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Resources for the Creative Educator

Enhancing Your Classroom with Unique Materials for Kids

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Welcome Educators!

Are you tired of uninspiring textbooks and worksheets? Looking for ways to get your kids excited about learning? You’ve come to the right place! A part-time children’s librarian, I’ve been homeschooling my two kids without a curriculum for six years. In this booklet you’ll find my favorite kids’ books and online resources, with tips on cross-referencing and putting together a fun learning unit—all with no textbook in sight. With so many kid-friendly options, I know you’ll find resources that will have your students begging for more.

What Will I Find in this Booklet?

On each page you’ll find large subject headings in blue followed by smaller sub-categories to help you find what you need. Here are a couple of things to remember:

- **What’s Included:** In this booklet, I’ve created lists of my favorite items. This is not exhaustive, but rather a compilation of “must not be missed” titles. Books that make the cut are funny, beautiful, creative, smart, and loaded with wonderful ideas. Some you’ll want to check out from your library, and others you may want to buy. When you can, support your local bookstores!

- **Library Sections to Remember:** As a librarian, I encourage patrons to think about a library collection in sections, and to take the time to learn how one section leads to another. Every collection has a story to tell, and as you learn to read it, you’ll understand how the organizational system is trying to help you. Libraries organize their books either by the Dewey Decimal or Library of Congress system. As my library uses Dewey, I include those call numbers here. On page 10, you’ll find more information about cross-referencing.

- **Online Resources:** I also include highlights of some of the best free online resources available. Again, these aren’t meant to be exhaustive lists, but rather the gems that stand out above the rest.

**Other Awesome Resources**

**BOOKS AND RESOURCES ACROSS ALL DISCIPLINES**
- Anything by DK Publishing
- *Graphic Library* (Series) by Capstone Publishing
- *Kaleidoscope Kids* (Series)
- *Magic Tree House Research Guides* (Series)
- Magazines: Nat'l Geo. Kids, Jr Scholastic, Creative Kids, Cricket

**BOOKS AND RESOURCES FOR ADULTS**
- *Chase’s Calendar of Events 2015*
- Books published by Gifted Homeschoolers Forum
- *Best Competitions for Talented Kids* by Frances Karnes
- *The Parent Backpack* by ML Nichols
- *The Homeschooling Option* by Lisa Rivero
- *The Creative Family* by Amanda Soule

**ONLINE RESOURCES ACROSS ALL DISCIPLINES**
- A Mighty Girl (for recommendations): www.amightygirl.com
- Crash Course: www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse
- DIY: www.DIY.org
- Khan Academy: www.khanacademy.org
- Ken Robinson: www.ted.com/speakers/sir_ken_robinson.html
- TEDx Youths: www.youtube.com/user/TEDxYouth

**MINECRAFT BOOKS (SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST)**
- *Minecraft for Dummies* by Jacob Cordeiro
- *The Big Book of Minecraft* (and other titles) by Triumph Books
- *Minecraft, Minecraft 2.0, and Minecraft 3.0* by Triumph Books
Trivia

BOOKS
- Super-Hungry Mice Eat Onions and Other Painless Tricks for Memorizing Geography Facts (and other titles) by Brian Cleary
- It Can’t Be True: The Book of Incredible Visual Comparisons by DK
- Information Everywhere by Jenny Finch (DK Publishing)
- Miss Pell Never Misspells by Steve Martin
- Quiz Whiz 2: 1,000 Super Fun Mind-Bending Totally Awesome Trivia Questions by National Geographic Kids
- Time for Kids: Big Book of When by Jon Perritano
- Time for Kids: Big Book of Why by Mark Shulman
- Thirty Days Has September by Chris Stevens
- Why Spacemen Can’t Burp and Other Out-of-This World Facts Explained by Mitchell Symons
- How to Be a Genius by John Woodward

Gifted Kids

- Davidson Institute for Talent Development: www.davidsongifted.org
- Gifted Homeschoolers Forum: giftedhomeschoolers.org
- Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG): sengifted.org
- A Nation Deceived: How Schools Hold Back America’s Brightest Students by Nicholas Colangelo: http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/nation_deceived/
- Genius Denied by Jan and Bob Davidson
- Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnosis of Gifted Children and Adults by James Webb

