

Be a Ranger Librarian without ever leaving your school:

1. Acorn Naturalists—an indispensable vendor to share with your science teachers. Purchase books and props to enhance your outdoor oriented stories. www.acornnaturalists.com
2. Use more realia during your storytime!! Borrow a learning trunk from NPS. Search for supplemental materials on individual park sites. Look “For Teachers” then “Curriculum Materials.”
<http://www.nps.gov/learn/trunks.htm>
3. Collaborate on a nature journaling project with your Language Arts teachers.
4. Find nature on your campus. Guide students in interacting with it.

Resources for Teachers

- Ferra, Lorraine. *A Crow Doesn't Need a Shadow: A Guide to Writing Poetry from Nature*. Gibbs Smith Publishers. 1994.
- Louv, Richard. *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder*. Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. 2008.
- Louv, Richard. *The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature Deficit Disorder*. Algonquin Books. 2011.
- Sobel, David. *Childhood and Nature: Design Principles for Educators*. Stenhouse Publishers. 2008.
- (Leslie, Tallmadge, Wessels). *Into the Field: A Guide to Locally Focused Teaching*. (Nature Literacy Series vol. 3) Orion Society. 2005.
- (Young, Hass, McGown). *Coyote's Guide to Connecting with Nature, revised 2nd ed.* Owl Link Media. 2010.
- Highland, Chris. *Meditations of John Muir: Nature's Temple*. Wilderness Press. 2001. (Use these 60 quotes as writing prompts in or outside the classroom.)
- (Heard, McDonough). *A Place for Wonder: Reading and Writing Nonfiction in the Primary Grades*. Stenhouse Publishers. 2009.
- Leslie, Clare Walker. *Nature Journal: a guided journal for illustrating and recording your observations of the natural world*. Storey Publishing, LLC. 2003.
- Hinchman, Hannah. *A Trail Through Leaves: The Journal as a Path to Place*. W. W. Norton & Co. 1999.
- Comstock, Anna Botsford. *Handbook of Nature Study*. Comstock Publishing. 2009. (Originally written for elementary school teachers in 1911)

Outdoor Reading Selections for Students (a very short list)

- Dembicki, Matt. *Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Novel Collection*. Fulcrum Press. 2010.
- Shenk, Ellen. *Outdoor Careers: Exploring Occupations in Outdoor Fields, 2nd ed.* Stackpole Books. 2000.
- Baker, Nick. *The Amateur Naturalist*. National Geographic. 2005.

Additional Resources

- www.rangerlibrarian.com
For additional resources >**Literacy Blogs**>**Media Blog**>**Quick Links: Information Woods**; then Go to >**My Blog**>**Categories: Teacher Ranger Teacher** for a thick resource I created as a TRT at Grand Canyon entitled, *Bridging the Chasm: Connecting EE Curriculum Ideas and resources at Grand Canyon*. Finally, click >**Storytime Adventures** under the **Categories** list for a sample of storytime on the rim of the Grand Canyon!
- If you can think of the agency (NPS, USFWS, USFS, BLM) they probably have fabulous educational resources such as these:
<http://www.ridgefieldfriends.org/adventure/resources.htm>
www.nps.gov/glac/for/kids/upload/11-Resources-Handout.doc