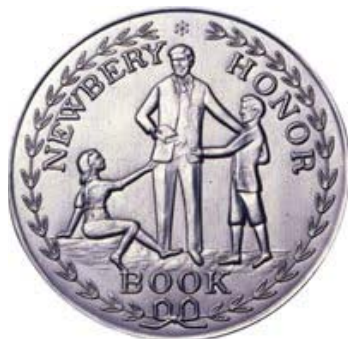


Using Newbery and Caldecott Books for an “Award-Winning Homeschool”



The American Library Association grants several awards to distinguished children’s literature. The first ever children’s book award is the John Newbery Award. Given since 1922 for the most distinguished American children’s book published the previous year, this prestigious award has marked the awareness of the importance in quality literature specifically for children. The Newbery Award considers poetry, plays, and prose particularly intended for children.

The Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library

Association, also grants the Caldecott Medal Award annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published by an American publisher in the United States in English during the preceding year. The book should have children up to age 14 as the intended audience and include artistically aesthetic and pleasing pictures in an artistic medium.

Both the John Newbery Medal Award and Caldecott Medal Award Booklists may be found at The Pikes Peak Library District website in the Kids Web at ppld.org then click on KidsWeb and Booklists. The printable lists will be found on the right of this page.



How may you, a home educator, use the distinguished books on these lists? First, recognize that all people have ways that they learn best. These, Howard Gardner and Thomas Armstrong, Ph.D. state, are the multiple intelligences. Two of the intelligences are Linguistic Intelligence (Word Smart) and Spatial Intelligence (Picture Smart). Word smart children enjoy reading or being read to, love to tell and write stories, talk and verbalize well and early, play word games with enthusiasm, and love research with words. Picture smart children may enjoy painting and drawing, playing video games, remember faces and places, read maps well, and notice everyday life in fullness. Moreover, celebrating your child’s strengths in these areas and providing opportunities to use these intelligences may include having available many of the Newbery and Caldecott books. Read these aloud often, noticing word choice and artistic qualities. Allow your word smart child to read these works out loud and then continue to explore other books where the author uses the same word choice to fulfill the story line. Stop along the story and explore the Caldecott winners’ use of line, color, and shape. Encourage your picture smart children to use the same techniques by providing the same mediums for them to explore.

Some wonderful resources to investigate:

The Complete Daily Curriculum for Early Childhood: Over 1,200 Easy Activities to Support Multiple Intelligences and Learning Styles
 by Pamela Byrne Schiller

The Disciplined Mind: What All Students Should Understand
 by Howard Gardner

The Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books Published
 by The American Library Association

A Newbery Christmas: Fourteen Stories of Christmas
 by Newbery Award-Winning Authors

Additional Authors:
 Martin Greenberg and Charles Waugh

This title is worth a look, but PPLD has only one copy:

The Newbery Girls: Selections From Fifteen Newbery Award-Winning Books Chosen Especially For Girls
 by Heather Dietz

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Featured Family: The Leites – Fabian, Lindsey, Juliana (8) and Gabriella (5)

Like so many of us who come to homeschooling, our journey has not been without complications!

My husband Fabian, and I enjoyed a more “traditional” education in South Africa where we were born and raised.

As newlyweds, we moved to London and nine years later our first daughter, Juliana was born.

At the time I was working as a freelance writer but it soon became apparent that my style of writing and taking care of a young baby did not mix!

By “chance” I was able to take up a telecommuting position doing English tutoring for an American based online writing school. It was here I had my first exposure to homeschoolers and the notion of homeschooling. Until that point it was a mainly unknown notion and my husband, predictably, cried “But how will you socialize her?”

However, as we contemplated things further and I was able to read him the excellent work my students produced, we both began to see a completely different perspective to this crazy thought.

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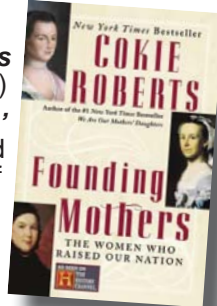
new
The BookShelf
great new books for homeschoolers

Public libraries are a great source for picture book biographies. Ask where the children's biographies are located and look for the thin books that look a lot like picture books. Enjoy the art and the story!

Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies
by Cokie Roberts (2014)

The best-selling author of *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters* presents an adaptation of her acclaimed adult book that highlights an engaging cast of revolutionary founding mothers, including Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, and Dolley Madison.

