Why tactile books? Books with tactile elements offer hands-on learning, appeal to a diversity of learning styles, and can be particularly beneficial for children with impaired vision. Tactile books include elements such as Braille, pop-ups, cut-outs, textured material, lift-the-flaps, and finger puppets. They’re also just plain fun for all young learners!

Designed especially for the young braille reader, this tactile reference book features a fascinating selection of creatures, from bears and big cats to birds and bugs. Every entry is written in both braille and large print to allow all readers the opportunity to discover fascinating facts about animals. The entries are also illustrated with large, tactile images, including a leopard with fuzzy flocked fur. Advanced readers. (j) QL151 .A54 2016

Text and pop-up illustrations present information on deciduous and coniferous forests, grasslands, ponds, and marshes, and the plant and animal life which such natural communities can support. Early readers. (j) QH48 .F348 1988

Follow a garden’s journey from spring to summer in this beautiful counting book with lift-the-flap board pages. Pre-readers. (j) QL568.A6 O76 2016

A book with peek-through holes that let a child view the changes in a tree throughout the four seasons. Pre-readers. (j) QK475 .T28 2015

This simple retelling of the tale of Peter Rabbit's adventures in Mr. McGregor's garden is charmingly illustrated with three-dimensional pop-up pages. Pre-readers. (j) SB322 .P851 1994

In the Butterfly Garden. Ug, Philippe. Munich: Prestel, c2015. 
This pop-up book traces a caterpillar’s evolution from cocoon to magnificent winged butterfly. Along the way we find cunning insects hidden in the grass, inchworms munching their way through a jungle of leaves, and a floral paradise where the newly hatched butterfly makes its home. Pre-readers. (j) QL541 .U4 2015

A lift-the-flap book illustrates animals and tools in the garden. Pre-readers. (j) SB453 .P868 1993

Wibbly Pig plants a bean which grows into a giant beanstalk. Includes lift-the-flaps. Pre-readers. (j) SB327 .In 2000


Book boxes (traditional books plus tactile accessories):

From Seed to Plant. Gibbons, Gail. New York: Holiday House, 1991. This is our library's first tactile book box, which includes various seeds to explore and touch while enjoying the story! The book is an excellent introduction to how plants reproduce and grow from seed. Early readers. (j) QK661 .G3.52 1991 c.2 (Shelved in Library Office; please ask staff for assistance)

Plants Feed Me. Rockwell, Lizzy. New York: Holiday House, 2014. Watermelons are fruits, cabbages are leaves, walnuts are seeds, carrots are roots. People eat many parts of plants—even flowers! Book box includes a plant parts sorting game. (j) SB105 R59 2014 c.2 (Shelved in Library Office; please ask staff for assistance)


The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Carle, Eric. New York: Philomel Books, 1987. Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food, until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Book box includes butterfly life cycle models. (j) QL541 .C192 1987 c.2 (Shelved in Library Office; please ask staff for assistance)
Board Books:

From hairy orangutans to scaly snakes, there are all sorts of textures to explore in this safe, sturdy book that encourages preschool learning. Pre-readers. (j board) QH541.5.R27 J86 2012

Turn the pages to find out what makes the little owl's nest so cozy. On board pages with owl finger puppet. Pre-readers. (j board) QL676.2 O8 G415 2009

Bright pictures, a sweet, reassuring message, and an adorable finger puppet make this a book filled with reading and playtime fun! Pre-readers. (j board) QL676 .G415 2009

On die-cut board pages with butterfly finger puppet, attached to cover back, young readers learn about the relationship between a butterfly and its flowers. Pre-readers. (j board) QL541 .G415 2010

Colorful pictures and simple text describe the process of making compost. Includes lift-the-flaps. Pre-readers. (j board) S654 .G47 2010

Lift the flaps or watch the pop-ups to see the animals and plants wake up in the morning. Pre-readers. (j board) SB453 .G586 2001

Count all the ants as they climb around plants and burrow into the soil. Includes lift-the-flaps. Pre-readers. (j board) QL568 .F7 R235 2001

**Hurry Home Spider : Run Your Finger Along the Tracks to Follow Spider Home.**

Follow Ladybug as she flies through the garden and encounters her friends in this book with grooved tracks for finger tracing. Pre-readers. (j board) QL596.C65 C884 2001

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