For reviews of these resources, visit: www.STEAMPoweredClassroom/resources/gifted-resources

Learning to Read

BOOKS AND RESOURCES
- Beyond Bedtime Stories: A Parent’s Guide to Promoting Reading, Writing, and Other Literacy Skills From Birth to 5 by Susan Bennett-Armistead
- Brand New Readers, colored sets (Series)
- Songs and Rhymes Readers Theatre for Beginning Readers by Anthony Fredericks
- You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You... (multiple titles) by Mary Ann Hoberman
- Fluency Practice Read-Aloud Plays by Kathleen Hollenbeck
- Hooked on Phonics/Learn to Read kits (Series)
- Bob Books, Sets 1-3 by Bobby Maslen (Series)
- Word and Music Games for Toddlers and Twos by Bonnie Macmillan
- Jane Belk Moncure (Author)
- Book Love: Help Your Child Grow from Reluctant to Enthusiastic Reader by Melissa Taylor
- Elephant & Piggie Book (Series) by Mo Willems
- Cat the Cat (Series) by Mo Willems
- Word Families (Series) by multiple authors
- Flip-A-Word (Series) by Harriet Ziefert

LIBRARY SECTIONS TO REMEMBER
- Beginning Readers (some libraries have these in a special section)
- Picture Books with CDs
- Parent and Teacher Resources (Ask if your library has a special section; some libraries have them both in the adult areas and in the children’s section to make it easy for parents.)
Poetry

BOOKS AND RESOURCES
- Dogku by Andrew Clements
- Three titles by Paul Janeczko:
  ⇒ A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems
  ⇒ A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms
  ⇒ A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing, and Shout
- Trust, Truth, and Ridiculous Goofs: Reading and Writing Friendship Poems by Jill Kalz (other is series include Pucks, Clubs, and Baseball Gloves; Thorns, Horns, and Crescent Moons by Blake Hoena; and Tickles, Pickles and Floofing Persnickles by Connie Miller)
- Words, Wit, and Wonder: Writing Your Own Poems, Nancy Loewen
- Lemonade and Other Poems Squeezed From a Single Word, Bob Raczka
- Kids’ Poems: Teaching (Kindergartners/First Graders/Second Graders) to Love Writing Poetry (three titles) by Regie Routman
- Meow Ruff: A Story in Concrete Poetry by Joyce Sidman
- Two titles by Marilyn Singer: Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse and Follow Follow: A Book of Reverso Poems
- Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku by Lee Wardlaw
- Immersed in Verse: An Informative, Slightly Irreverent and Totally Tremendous Guide to Living the Poet’s Life by Allan Wolf

POETRY IN THEMED COLLECTIONS (SAMPLE)
- Shiver Me Timbers by Douglas Florian
- Mathematickles by Betsy Franco
- Science Verse by Jon Scieszka
- Grumbles From the Forest by Jane Yolen

LIBRARY SECTIONS TO REMEMBER
- Picture Books with CDs
- Kids’ Nonfiction 808.8 - 811.6
- Parent and Teacher Resources
- Individual biographies of the poets (Kids’ Nonfiction 921)
Science

FICTION PICKS: Picture Books
- *Rosie Revere, Engineer* and *Iggy Peck, Architect* (2 titles), Andrea Beaty
- *On Meadowview Street* by Henry Cole
- *Green Truck Garden Giveaway* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- *Fancy Nancy, Explorer Extraordinaire* by Jane O'Connor

FICTION PICKS: Novels
- *Franny K. Stein* (Series) Jim Benton (for early readers)
- *Dangerous* by Shannon Hale
- *George's Secret Key to the Universe* by Lucy and Stephen Hawking
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Itch* and *Itch Rocks* (two titles) by Simon Mayo

Making & Doing

MAKING
- *Fact Finders: Invent It* (Series) by Tammy Enz
- *The Big Book of Things to Make* edited by James Mitchem
- *Make Your Own Movie* (Series) by Jonathan Quijano
- Lego design books: Don’t miss *Brick City* by Warren Elsmore

DOING
- *Unbored: The Essential Guide to Serious Fun* by Joshua Glenn
- *101 Things You Gotta Do Before You're 12!* by Joanne O'Sullivan
- *Show Off! How to Do Absolutely Everything…* by Sarah Stephens
- *This Book Made Me Do It* by John Woodward