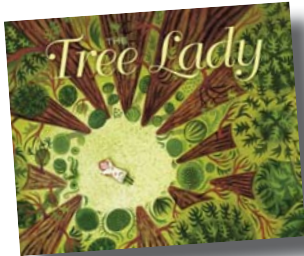
History - Ages 8 - 12



The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever
by H. Joseph Hopkins (2013)

Documents the true story of the nature pioneer and activist who after becoming the first woman to earn a science degree from the University of California took a teaching position in the desert region of San Diego and singlehandedly launched a movement to transform the area with trees and gardens.

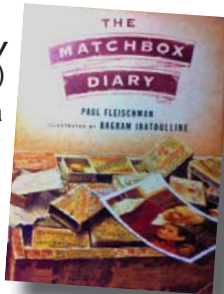
Science, biography - ages 5 - 10



The Matchbox Diary
by Paul Fleischman (2013)

The creators of *The Animal Hedge* follow a girl's perusal of her great-grandfather's collection of matchboxes and small curios that document his poignant immigration journey from Italy to a new country, portrayed through breathtaking illustrations.

History - ages 5-10



Welcome to America, Champ!
by Catherine Stier (2013)

In 1945, when young Thomas, his mother, and his new baby brother leave war-torn England to join his stepfather, an American soldier named Jack, in Chicago, Thomas finds a way to give courage to a fellow traveler on the Queen Mary. Includes historical note about war brides.

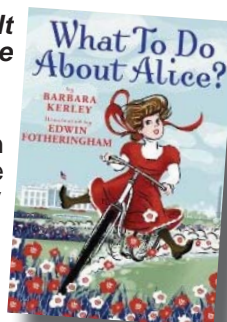
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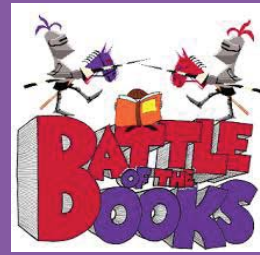
What to do about Alice?: How Alice Roosevelt broke the rules, charmed the world, and drove her father Teddy crazy!
by Barbara Kerley (2008)

Unconventional in many ways and troublesome in others, young Alice Lee Roosevelt made a name for herself in the White House through her many fun-filled activities while living there with her family and president father.

History/biography; ages 6+



Little-Known Secrets



Battle of the Books is a program that encourages children to read a variety of books by outstanding authors of children's literature. Teams from all over the Pikes Peak area participate. Students

are encouraged to read as many of the 40 books as possible. They may begin reading books from the "Battle" list as early as second or third grade, but the actual Battle is limited to fifth graders. The Pikes Peak Regional Battle is scheduled for April 16, 2015 at Colorado College's Armstrong Hall.

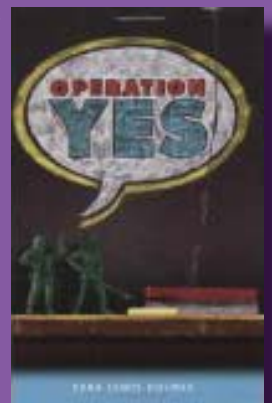
Battle books are a great literacy resource for homeschool families and are readily available in all PPLD branches. It is definitely not a requirement to participate on a Battle Team in order to access these great books! Battle books are generally located in or near the Junior Fiction (JFiction) area and have a piece of blue tape across the book spine. The Battle list is available on the PPLD website: select KidsWeb, select Book Ideas, and select Battle of the Books. Genres included are

historical fiction, humor, science fiction, adventure, mystery, fantasy, realistic fiction, and these two biographies: *Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio* by Peg Kehret and *Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine. There are also several Newberry Medal winners such as: *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien, and *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli.

Two books have been added to this year's Battle list:

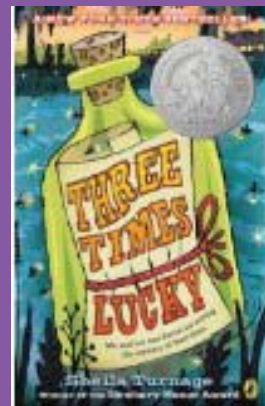
Operation Yes
by Sara Holmes

Miss Loupe, in her first-ever teaching job, uses improvisational acting exercises with her sixth-grade students at an Air Force base school. When she experiences a family tragedy, her previously skeptical students use what they have learned to help her, her brother, and other wounded soldiers.



Three Times Lucky
by Sheila Turnage

Mo LoBeau washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina. Now 11, she and her best friend Dale turn detective when Mo's adoptive parents, the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and his cook, Miss Lana, are implicated in a murder.



Homeschool Events

8th Annual Homeschool Art Show!
It's time to get your creative juices flowing! Homeschooled students of all ages can submit one drawing, painting, photo, sculpture, etc. during the last week of March 2015. All artwork will be on display during the entire month of April and we'll end with a reception for friends and family. Watch for more information about location as we get closer to March. The art show will not be juried.

