/En las orillas del Amazonas.***



Raven Tree Press; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-9720192-7-9  
This rainforest adventure is full of exotic scenes and exposes an abundance of wildlife. Bold, colorful illustrations transport readers into a lush, untamed world. Bilingual, full-text translations in both English and Spanish. Keyword vocabulary page in the back of the book for reference. (Upper Elementary)

Allende, Isabel. ***City of the Beasts.***



HarperCollins Publishers; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-06-077645-9  
When 15-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians. (Upper Elementary)



Barlow, Genevieve. ***Stories from Latin America: Historias de Latinoamerica.***

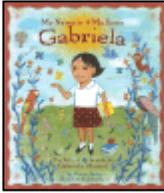
The McGraw-Hill Companies; 1995. ISBN: 978-0-8442-0812-1  
These enduring legends offer insights into the history and culture of Latin American countries. For ease of comprehension, they are told in both Spanish and English, on facing pages. (Upper Elementary)

Benatar, Raquel, and Pablo Torrecilla. ***Isabel Allende: Recuerdos para un Cuento.***

Arte Publico Press; 2004. ISBN: 978-1-56492-341-7

This intriguing bilingual picture book not only introduces young readers to the life of an important author of our time, but also demonstrates how they, too, can use their experiences to write their own family stories. (Lower Elementary)

Brown, Monica. ***My Name is Gabriela/Me Llamo Gabriela: The Life of Gabriela Mistral/la Vida de Gabriela Mistral.***



Northland Publishing; 2005. ISBN: 978-0-87358-859-1

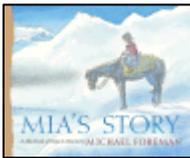
This bilingual picture book is a lyrical homage to Chilean teacher and poet Gabriela Mistral, the first Latina woman to win the Nobel Prize. As a poet and a teacher, she inspired children across many countries to let their voices be heard. (Lower Elementary)

Delacre, Lulu. ***Golden Tales: Myths, Legends, and Folktales from Latin America.***

DIANE Publishing Company; 2006. ISBN: 978-1-4223-5300-4

This handsome volume features four cultures and 13 countries. Each section begins with a brief description of the culture of origin and an appendix provides sources for the myths. The stories are embellished with oil paintings and traditional motifs. The collection includes the chapter "From the Land of the Muisca," with the story of "El Dorado" (a Colombian Legend). It also includes three stories from the Lands of the Quechua, children of the Inca, "Manco Capac and the Rod of Gold" (an Inca-Quechua Myth), "Kákuy" (a Quechua folktale from Bolivia), and "The Courier" (a Quechua Legend from Bolivia). (Upper Elementary)

Foreman, Michael. ***Mia's Story: A Sketchbook of Hopes and Dreams.***



Candlewick Press; 2006. ISBN: 978-0-7636-3063-8

In a bleak little village in Chile, Papa comes home from his day of selling metal scraps with a wonderful surprise for his daughter, Mia. (Lower Elementary)

Jepson-Gilbert, Anita. ***María and the Stars of Nazca (María y las Estrellas de Nazca).***

TAE Nazca Resources; 2004. ISBN: 978-0-9749745-1-4

A bilingual children's book about the giant Nazca Lines in Peru and the woman who revealed them to the world. Authentic depictions introduce readers of all ages to the gigantic land figures and lines that María Reiche studied and worked to preserve for over 50 years. (Lower Elementary)

Loya, Olga. ***Momentos Mágicos.***

Turtleback Books; 1998. ISBN: 978-0-606-19259-0

Fifteen stories, full of *momentos mágicos* (magic moments) and presented in equally vibrant English and Spanish, include tales of the supernatural, of animals and tricksters, of strong women, and myths. In stories from Mexico; Guatemala; Nicaragua; Puerto Rico; Cuba; Colombia; and the Mayan, Chol, and Aztec peoples; Loya works her magic to create humorous, vital, and powerful renditions of centuries-old legends. (Lower Elementary)

## Music

Canto, Sol Y. ***El Doble de Amigos: Twice as Many Friends.***

Rounder Select; 2003. ASIN: B0000AUHRL

A bilingual music CD meant to introduce children to the lively beat of Latin music by combining dance-worthy rhythms, high-energy vocals, and joyful lyrics sung in both English and Spanish spanning topics such as numbers, days of the week, parts of the body, self-esteem, ethnic diversity, peace, flying kites, and more. (Lower Elementary)

Greg & Steve. ***We All Live Together Vol. 4.***

Youngheart; 1987. ASIN: B00000G40P

This CD includes Spanish and English versions of "The Days of the Week" song. (Preschool)

Kimbo Educational. ***Joining Hands with Other Lands: Multicultural Songs and Games.***

Kimbo Educational; 2001. ASIN: B00000DARS

Multicultural songs and games. Recommended tracks: "Joining Hands with Other Lands," "Mi Casa Su Casa," "The Caribbean Mango Song," and "Uno Uno, Dos Dos." (Lower Elementary)

Orozco, José-Luís. ***De Colores and Other Latin American Folk Songs.***

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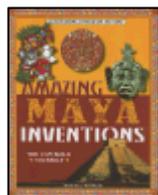
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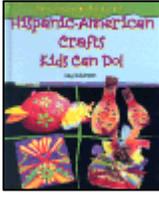


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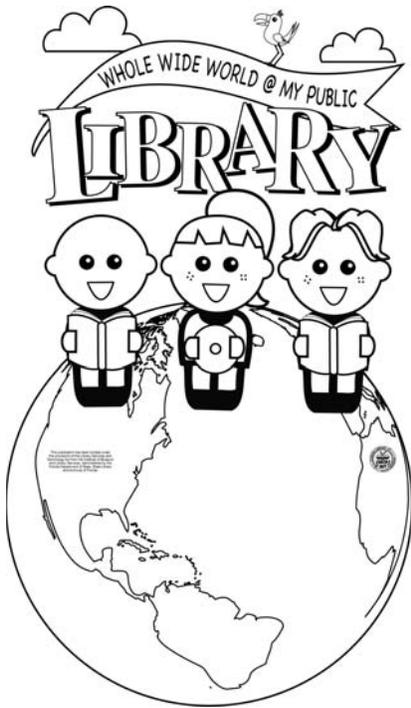
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