RUBE GOLDBERG
- Rube Works Game (www.rubegoldberg.com) - it’s so awesome!
- *Rube Goldberg: Inventions!* by Maynard Frank Wolfe
- STEAMPoweredClassroom.com: Click STEM/Rube Goldberg

Writing

BOOKS AND RESOURCES
- *See It, Write It* (Series; writing prompts), multiple authors
- *What Do Authors and Illustrators Do?* by Eileen Christelow
- *Help Your Kids with Language Arts* by DK Publishing
- *Be a Creative Writer* by Tish Farrell
- *My Weird Writing Tips* by Dan Gutman
- *So, You Want to Be a Writer? How to Write, Get Published, and Maybe Even Make it Big!* by Vicki Hambleton
- *Writing Magic* by Gail Carson Levine
- *Word After Word After Word* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Spilling Ink: A Young Writer’s Handbook* by Ellen Potter
- *Breakfast on Mars: Your Favorite Authors Take a Stab at the Dreaded Essay Assignment* by Rebecca Stern
- *Writer’s Toolbox* (Series)
- *Workshops Work! A Parent’s Guide to Facilitating Writer’s Workshops for Kids* by Patricia Zaballos

LIBRARY SECTIONS TO REMEMBER
- Kids’ Nonfiction 808-808.7
- Parent and Teacher Resources

ONLINE RESOURCES
- TED-Ed (ed.ted.com) Click on “Series” and then “The Writer’s Workshop”
- 8-year old Eva Ridenhour’s short videos on writing (www.evaridenhour.com; click on “Writing Lessons”)
- National Novel Writing Month’s Young Writers Program (ywp.nanowrimo.org): Write a book in 30 days! Children create and update word count goals throughout November. Download their free story-development workbooks too.
- Stanley and Katrina’s Words of the Week video series: www.stanleyandkatrina.com. Click on “Words of the Week.”
More Cool English Stuff

ACTIVITIES
- John Doolittle (Author)
- Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing by Jenna LaReau
- Analogy Crosswords, Levels A-D by Pamela McAneny

GRAMMAR
- Words are CATegorical (Series) by Brian Cleary
- Eats, Shoots, and Leaves and other titles by Lynne Truss

LITERATURE
- William Shakespeare’s… (multiple titles) by Bruce Coville
- How To Read Literature Like a Professor: for Kids by Thomas Foster
- Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales and other titles by Marcia Williams

OUTSTANDING PICTURE BOOKS
- Bashful Bob and Doleful Dorinda by Margaret Atwood
- On Meadowview Street by Henry Cole
- Mattland by Hazel Hutchins
- Green Truck Garden Giveaway by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- Zen Shorts by Jon Muth
- It’s OK to be Different by Todd Parr
- Red Sings in Treetops: a Year in Colors by Joyce Sidman
- King Bidgood’s in the Bathtub by Don Wood

THEATER
- Acting Out: Six One Act Plays! Six Newbery Stars! by Justin Chanda
- Cool Performances (Series) by Karen Latchana
- Books of plays by Justin McCory Martin (Author)
- There’s a Dragon About by Richard Schotter

Science

NOTABLE BIOGRAPHY SERIES
- Giants of Science series by Kathleen Krull
- Jim Ottaviani (author) - cool graphic novel bios about scientists!

SERIES ACROSS DISCIPLINES AND GENERAL TITLES
- Brainwaves Series (Series), multiple authors
- Simon Basher (Author)
- The Magic of Reality by Richard Dawkins
- Robert Gardner (Author)
- Graphic Library, Graphic Science (Series), multiple authors
- Graphic Library, Monster Science (Series), multiple authors
- Here Comes Science CD by They Might Be Giants
- Manga Guide Series (Series), multiple authors
- Bill Nye DVDs (Series)

SECTIONS TO REMEMBER
- DVD section: 500-639
- Kids’ Nonfiction: 500-639, 659-696 and bios: 920, 921
- Lego section: Juvenile Nonfiction 688.72
- Teacher Resources: 500-639, 659-696