Homeschool Science Lab
Use PPLD's science equipment for parent-assigned experiments and/or participate in our volunteer's special lab. All ages are welcome and parents must stay with their students. Contact Tori at vsparrow@ppld.org for more information or visit ppld.org/homeschool-hub. 3rd Friday ♦ 1 - 3 p.m. ♦ East Library

Homeschool Programs

Participate in a different family learning experience every time. Enjoy your sack lunch while socializing with other homeschooling families after the program.

Fountain Library
Read *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and then watch the movie! Contact Jessica at jfreeland@ppld.org for more information. Tue., Dec. 16 ♦ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

High Prairie Library
Contact Megan at msteinhauser@ppld.org for more information, or call 260-3650 to register. 3rd Wednesday ♦ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monument Library
Contact Sandy at syates@ppld.org for more information. 4th Monday ♦ 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Rockrimmon Library
Contact Karen at kklein@ppld.org for more information, or call 593-8000 to register. 2nd Thursday every other month ♦ 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Science Fair
The Homeschool Science Fair will allow your student(s) to demonstrate a science project for other homeschool families! This event is noncompetitive, and there are no strict rules or guidelines. Registration is required for each student wishing to present a project. You can register online at <http://tinyurl.com/PPLDScienceFair2015> or call Tori at (719) 531-6333, x1306. Fri., Feb. 13, 2015 ♦ 10 a.m. - noon
East Library Community Room

Tween Twist Thursday: Just for Tweens (ages 9 - 12)! Fun craft activities.

East Library Call 531-6333, x1403 for more information
Two Thursdays a month ♦ 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. ♦ in the NEW Tween Space

Library 21c ♦ 4 - 5 p.m. Call 884-9800, x6310 for more information
Thursdays, Dec. 4 and 18 ♦ Jan. 8 and 22 ♦ Feb. 5 and 19

Tween Make Monday

Each month will be a different "Make" program in the Clean Make space.
Library 21c ♦ 4 - 5 p.m. Call 884-9800, x6310 for more information
First Monday of each month. Jan. 5 ♦ Feb. 2, 2015

8th Annual Teen Art Contest

Artists in grades 6 - 12 enter your work in a teen art competition juried by PPLD's teen advisory groups. Art can be submitted at select locations between Mon., Feb. 23 and Mon., March 2. All art will then be displayed at one of our library locations during the month of April. For submission forms and more information, check out the PPLD Teens webpage or stop by any PPLD Library location.

Study Buddies

Teen volunteers help students in kindergarten through fifth grade with homework or reading practice.

East Library - Tuesdays ♦ 6:30 - 8 p.m. (531-6333, x1407 or x1403)
Library 21c - Thursdays ♦ 6:30 - 8 p.m. (884-9800, x6310)

Sensory Storytime

A preschool-level storytime developed for children on the Autism Spectrum or differently-abled. Register in advance by calling 593-8000 or by visiting ppld.org. Rockrimmon Library ♦ first Thursday of the month ♦ 3 p.m.

Make Art!

Kids in grades 1 - 5 can create a unique work of art one Saturday afternoon a month at East Library! Call 531-6333, x1403 or x1401 for dates and theme.

Family Fun

Enjoy performers, animals, crafts and much more at monthly programs. Check online at ppld.org, or at your local library, to find out what's happening at that location.

AfterMath

Our experienced math tutors can help you improve your grades and take the stress out of math. No appointments - Drop in! Grades K - 12 only.

Mondays ♦ 3:30 - 7 p.m. ♦ Monument Library
Mondays ♦ 3:15 - 6:15 p.m. ♦ Manitou Springs Library
Wednesdays ♦ 3:30 - 6 p.m. ♦ Library 21c
Thursdays ♦ 4 - 6:30 p.m. ♦ East Library

Betty Field Memorial Youth Writing contest

Sponsored by the Friends of PPLD, this contest is open to all 6th through 12th grade students in El Paso County, or areas served by Pikes Peak Library District. Deadline for receipt of the 2015 contest entries is Feb. 28, 2015. Go to www.writingcontest612.info for contest forms and more information.

Continued from front cover Featured Family: The Leites

Homeschooling in the UK is not at all popular. As we began to mention our intention to educate our now four-year-old daughter and her one-year-old sister Gabriella, at home, things got tricky. While some friends were very supportive, many were judgmental and argumentative.

In my desperation to try and "prove" how well we were doing, I made the big mistake of doing "school at home," instead of homeschooling. I attempted to make my four-year-old daughter sit doing pages of workbooks for as much as four hours a day!

Unsurprisingly, it did not go well; academically she was doing fine, relationally we were struggling.

