

Helen Crocker Russell Library of
Horticulture
Selections from the Children's Book Collection:
Tactile Books for Children

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!

Animals : Knowledge You Can Touch. Star, Fleur. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2016. 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

Naturescapes : a Three-dimensional Field Guide to Woods, Forests, Meadows, & Marshes.

Felts, Shirley. New York : Viking Kestrel, c1988.

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

Little Honey Bee. Ormes, Jane. Somerville, Mass. : Big Picture Press, 2016.

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

Tree : a Peek-through Picture Book. Teckentrup, Britta. New York : Doubleday, 2015.

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

The Tale of Peter Rabbit : a Pop-up Book. Potter, Beatrix. Baltimore, Md. : DreamHouse, c1994.

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

I Spy in the Garden. Powell, Richard. New York : Puffin, 1997, c1993.

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

In Wibbly's Garden. Inkpen, Mick. New York : Viking, c2000.

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

Sam Plants a Sunflower : a lift-the-flap nature book. Petty, Kate. London : Macmillan Children's Books, 2000.

Sam the cat plants sunflowers and Ladybird tells him how to grow them. Includes lift-the-flaps. Early readers.

(j) SB299 .S9 P456 2000

Jazzy in the Jungle. Cousins, Lucy. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, c2002.

Help Mama Jo-Jo the lemur find her baby Jazzy in this lift-the-flap jungle book. Pre-readers.

(j) QH541.5 R27 C836 2002

Pooh's Secret Garden. Hapka, Cathy. New York : Disney Press, c2012.

Pooh discovers that the secret to a hive full of honey is a fine garden of busy bees so he decides to plant one of his own. Early readers. (j) QL568 .A6 H65 2012

Creatures of the Desert World. Gibson, Barbara. [Washington, D.C.] : National Geographic Society, c1987.

Action-filled pages describe and illustrate the activities of various animals in Arizona's Sonoran Desert. Includes intricate pop-ups and pull tabs. Early readers. (j) QH541.5.D4 C74 1987

Nightwatch : Nightlife in the Tropical Rain Forest. Riley, Peter D.

Pleasantville, N.Y. : Reader's Digest Children's Books, c1999.

The flora and fauna of rain forests around the world is presented in text and pictures with translucent plastic panels revealing different layers of jungle life. Advanced readers. (j) QH541.5.R27 R454 1999

Backyard : Fun Experiments for Budding Scientists. Burke, Lisa. New York : DK Pub. 2010. Eleven hands-on experiments that bring science to life, right in your own backyard. Each project has a large flap to lift revealing "science stuff." Early readers. (j) QH55 .B917 2010

Book boxes (traditional books plus tactile accessories):

From Seed to Plant. Gibbons, Gail. New York : Holiday House, c1991. 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)

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. Martin, Bill. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1989. An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. Book box includes activity tree with felt alphabet letters. (j) SB299 .P3 M364 1989 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:

Jungle Animals. New York : DK Publishing, 2012. 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

The Little Composter. Gerardi, Jan. New York : Random House, c2010. Colorful pictures and simple text describe the process of making compost. Includes lift-

the-flaps.
Pre-readers. (j board) S654 .G47 2010

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