SCIENCE KITS AND CATALOGS WE LOVE
- EEME electronics subscription lessons (eeme.co)
- Elementeo (chemistry game: www.elementeo.com)
- Carolina Biological (www.carolina.com)
- EAI Education (www.eaieducation.com)
- Lego Education (education.lego.com)
- NASCO Science (www.enasco.com)

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES
- Crash Course (http://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse)
- They Might Be Giants: Here Comes Science (on YouTube)
- Sylvia’s Super Awesome Maker Show (www.sylviashow.com)
Science

ASTRONOMY
- Nova Science Now (www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/sciencenow/)
- Lego Man in Space: A True Story by Mara Shaughnessy
- Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey DVD hosted by Neil DeGrasse Tyson

BIOLOGY
- When Fish Got Feet… by Hannah Bonner (prehistory; has sequel)
- What's Biology all About? by Hazel Maskell
- The Secret Lives of Plants by Janet Slingerland
- Wildlife Habitats by Emily Stetson
- Life As We Know It by Robert Winston
- CellCraft game (http://www.carolina.com/teacher-resources/Interactive/online-game-cell-structure-cellcraft-biology/tr11062.tr)

CHEMISTRY
- Fizz, Bubble, and Flash! by Anita Brandolini
- What's Chemistry All About? by Alex Frith
- The Elements: A Visual Exploration… by Theodore Gray
- Hunting the Elements (DVD) by Nova
- Periodic Table of Videos (www.periodicvideos.com)

GEOLOGY
- Geology Rocks! by Cindy Blobaum

PHYSICS
- Batman Science (Series), multiple authors
- Wile E. Coyote: Physical Science Genius (Series), multiple authors
- Steven Caney’s Ultimate Building Book by Steve Caney
- Mad Electricity (DVD) by Jeff Cole
- What's Physics All About? by Kate Davies
- Can You Feel the Force? by Richard Hammond
- The Science of Imagineering DVDs (Series)
- The Way Things Work DVDs (Series)
- Minute Physics (http://www.youtube.com/user/minutephysics)

More Cool English Stuff

REFERENCE
- Using Picture Storybooks to Teach Literary Devices by Susan Hall
- A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children’s Picture Books by Carolyn Lima
- Books Every Child Should Know: the Literature Book Quiz by Nancy Polette (for the Scavenger Hunt pages)
- Silly Books to Read Aloud by Rob Reid
- Kids’ Comics: Choosing Titles Your Children Will Love by Scott Robins
- Biographies of writers (Kids’ Nonfiction 921)

STEAM & Steampunk

CROSS-CURRICULAR STEAM APPROACHES, STEAMPUNK AESTHETIC, AND CREATIVITY
- The Dunderheads by Paul Fleischman (picture book)
- Cool Art with Math and Science (series) by Anders Hanson
- Steampunk Lego by Guy Himber
- Steampunk Alphabet by Nat Iwata
- Sydney and Simon: Full STEAM Ahead by Paul Reynolds
- Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (novel)
- The Dumpster Diver by Janet Wong (picture book)

Great Games

- Language: Apples to Apples, Catch Phrase, Scrabble
- Math: Blockus, Othello, Rumis, Rush Hour
- Science: Contraptions, Elementeo
- Social Studies: Scrambled States, Vikings
- Strategy: Carcassone, Chess, Clue, Settlers of Catan
**Art**

**APPLIED ART**
- *So You Want to be a Comic Book Artist?* by Philip Amara
- *Learn to Speak Fashion* by Laura deCarufel
- *The Usborne Art Treasury* by Rosie Dickins
- *A Book About Design: Complicated Doesn’t Make it Good* (and sequel) by Mark Gonyea
- *Draw Out the Story: Ten Secrets to Creating Your Own Comics* by Brian McLachlan
- *Origami for Children: 35 Easy-to-Follow Step-by-Step Projects*, Mari Ono
- *The Usborne Book of Art Skills* by Fiona Watt

**ART HISTORY AND APPRECIATION**
- Laurence Anholt (Author); series of picture books about artists
- *The Children’s Book of Art: An Introduction to Famous Paintings* by Rosie Dickins
- *Art Detective: Spot the Difference* by Doris Kutschbach
- *An Eye for Art: Focusing on Great Artists and Their Work* by the National Gallery of Art
- *Picture This! Activities and Adventures in Impressionism*, Joyce Raimondo
- The 13 Series by Prestel (art, architecture, and more). Includes *13 Art Movements Children Should Know* by Brad Finger and *13 Art Mysteries Children Should Know* by Angela Wenzel

**LIBRARY SECTIONS TO REMEMBER**
- DVD Nonfiction collection 700-759; Picture Books with CDs
- Kids’ Nonfiction 700-759; Teacher Resources 700-759
- Group artist biographies (Kids’ Nonfiction 920)
- Individual artist biographies (Kids’ Nonfiction 921)
- Note: artist biographies are often found in biographies (921); if the book is more about the art they produced, look in the 759s.

