

Brainerd Library's "Nature's Inspiration" Book List

The theme of this list is “the natural world” and includes topics like: backyard habitats & gardening, climate change, outdoor adventures, rainforests, coral reefs, trees, survival, sustainability and wildlife. Represented in these fiction and non-fiction books [selected by Brainerd staff and Friends] are novels, poetry, children’s, illustrated, scientific, and graphic novels. They provide entertainment and insight as well as information and education. We hope you’ll enjoy the beautiful illustrations, the lyrical prose, and exciting plots – And be inspired by them! A short list of resources is included.

Title	Author	Location: BML or LION [Reserve]
Adult Fiction		
The Forgotten Garden	Kate Morton	BML: F
Garden Spells	Sarah Addison Allen	BML:F
Harry’s Trees	Jon Cohen	BML: F
The Last Garden in England	Julia Kelly	BML: F
Once There Were Wolves	Charlotte McConaghy	BML: F
The Overstory	Richard Powers	BML: F & PBK
Prodigal Summer	Barbara Kingsolver	LION: F
The Red Garden	Alice Hoffman	BML: F
Watership Down	Richard Adams	BML: F
Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens	BML: F
The White Bone	Barbara Gowdy	LION: F
Poetry		
Blue Iris: Poems and Essays	Mary Oliver	LION:NF
The Lost Words: Illustrated	Robert Macfarlane & Artist Jackie Morris	
The Poetry of Robert Frost	Robert Frost	LION: NF
Waking up to the Earth: CT poets in a time of global climate crisis		BML: NF
Non-Fiction		
American Grown	Michelle Obama	BML: NF
Becoming rooted: one hundred days of reconnecting with sacred earth	Randy Woodley	BML:NF
Bird, egg, feather, nest [series]	(Maryjo Koch Series)	BML: NF
The Book of Hope: a survival guide for trying times	Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams, et al	BML: NF
Braiding Sweetgrass	Robin Wall Kimmerer	LION: NF
Butterfly Gardening: Creating Summer Magic in Your Garden	Sierra Club	LION:NF
The Cloud Garden: the true story of adventure, survival, and extreme horticulture	Tom Hart Dyke & Paul Winder	BML: NF
Creating a Butterfly Garden [Mini guide]	Marcus Schneck	BML: NF
Drawdown – The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming	Paul Hawken	LION: NF
Dryland Gardening: Plants that Survive and Thrive in Tough Conditions	Jennifer Bennett	BML: NF
The Earth in Her Hand: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants	Jennifer Jewell	BML: NF
The Earth Knows My Name	Patricia Klindienst	LION: NF
Embracing the Seasons: Memories of a Country Garden	Gunilla Norris	BML:NF

Good Dirt: Confessions of a Conservationist	David Morine	BML: NF
The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate - Discoveries from A Secret World	Peter Wohlleben	BML: NF
Honey and Venom : confessions of an urban beekeeper	Andrew Coté	BML: NF
The Lost City of the Monkey God	Douglas Preston	BML: NF
Nature's Best Hope: a new approach to conservation that starts in your yard	Douglas Tallamy	BML: NF
New Treehouses of the World	Pete Nelson	LION: NF
The Orchid Thief	Susan Orlean	BML: NF
A Sea of Glass: Searching for the Blaschkas' Fragile Legacy in an Ocean at Risk	Drew Harvell & Harry W. Green	LION: NF
The Songs of Trees: stories from nature's great connectors	David George Haskell	LION:NF
That Tree	Mark Hirsch	LION: NF
Where the Wild Things Were	Stolzenberg	LION: NF
A Wild Love for the World	Joanna Macy	BML: NF
The World Beneath: The Life and Times of Unknown Sea Creatures & Coral Reefs	Dr. Richard Smith	LION: NF
Yanking Bittersweet	Carol A Corliss	BML: NF
Children's Department		
Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder	Richard Louv	BML: NF
The Rhythm of Family: Discovering a Sense of Wonder through the Seasons	Amanda Blake Soule & Stephen Soule	BML: NF
Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots: Gardening Together with Children	Sharon Lovejoy	LION: NF
Children's Non-Fiction		
Caterpillar to Butterfly	Lisa M. Herrington	BML: EZ
Coral Reefs	Gail Gibbons	BML: NF
Making Butterfly Gardens	Dana Meachen Rau	BML: NF
The Wonder Garden	Jenny Broom and Kristjana S. Williams	LION: NF
Children's Fiction		
Across the Desert	Dusti Bowling	BML: F
The Adventure is Now	Jess Redman	BML: F
And then it's spring	Julie Fogliano & Erin E. Stead	BML: F
Bear Has a Story to Tell	Phillp & Erin Stead	BML: F
Blueberries for Sal	Robert McCloskey	BML: F
The Curious Garden	Peter Brown	BML: F
Echo Mountain	Lauren Wolk	BML: F
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	BML: F
Healer of the Water Monster	Brian Young	BML: F
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen	BML: F
Kaline Klattermaster's Tree House	Haven Kimmel and Peter Brown	LION: F
The Line Tender	Kate Allen	BML: F
The Lorax	Dr. Seuss	BML: F
Miss Rumphius	Barbara Cooney	LION: F
Paradise on Fire	Jewell Parker Rhodes	BML: F
Rescue at Lake Wild	Terry Lynn Johnson	BML: F
Root Magic	Eden Royce	LION: F

Song for a Whale	Lynne Kelly	BML: F
Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers	Celia C. Pérez	BML: F
We Planted a Tree	Diane Muldrow and Bob Staake	BML: F
The Wild Robot Peter	Peter Brown	BML: F
Graphic Novels		
Long Distance	Whitney Gardner	BML: F
Pilu of the Woods	Mai K. Nguyen	BML: F
The Sprite and the Gardener	Joe Whitt & Rii Abrego	LION: F
Stepping Stones	Lucy Knisley	BML: F
The Tea Dragon Society series	K. O'Neill	BML: F
Tom's Midnight Garden: Graphic Version	Philla Pearce & Edith	BML: F
Teen Fiction		
Cut Off	Adrienne Finlay	BML: F
Dry	Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman	LION: F
The Marrow Thieves	Cherie Dimaline	LION: F
This Poison Heart	Kalynn Bayron, Jordan Cobb, et al.	BML: F
Graphic Novels: Teen		
Birding is My Favorite Video Game	Rosemary Mosco	LION: F
Laid-Back Camp manga series	Afro	BML: F
The Legend of Auntie Po	Shing Yin Khor	LION: F
Lumberjanes series	Noelle Stevenson	LION: F
SOME RESOURCES		
Arbor Day Foundation		
Birds and Blooms Magazine		
Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District		
Connecticut River Conservancy		
Coursera.org Online Classes		
Earthjustice		
EdX.org Online Classes		
Environmental Action		
Environmental Working Group		
Greenpeace		
National Audubon Society		
The National Wildlife Federation		
The Nature Conservancy		
Ocean Conservancy		
One Tree Planted.org		
Prairie Moon Nursery [Native Plants]		
Prairie Nursery [Native Plants]		
Rainforest Alliance		
Sierra Club has a CT chapter		
WeForest.org		
Uconn Cooperative Extension Center		
Wild Ones [Native Plants, Natural Landscapes] CT Chapter		
Xerces Society [for Invertebrate Conservation]		