

Thinking Outside: Partnerships, Program Notes, Resources

Resources to purchase:

Night Sky Guide (laminated folding card):

<https://www.foldingguides.com/product/night-sky-guide-9-x-4-format/>

The Night Sky <https://www.foldingguides.com/product/night-sky-guide-9-x-4-format/>

The Miller Planisphere

<https://www.amazon.com/Miller-Planisphere-Star-Finder-Large/dp/B005J0XTH2>

Match a Pair of Birds Memory Game

<https://www.amazon.com/Match-Pair-Birds-Memory-Game/dp/1856699668>

Animal and Bird Tracks

<https://www.amazon.com/Animal-Tracks-Sierra-Knowledge-Cards/dp/0764921673>

Sibley Backyard Birding Flashcards

<https://www.amazon.com/Sibley-Backyard-Birding-Flashcards-Eastern/dp/0307888975>

Pocket Guide to Animal Tracks

<https://www.amazon.com/Animal-Tracks-Familiar-American-Naturalist/dp/1583550720>

The Calls of Frogs and Toads: Breeding Calls and sounds of 42 Different Species

<https://www.amazon.ca/Calls-Frogs-Toads-Breeding-Different/dp/0811729680>

52 Nature Activities by Lynn Gordon: Playing Cards

https://www.amazon.com/52-Activities-Nature-Lynn-Gordon/dp/0811810968/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1540744950&sr=1-1&keywords=52+nature+activities+cards

Waterford Press Pocket Guides:

https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_sc_1_13?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=waterford+press+pocket+guides&srefix=waterford+prs%2Cstripbooks%2C188&crd=1WHYPJY3ON9SK

Falcon Pocket Guides:

https://rowman.com/Action/SERIES/_/GPP042/Falcon-Pocket-Guides

Tube of fairies:

<https://www.amazon.com/Safari-Fantasies-Figurine-Including-Fairies/dp/B0032OBE2E>

Tube of animals:

<https://www.amazon.com/Wild-Republic-River-Nature-Tube/dp/B00BZQZYU4>

Resources to bookmark and share:

<http://naturebooklist.com/>

<https://www.childrenandnature.org/2014/03/10/seven-actions-parents-can-take-to-increase-outdoor-safety/>

http://thisishowyouplay.org/wiki/Fire_tender

Resources to find in library collections:

National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Birds Eastern Region

Pierce, Terry and Carol Schwartz **My Busy Green Garden**

Portis, Antoinette **Froodle**

Singer, Marilyn and LeUyen Pham **A Stick is an Excellent Thing: Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play**

Rompella, Natalie and Margo Burian **Don't Squash That Bug! The Curious Kid's Guide to Insects**

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro **Green**

Schaeffer, Carole Lexa and Pierr Morgan **The Child's Garden: Growing Food in the City**

Siddals, Mary McKenna and Patrice Barton **Bringing the Outside In**

Rockwell, Anne and Harlow Rockwell **My Spring Robin**

Grice, Gordon **A Cabinet of Curiosities**

Louv, Richard **Vitamin N**

Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder

Gooley, Tristan **The Lost Art of Nature's Signs**

Worroll, Jane and Peter Houghton **Play the Forest School Way**

Gooley, Tristan **How to Connect with Nature**

Kane, Tracy **Fairy Houses**

Kane, Tracy and Barry Kane **Fairy Houses Everywhere!**

Applegate, Katherine **Wishtree**

Kelly, Jacqueline **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate**

Fleischman, Paul **Seedfolks**

Resources to create:

Nature-themed early childhood story kits (for the public), including stories, nonfiction, a DVD and/or CD, an activity book for adults to use, and a game or equipment to play with. RCS Community Library has developed kits on the following themes:

- Bird Watching
- Hello Ocean
- Pond Science
- Backyard Creatures
- Homes for Everyone
- Science With Roots
- Weather Watch

Presenter possibilities:

Anita Sanchez <http://anitasanchez.com/>

George Steele <https://georgesteele.webs.com/>

Reptile Rescue <http://rhondasreptiles.com/parties/reptile-rescue-new-lebanon-ny/> (?);

Whispering Willow Wild Care Live Bird Program <https://www.whisperingwillowwildcare.org/>

Ron Glasser <https://www.spotlightnews.com/news/2014/04/16/shell-shocked/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Discovery-Hall-191138111373/> -

Brought shells to Rose Stuart's summer storytime; didn't charge. 518-669-0043

Partner possibilities

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center <http://www.albanypinebush.org/discovery-center>
Pine Bush Nature Center <http://www.albanypinebush.org/>
Landis Arboretum <http://www.landisarboretum.org/>
Cornell Cooperative Extension <http://cce.cornell.edu/>
Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Fishing Pole Program:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/98019.html>
Dyken Pond <http://dykenpond.org/>
Field and Stream Store – Latham, Larry DiDonato, Outdoor Specialist:
<https://stores.fieldandstreamshop.com/ny/latham/4611/> (518) 213-3478
Five Rivers Environmental Center <https://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html>
Food Co-op – Albany <https://www.charlotterusse.com/cart/> - food programs
Hudson – Mohawk Bird Club <https://hmbc.net/>
MiSci (the Museum of Innovation and Science) <https://www.misci.org/>
Children’s Museum of Science and Technology: <https://www.cmost.org/>
New Baltimore Conservancy <https://newbaltimoreconservancy.org/>
Schenectady County Historical Society: <http://schenectadyhistorical.org/> - Farm and Lawn Garden
Schodack Island State Park: <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/146/hunting.aspx>
Schoharie River Center <http://www.schoharierivercenter.org/>
State Parks: <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/>

Program ideas being done at other libraries

Community Garden - Castleton
Explorer kits - Johnstown
Fairy houses – Middleburgh
Geocaching - Colonie
Hatch chicks – Voorheesville
Library farm – NOPL - Cicero
Library garden – produce – Saratoga
Patio playtime – Guilderland
Pizza herb garden - Colonie
Raised and released butterflies – Albany
Raised garden beds - Altamont
Storytime on Lawn – Colonie
Summer tots - Voorheesville
Worm composting – Rotterdam
Bike Day
Messy art outdoors
Photography Club