**Math**

**SECTIONS TO REMEMBER**
- Kids’ Nonfiction and Teacher Resources 510-519

**ONLINE RESOURCES**
- *Art of Problem Solving* (www.artofproblemsolving.com); click “Alcumus” for math problems, “Videos” for math instruction
- Arthur Benjamin’s Mathemagics (http://www.ted.com/talks/arthur_benjamin_does_mathemagic.html)
- Vi Hart math videos (http://www.youtube.com/user/Vihart)
- Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org)

**MATH FICTION**
- *The Number Devil* by Hans Magnus Enzensberger
- *Babymouse: Dragonslayer* by Jennifer Holm
- *Bringing Down the Mouse* by Ben Mezrich

**Computer Coding**

**BOOKS AND ONLINE RESOURCES**
- *Python for Kids: A Playful Introduction to Coding* by Jason Briggs
- *Build Your Own Website: A Comic Guide to html, css, and Wordpress* by Nate Cooper
- *Learn to Program with Minecraft Plugins: Create Flying Creepers and Flaming Cows in Java* by Andy Hunt
- *Learn to Program with Scratch: A Visual Introduction to Programming with Games, Art, Science, and Math* by Majed Marji
- Code.org: www.code.org
Math

ACTIVITIES
- Beast Academy (multiple titles) by Jason Batterson
- Time-Travel Math by Amy Bernstein
- Math Analogies (multiple titles) by Linda Brumbaugh
- Math Bafflers (multiple titles) by Marilynn Buxton
- Descartes Cove computer game

CONCEPTS AND PUZZLES
- Hello Math Reader (Series)
- Perimeter, Area, & Volume: A Monster Book of Dimensions, David Adler
- Why Pi? by Johnny Ball
- Secrets of Mental Math by Arthur Benjamin
- Between the Folds (DVD) by Green Fuse Films
- Times Tables Made Easy by Joe Harris
- Hooked on Math kits (in Teacher Resource section)
- Loreen Leedy (Author)
- Edgar Allan Poe's Pie by J. Patrick Lewis
- Math Doesn't Suck (and other books by…) Danica McKellar
- Murderous Maths (Series) by Kjartan Poskitt
- Solving for X (two DVD titles) by Bill Nye
- Bedtime Math and Bedtime Math 2 by Laura Overdeck
- The History of Counting by Denise Schmandt-Besserat
- Greg Tang (Author)
- Manga Math Mysteries (Series) by Melinda Thielbar

MATH HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHIES
- Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci by Joseph DiAgnese
- What's Your Angle, Pythagoras? by Julie Ellis
- The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos by Deborah Heiligman
- Of Numbers and Stars: The Story of Hypatia by Anne Love
- The Story of Maths/The Music of the Primes DVDs

Music

APPLIED MUSIC
- Garage Bands (Series) by multiple authors

MUSIC EDUCATION
- Picture books with CDs by Anna Celenza: Pictures at an Exhibition; Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue; The Farewell Symphony; The Heroic Symphony; Vivaldi’s Four Seasons
- The Jazz Fly by Matthew Gollub
- Baby Loves Jazz (board book series with CDs) by Andy Hurwitz
- Marsalis on Music DVD
- Putumayo Kids Presents... multiple CD titles
- The Science of Music DVD by Bill Nye the Science Guy
- Beethoven’s Wig (three CD titles) by Richard Perlmutter
- Charlie Parker Played Be Bop by Chris Raschka
- The Composer is Dead by Lemony Snicket
- Stomp Out Loud DVD

LIBRARY SECTIONS TO REMEMBER
- CD Collection
- DVD Nonfiction collection 780-789
- Kids’ Nonfiction 780-789
- Picture Books with CDs
- Teacher Resources 780-789
- Group musician biographies (Kids’ Nonfiction 920)
- Individual musician biographies (Kids’ Nonfiction 921)
History

CROSS-REFERENCING IDEAS
History is a great subject for cross-referencing; you can study almost any subject within the history framework. Consider the European Renaissance. You can start with a general history encyclopedia to understand the era, but then dive into topics like exploration and geography, biographies, cooking, crafts, the scientific and mathematical discoveries that were being made during that time, art, music, fashion, government, philosophy, and religion. You can do that in most historical eras. And don’t forget historical fiction!

Below are some ideas to get you started. When you’re browsing, remember you can use the same Dewey number in many sections. For example, if you’re looking for biographies, go to 921 in the kids’ section and the DVD section (although some libraries place nonfiction DVDs with their books). Then head over to the adult area and look for 921 there too. And ask your librarian if they have a Teacher Resources section; you’ll often find great stuff there!

- Art: 709, 759; Crafts: 745.5
- Biographies: 920 (group biographies), 921 (individual bios)
- Cultural cookbooks: 641.5
- Folklore: 398s
- Historical fiction and period literature: Juv. Fiction; 808.8-899
- History: 900s
- Holiday histories: 394s
- Items and fashion in history: 391-393
- Music: search under Subject for “Songs,” “Music,” and “Children’s Songs” followed by the country you’re looking for
- Religion (including ancient religions): 200-299
- Science: 509
- Social Studies: 300-394

Philosophy and Religion

LOGIC ACTIVITIES
- Mind Benders (multiple titles) by Michael Baker/Anita Harnadeck
- Red Herring Mysteries by Thomas Camilli
- Chess for Children by Sabrina Chevannes
- Deducibles, Levels A and B by Greg Gottstein
- Learn Chess in 30 Minutes DVD by Susan Polgar
- Mr. Benedict’s Book of Perplexing Puzzles, Elusive Enigmas, and Curious Conundrums by Trenton Lee Stewart

PHILOSOPHY and PSYCHOLOGY
- Really, Really Big Questions About Life, the Universe, and Everything by Stephen Law
- A Young Person’s Guide to Philosophy by Jeremy Weate
- Two titles from Marcus Weeks (DK Publishing): Heads Up Philosophy and Heads up Psychology
- Philosophy for Kids by David White
- The Examined Life: Advanced Philosophy for Kids by David White
- Crash Course psychology playlist: www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse

RELIGION
- Religions of the World by Elizabeth Breuilly
- The Children’s Illustrated Bible by DK (solid choice for secular students wanting narrative for cultural and literary analysis, etc.)
- The Story of Religion by Betsy and Giulio Maestro
- What Do You Believe? by Fleur Star (DK Publishing)
- Other series that are more like textbooks, and are a little dated, but have solid information: Traditional Religions Tales by Anita Ganeri and Prayer and Worship by Sea-to-Sea Publications
Mythology and Folklore

GREEK MYTHOLOGY
- Mythlopedia series, multiple authors
- Mythology: Oh My! Gods and Goddesses by Basher
- The McElderry Book of Greek Myths by Eric Kimmel
- Treasury of Greek Mythology by Donna Jo Napoli
- Olympians (Series); graphic novels by George O’Connor
- Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods by Rick Riordan
- Hades Speaks! by Vicky Alvear Shecter

EGYPTIAN MYTHOLOGY
- Treasury of Egyptian Mythology by Donna Jo Napoli
- Anubis Speaks: a Guide to the Afterlife by Vicki Shecter
- Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs by Marcia Williams

NORSE MYTHOLOGY
- The Adventures of Thor the Thunder God by Lise Lunge-Larsen
- Favorite Norse Myths by Mary Pope Osborne

MORE GREAT FOLKLORE
- The McElderry Book of… (Series) by multiple authors
- The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folktales by James Bruchac
- Nursery Rhyme Comics edited by Chris Duffy
- Treasury of Chinese Folk Tales by Shelley Fu
- The Wise Fool: Fables from the Islamic World by Shahrukh Husain
- The Fairy Book series by Andrew Lang (Red Fairy Book, Blue, etc.)
- Michael Hague’s Read-to-Me Book of Fairy Tales by Allison MacDonald
- Tales From Celtic Lands by Caitlin Matthews
- Stories From India by Anna Milbourne
- Japanese Children’s Favorite Stories by Florence Sakade