At the same time, the opportunity to move to the USA presented itself. We debated many issues, including our ability to homeschool and the freedom to do that. Ultimately, we sold our home, closed our successful IT Consultancy and traveled to Colorado Springs to purchase a coffee shop.

In November 2012, we made our official move to Colorado and, as the new owners of Wesley Owens Coffee Shop in Monument, we started a new chapter in our lives, and our homeschooling.

Initially, with so much going on, we decided to work on settling in, and rekindling a love of learning.

This year we have started with a little more structure and broadly follow the Charlotte Mason method. We are blessed to have joined a great CM group in Monument which is perfect for my active, kinesthetic learners. New friendships are being made and cultivated weekly. And within their many activities, my children have met homeschoolers and "other" schoolers, and never felt out of place or weird.

Colorado has made us very welcome, and for this we are grateful and blessed.



Arts & Literature!

Children's Activity: Picture It!

You will need:

1 book to read • Paper • Crayons, Colored Pencils, or Markers

Instructions:

1. Find a book that you have never read before.
2. Ask mom or dad to read it to you. Do not look at the pictures inside the book, only listen to the story.
3. Pick your favorite part of the book and draw a picture. Make sure to put in as many details as you remember from that part of the story.
4. Compare the picture that you created with the one in the book. How are they the same? How are they different? Did the author picture it like you did or was it very different? Was there something you forgot to put in your picture?
5. Read the story again, this time looking at the pictures in the book.

Teen Activity: Favorite Quote Magic

You will need:

Paper • Watercolor Paints • A cup of water
Paint Brush • White Crayon • Scissors

Instructions:

1. Pick your favorite quote from any book. (You can either go back to the book to find it or try searching it online.)
2. Write the quote on your piece of paper using the white crayon. Wipe off any extra flecks of crayon.
3. Using the watercolor paints, cover the entire sheet of paper with color. (As you paint you will notice that the areas where you colored stay white.)
4. Use your scissors to cut out the quote magic that you created in a unique way.
5. Figure out a creative way to display your new masterpiece.

Books for Creative Teens

Fiction

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
ZUSA

Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier
CHEV

It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
VIZZ

Okay for Now by Gary Schmidt
SCHM

The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary L. Blackwood
BLAC

Nonfiction

702.8 C723T

200 Projects to Strengthen Your Art Skills
by Valerie Colston

700.92 D143F

Salvador Dalí: the construction of the image, 1925-1930 by Felix Fanes

808.042 S927C

The Elements of Style
by William Strunk Jr. and E.B. White

364.16 B743G

The Gardner Heist by Ulrich Boser
803. L673T

Thrice Told Tales by Catherine Lewis

Web Picks

PPLD has many ways to find that perfect book to read. On the Children's Literature Web Guide (go to KidsWeb/grown-ups/Children's Literature Web Guide) you can find lists of award-winning books, booklists, ideas for using books with kids, and even a site to help you learn to pronounce authors names (Brian Jacques, anyone?).

For librarian-compiled reading lists, go back to KidsWeb and click on Book Ideas and Booklists for Kids. There you'll find printable lists as well as lists that take you right to the PPLD catalog.

Teens also have a great place to find recommended books (go to PPLD Teens/Find a Good Book). Here they'll find lists in just about any topic they can think of, including "if You Liked...." suggestions.

Want book ideas for all ages e-mailed to you each month? NextReads newsletters will feed your hunger! On ppild.org, click on "Find a Good Book" (on brown bar) and then under "Recommended Reading," click on "Email Reading Lists." You can sign up to receive newsletters for kids, tweens, teens and adults. Enjoy!

The Arts in Children's Literature

J-Easy (picture books)

The Tale of Dog Giovanni by John Gravadahl GRAV

Zin! Zin! Zin!: a Violin by Lloyd Moss MOSS

Think Big by Garton Scanlon SCAN

Young Frank, Architect by Frank Viva VIVA

J-Fiction (chapter books)

Fiddle Fever by Sharon Arms Doucet DOUC

Grave Images by Jenny Goebel GOEB

Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven by Graham Salisbury SALI

All the World's a Stage: A Novel in Five Acts
by Gretchen Woelfle WOEL

J-Nonfiction

J 398.8 C146P

Randolph Caldecott's Picture Books by Randolph Caldecott

J 750.11 A376C

A Children's Introduction to Art: the world's Greatest Paintings and Sculptures by Heather Alexander

J 792.8 L478C

A Child's Introduction to Ballet: the Stories, Music, and Magic of Classical Dance by Laura Lee

J 808.81 S617

Sing a Song of Popcorn: Every Child's Book of Poems
selected by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers