Recommended Reading List
(Organized by grade level and program theme)

Kindergarten

Meet-A-Tree
*Tap the Magic Tree* by Christie Matheson
*Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert
*Maple* by Lori Nichols
*The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry
*We Planted a Tree* by Diane Muldrow
*Wangari’s Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa* by Jeanette Winter
*Who Will Plant a Tree?* By Jerry Pallotta

Home Sweet Habitat
*Five Busy Beavers* by Stella Partheniou Grasso
*A Stone Sat Still* by Brendan Wenzel
*Finding Wild* by Megan Wagner Lloyd
*Faraway Fox* by Jolene Thompson
*All the Animals Where I Live* by Philip C. Stead
*Beavers Build Lodges* by Elizabeth Raum
*Night in the Country* by Cynthia Rylant
*Forest Bright, Forest Night* by Jennifer Ward
*In the Meadow* by Yukiko Kato

1st Grade

Budding Birders
*Bird Talk* by Ann Jonas
*The Birdwatchers* by Simon James
*Hooray for Birds!* By Lucy Cousins
*Plume* by Isabelle Simler
*Birds* by Kevin Henkes
*Vulture View* by April Pulley Sayre
*Fledging* by Robert J. Blake
*Bring on the Birds* by Susan Stockdale
Tracks & Scat
How to Find a Fox by Nilah Magruder
Now by Antoinette Portis
Listen, Listen by Phillis Gershator
Run Wild by David Covell
The Watcher: Jane Goodall’s Life with the Chimps by Jeanette Winter
Whose Tracks Are These? By James D. Nail
Explorers of the Wild by Cale Atkinson

2nd Grade
Wonders of Virginia Wildlife
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
Box Turtle at Long Pond by William T. George
Little Beaver and the Echo by Amy MacDonald
Old Beaver by Udo Weigelt
Possum and the Peeper by Anne Hunter
Night Animals by Gianna Marino

Growing Up on the Piedmont
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert
Hank Finds an Egg by Rebecca Dudley
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
A Bear’s Year by Kathy Duval
Soar High, Dragonfly by Sheri M. Bestor
My Little Fox by Rick Chrustowski

3rd Grade
Wonderful Web of Life
Carl and the Meaning of Life by Deborah Freedman
The Salamander Room by Anne Mazer and Steve Johnson
No Monkeys, No Chocolate by Melissa Stewart
This is Our Earth by Laura Lee Benson

Amazing Animal Adaptations
They Call Me Wooly: What Animal Names Can Tell Us by Keith DuQuette
Terrific Tongues by Maria Gianferrari and Jia Liu
Pink is for Blobfish by Jess Keating
Two Days in May by Harriet Peck Taylor
Feathers: Not Just for Flying by Melissa Stewart
Animal Journeys by Patricia Hegarty
Animals Do, Too! By Etta Kaner

4th Grade

Beautiful Butterflies
Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly by Alan Madison
An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a Monarch Butterfly by Laurence Pringle

Water, Water Everywhere
A Cool Drink of Water by Barbara Kerley
Water is Water by Miranda Paul
A River Ran Wild: An Environmental History by Lynne Cherry
Jack: The Story of a Beaver by Shirley E. Woods
Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event by Rebecca Bond

5th Grade

Clifton Rocks!
Everybody Needs A Rock by Byrd Baylor and Peter Parnall

Fascinating Forests
Tiger Boy by Mitali Perkins
North Woods Girl by Aimee M. Bissonette
Aani and the Treehuggers by Jeannine Atkins
The Shaman’s Apprentice: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest by Lynne Cherry

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Building a Better Ecosystem
The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale by Susan Wood
Going Wild: Helping Nature Thrive in Cities by Michelle Mulder
When the Monkeys Came Back by Kristine L. Franklin
Mama Miti: W'angari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya by Donna Jo Napoli
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Plants and Animals and Fungi- Oh my!
Life by Cynthia Rylant
The Truth About Bears by Maxwell Eaton III
The Legend of the Lady Slipper by Margi Preus
At This Very Moment by Jim Arnosky
A Mammal is an Animal by Lizzy Rockewell
Invertebrate Explorations- early fall/late spring
Some Bugs by Angela DiTerlizzi
An Extraordinary Ordinary Moth by Karlin Gray
Thinking About Ants by Barbara Brenner

Additional Programs

Nature Writing (Grades 3 and up)
Keeping a Nature Journal by Clare Walker Leslie & Charles E. Roth
The Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris
Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs by Douglas Florian
Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons by Jon J. Muth
Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer
The Tree that Time Built: A Celebration of Nature, Science, and Imagination by Mary Ann Hoberman and Linda Winston

Nature Art (Grades K-5)
Keeping a Nature Journal by Clare Walker Leslie & Charles E. Roth
The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush by Tomie dePaola
Laws Guide to Nature Drawing and Journaling by John Muir Laws