

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

304.6 Sm

Smith, David J (David Julian), 1944-. If the world were a village : a book about the world's people. Tonawanda, NY : Kids Can Press, c2002. Tells who we are, where we live, how fast we are growing, what languages we speak, what religions we practice and more.

305.2 Li

A life like mine. 1st American ed. London ; : DK, 2002. Looks at what life is like for children of different countries and how each child can fulfill his or her hopes and ambitions no matter how little or much their human rights are infringed.

306 Prof

Menzel, Peter, 1948-. Material world : a global family portrait. San Francisco : Sierra Club Books, 1995, c1994.

324.6 Do

Donlan, Leni. Working for change. Chicago : Raintree, c2008. Remember the ladies -- A woman's place -- Seneca Falls convention -- Women work for change -- Civil War -- Government changes -- Change continues -- Out west -- Women make more progress -- Woman suffrage-finally! -- Museum of suffrage. Primary source materials help chronicle the fight for women's voting rights, profiling key figures in the battle and highlighting important events and milestones in women's struggle to gain equal voting rights in the United States.

327.1 Ke

Kerley, Barbara. A little peace. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, c2007. Juxtaposes photographs from around the world with a simple message about our responsibilities for making and keeping peace on the planet.

333.7 GI

Gleason, Carrie, 1973-. Environmental activist. New York : Crabtree, c2010. Describes how environmental activists work to preserve and improve the natural environment.

371 Mo

Mortenson, Greg. Listen to the wind : the story of Dr. Greg and Three cups of tea. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2009. The story of the school Greg Mortenson vowed to

help Korphe build after he stumbled into the remote Himalayan village during a failed climb up K2.

372.1 Ad

Adamson, Heather. A day in the life of a teacher. Mankato, MN : Capstone Press, 2004. How do teachers start their days? -- Do teachers work alone? -- How do teachers know what to teach each day? -- Where do teachers eat lunch? -- What do teachers read? -- What do teachers do while students are at other classes? -- What do teachers do after school? -- Do teachers have homework?. This book follows an elementary school teacher through the work day, and describes the occupation and what the job requires.

526 Le

Leedy, Loreen. Mapping Penny's world. New York : Holt, c2000. After learning about maps in school, Lisa maps all the favorite places of her dog, Penny.

551.1Mc

McNulty, Faith. How to dig a hole to the other side of the world. 1st Harper Trophy ed. New York : HarperCollins, 1990, c1979. A child takes an imaginary 8,000-mile journey through the earth and discovers what's inside.

591.6 Je

Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. Never smile at a monkey : and 17 other important things to remember. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Readers will learn just how dangerous a creature can be when it is threatened--or even when it looks completely harmless.

818.5 Wi

Wisniewski, David. The secret knowledge of grown-ups. New York : Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books/Morrow, c1998. A humorous revelation of the real reasons why adults tell children to do things, such as "Eat your vegetables," "Comb your hair," and "Don't blow bubbles in your milk."

B Ge

George, Jean Craighead, 1919-. The tarantula in my purse : and 172 other wild pets. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins Publishers, c1996. A collection of autobiographical stories about raising a houseful of children and wild pets including crows, skunks, and raccoons.

E Al

Allen, Susan, 1951-. Read anything good lately? Brookfield, Conn. : Millbrook Press, c2003. An alphabetical look at some different places and things to read, from an atlas at the airport to a zodiac at the zoo.

E Bu

Bunting, Eve. The Wednesday surprise. New York : Clarion, c1989. On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read.

E Cr

Creech, Sharon. A fine, fine school. 1st ed. New York : Joanna Cotler Books, c2001. When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too.

E Ha

Harrington, Janice N. The chicken-chasing queen of Lamar County. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, c2007. A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.

E Hi

Hills, Tad. How Rocket learned to read. 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2010. A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the alphabet.

E Hi

Hills, Tad. Rocket writes a story. 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2012. "Rocket writes a story about a new friend, the owl"--Provided by publisher.

E Hu

Hurst, Carol Otis. Rocks in his head. 1st ed. [New York] : Greenwillow Books, c2001. A young man has a lifelong love of rock collecting that eventually leads him to work at a science museum.

E Ki

Kirk, Daniel. Library mouse. New York : Abrams Books for Young Readers :, 2007. Sam, a shy but creative mouse who lives in a library, decides to write and illustrate his own stories which he places on the shelves with the other library books but when children find the tales, they all want to meet the author.

E Mo

Morris, Carla D. The boy who was raised by librarians. 1st ed. Atlanta : Peachtree, c2007. Melvin discovers that the public library is the place where he can find just about anything-- including three librarians who help in his quest for knowledge.

E Po

Polacco, Patricia. Thank you, Mr. Falker. New York : Philomel Books, c1998. At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem.

E Ru

Rumford, James, 1948-. Rain school. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010. Written in rhyme, this story offers a tribute to the children in Chad, Africa, who on their first morning in the school yard discover that before they can start to learn they have to build the school first.

E Sc

Schotter, Roni. The boy who loved words. 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2006. Selig, who loves words and copies them on pieces of paper that he carries with him, goes on a trip to discover his purpose.

E Sh

Shulevitz, Uri, 1935-. How I learned geography. 1st ed. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2008. As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. 'Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.

E St

Stanek, Muriel. I speak English for my mom. Morton Grove, IL : A. Whitman, 1989. Lupe, a young Mexican American, must translate for her mother who speaks only Spanish until Mrs. Gomez decides to learn English in order to get a better job.

E St

Stewart, Sarah. The library. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 1999, c1995. Elizabeth likes to read so much, she starts her own public library.

E Wa

Walton, Rick. Mr. President goes to school. 1st ed. Atlanta : Peachtree, c2010. When the President finds the many pressures of his job to be overwhelming, he disguises himself and returns to kindergarten, where he is reminded of the important lessons he learned there.

E We

Wells, Rosemary. McDuff goes to school. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, 2001. When McDuff and his new French-speaking neighbors' dog are enrolled in obedience school, it seems as though McDuff has not learned his lessons.

E Ze

Zemach, Kaethe. Ms. McCaw learns to draw. 1st ed. New York : Arthur A. Levine Books, 2008. Dudley Ellington struggles to learn anything at school, but when his very patient teacher, Mrs. McGraw, is unable to draw a face on the board, he helps her figure out how to do it.

ER Re

Reibstein, Mark. Wabi Sabi. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2008. Wabi Sabi, a cat living in the city of Kyoto, learns about the Japanese concept of beauty through simplicity as she asks various animals she meets about the meaning of her name.

ER Yo

Yolen, Jane. All those secrets of the world. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1991. When four-year-old Janie's father goes off to war, the rest of the family moves to the grandparents' on the Chesapeake Bay, where Janie learns a secret of the world which helps her understand her father's long absence.