History

SERIES AND GENERAL HISTORY
- Graphic Library (Series) includes Graphic Expeditions, Graphic History, Graphic Biographies, and Graphic Stories of War
- Kaleidoscope Kids (Series)
- You Wouldn’t Want To… (Series), multiple authors
- Bugged: How Insects Changed History and Poop Happened: A History of the World both by Sarah Albee
- Usborne History of Britain: Kings and Queens by Ruth Brocklehurst
- Usborne Internet Linked First Encyclopedia of History, Fiona Chandler
- Horrible Histories (Series) by Terry Deary
- Take Me Back to the Beginning by DK Publishing
- Ye Olde Weird but True: 300 Outrageous Facts from History by Cheryl Harness
- The Kingfisher History Encyclopedia by Kingfisher
- Around the House History (Series) by Patricia Lauber
- Steve Noon (Author)
- Magic Tree House Research Guides (Series) by Mary Pope Osborne
- The Dorling Kindersley History of the World by Plantagenet S. Fry

BIOGRAPHIES
- Who Was—? (Series), multiple authors
- Wicked History (Series), multiple authors
- You Wouldn’t Want To… (Series), multiple authors
- The Rascous Royals by Carlyn Beccia
- How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous and How They Choked: Failures, Flops, and Flaws… by Georgia Bragg
- Lives of the (Athletes/Artists/Explorers/Musicians/Pirates/Presidents/Scientists) (multiple titles) by Kathleen Krull
- Boys Who Rocked the World and Girls Who Rocked the World (two titles) by Michelle Roehm McCann
- Biographies to Read Aloud with Kids by Rob Reid
- Bad Girls by Jane Yolen
History

DVDs
- History Channel holiday selections:
  ⇒ The History of St. Patrick’s Day
  ⇒ Independence Day: The History of July 4th
  ⇒ The Haunted History of Halloween
  ⇒ The Real Story of Thanksgiving
  ⇒ Christmas Unwrapped: The History of Christmas
- The Dark Ages by The History Channel (a little dark, so be aware)
- Liberty’s Kids: The Complete Series, volumes 1, 2, and 3
- Ancient Civilizations for Children (Series) by Schlessinger Media
- Life in the Middle Ages (Series) by Schlessinger Media
- The Renaissance for Students (Series) by Schlessinger Media

ONLINE RESOURCES
- History Channel: www.history.com (great free video clips!)
- Crash Course: www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse

HISTORICAL FICTION (SAMPLE)
- Dear America (Series, grades 5-9, features girls)
- My Name is America (Series, grades 4-7, features boys)
- My America (Series, grades 3-5, features both genders)
- You Choose Books (Series of interactive histories)
- Christopher Paul Curtis (Author)
- Louise Erdrich (Author)
- Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos (1962 America)
- The Last Girls of Pompeii by Kathryn Lasky
- Roman Mysteries (Series) by Caroline Lawrence (ancient Rome)
- Magic Tree House (Series) by Mary Pope Osborne (not all are historically based)
- The Storm in the Barn by Matt Phelan (Dust bowl America)
- Castle Diary/Egyptian Diary/Pirate Diary/Roman Diary (four titles) by Richard Platt
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (WWII)

Social Studies

ACTIVITY BOOKS
- A World of Recipes (Series) by multiple authors
- World Crafts and Recipes (Series) by multiple authors
- Cooking Around the World (Series) by Rosemary Hankin
- Super Simple Cultural Art (Series) by Alex Kuskowski
- Cool USA Cooking (Series) by Alex Kuskowski
- Cool World Cooking (Series) by Lisa Wagner

CURRENT EVENTS
- Junior Scholastic magazine
- CNN Student News: www.cnn.com/studentnews/
- Why Do We Fight? Conflict, War, and Peace by Niki Walker

ECONOMICS
- The Stock Market Game by Dianne Draze
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- The Most Fantastic Atlas of the Whole Wide World by the Brainwaves (published 2008, but simple enough to be relevant)
- Where on Earth? Geography as You’ve Never Seen it Before by DK
- National Geographic Student World Atlas
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