



Book Connections

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Happy Reading Month!

NCTE Statement on the Role of NonFiction Literature (K-12)

<https://ncte.org/statement/role-of-nonfiction-literature-k-12/>

“Contemporary nonfiction for young people plays a crucial role in the reading and writing lives of K–12 students. It is a rich and compelling genre that supports students’ development as critically, visually, and informationally literate 21st-century thinkers and creators. The purpose of this position statement is to propose a paradigm shift for teaching and learning with nonfiction literature in K–12 education.”

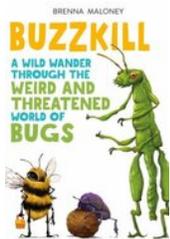
Here are four new nonfiction books, each with an original, humorous voice for curious kids.



J 576.84 McNulty
Save the People: Halting Human Extinction.

Supervolcanos? Asteroids? The sun goes dark? Climate change? Humans, with our big brains, opposable thumbs, and speedy

WiFi, may be capable of avoiding most of these events, right? (ages 8-12)



J 595.7 Maloney
Buzzkill: a Wild Wander Through the Weird and Threatening World of Bugs.

Jaw-dropping facts. You might think ew, gross. Insects are icky. Or scary. Or dangerous. But there's so much more you need to know. (ages 8-12)



J 629.45 Roach
Packing for Mars for Kids.

What is it like to float weightlessly in the air? What happens if you vomit in your helmet during a spacewalk? How do astronauts go to the bathroom? Can farts really be deadly in space? (ages 8-12)



J 641.8248 Pizzoli
Pizza: a Slice of History.

Do you like pizza? Because right now, somewhere in the world, someone is eating it. Did you know that in the United States we eat 350 slices of pizza every second? Or that in Sweden they serve pizza with bananas and peanuts? All over the world, people love pizza-but where did it come from? (ages 6-10)

HOURS

Monday-Friday, 10 am. to 5:30 pm.

Saturday, 10 am. to 4 pm.

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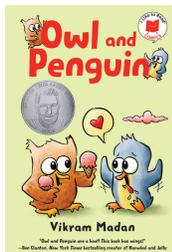
Award winning Easy Readers



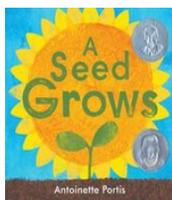
Easy Reader Emberly
I Did It!
Learning to ride a bike is hard. Can I do it? Yes, I can. A girl tries and tries again with encouragement from her friends.



Easy Reader Iwaii
Gigi and Ojiji.
Gigi can't wait for her grandpa, Ojiji to move in. Will he want to play tag, read books, play with the family dog, Roscoe? Will Gigi find a way to connect with her Ojiji?



Easy Reader Madan
Owl and Penguin.
Owl likes peace and quiet. Penguin likes to sing out loud. Best friends don't need to be the same. Can Owl and Penguin solve their problems?



J581.3 Portis
A Seed Grows.
Peek beneath the soil. Wait patiently for winding roots to grow, a stalk inches out of the earth, and new seeds emerge with blooming petals.



Easy Reader Ruzzier
Fish and Wave.
When a tiny wave grows bigger and bigger, what's a fish to do? This is what it really means to go with the flow.

FROM



Have you tried the **EBSCO eBooks K-8 Collection**? A middle grade friend came in yesterday looking for a book about NBA basketball star Kevin Durant. His assignment required one print resource (yeah!), but sadly our Biography collection wasn't going to help. Then I showed him how to go to MeL and open up the **EBSCO K-8 eBooks** where we found not one but three full text and image eBooks that he could read online, download, or save to his Google drive. EBSCO has thousands of books from popular nonfiction publishers, including sports stars, pop musicians, animals, and other science topics.

Start with links from our **Homework Help Page**:
www.threeriverslibrary.org/kids-teens/kids-homework-help/

Our **GRAPHIC NOVEL** collection has probably grown the most over the years at the library. The new building now has separate areas for adult, young adult, and children's or J Graphics. Because this section includes books for first through eighth grade readers, I've created lists to help adults guide their young readers to good fit books using the two books almost every reader knows: **Dog Man** and **Smile**.

- [Before You Read Dog Man](#) (grades 1-2)
- [After You Read Dog Man](#) (grades 2-4)
- [After You Read Smile](#) (grades 4-8)

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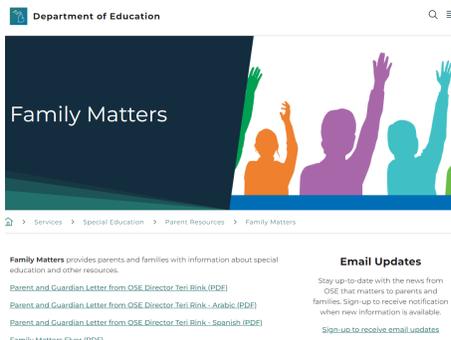
MeL Minute: <https://mel.org/blog>

Every month MeL's Engagement Specialists, Ann Kaskinen and Laura Warren-Gross share tips and links. This month's **MeL Minute** features links for parents and teachers of students working with students receiving special education services.

According to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#), in the 2020-21 school year 7,182,916 children (ages 3 to 21) enrolled in public schools received special education services.

PARENTS

[Family Matters](#), a special outreach program through the Michigan Department of Education, provides parents and families with information about special education laws, rules, services, and practices. Easy-to-understand documents are provided in English, Arabic, and Spanish that detail items such as Accommodations, Educational Evaluation, and Placement.



The [Michigan eLibrary](#) (MeL) offers the 2022 editions of [Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: Health & Wellness](#) and [Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: Supportive Health & Wellness](#) through the

[Consumer Health Complete](#) eResource.

These texts identify ways to care for and support specific intellectual or developmental disabilities such as [activities for a child with Rett Syndrome](#).

There are also a handful of publications such as [Exceptional Parent](#) in the MeL eResources that can offer information on practical experiences in handling the everyday challenges of children with special needs.

EDUCATORS

[Education Source](#) is one of the most comprehensive eResources available in MeL that supports educators in all grade levels and disciplines. While the database can be utilized to search for specific special education topics, professional journals such as [Behavior Disorders](#), [Language, Speech & Hearing Services in Schools](#), and [Research & Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities](#) can be searched directly and offer educators cutting-edge information on issues and studies in the special education field. Additionally, many education-focused publications, such as [Phi Delta Kappan](#) feature special education subject matter, conversations, and histories, like the [March 2022 issue](#) has done.

There are also a wide range of titles on special education topics available in the [eBook Academic Collection](#) of MeL. With titles that focus on strategies working with [preschoolers](#) to more specific subjects like those that speak to [Autism](#), MeL has hundreds of eBooks on the many different veins of special education.

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