

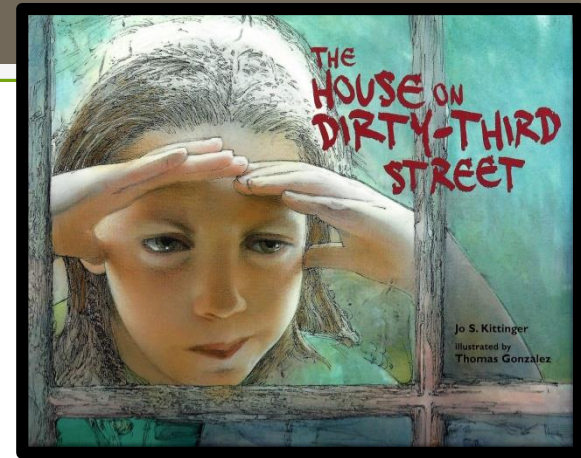
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The untapped potential of nonfiction  
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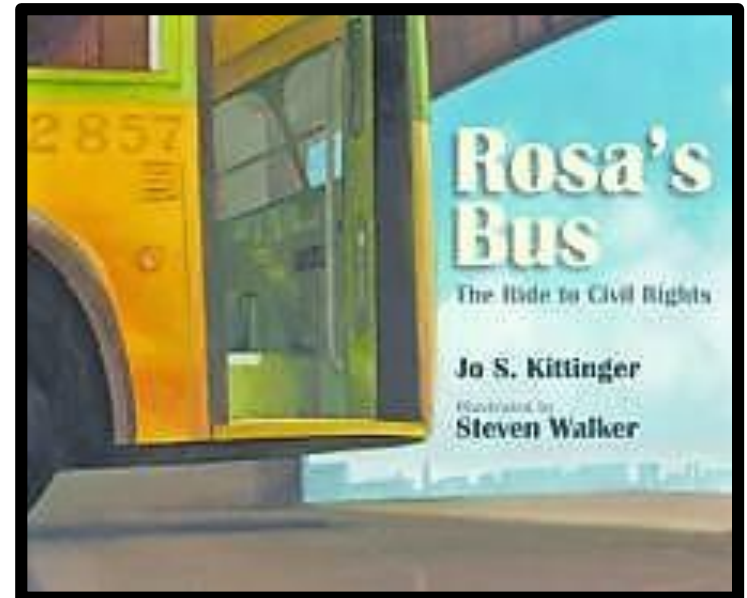
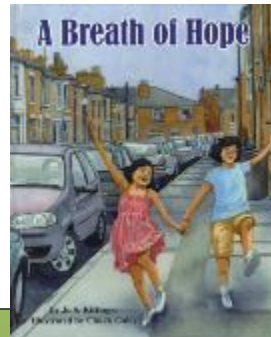
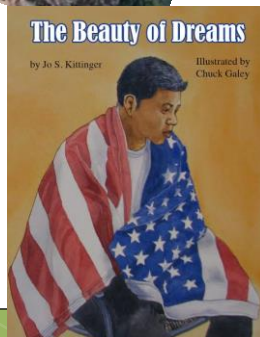
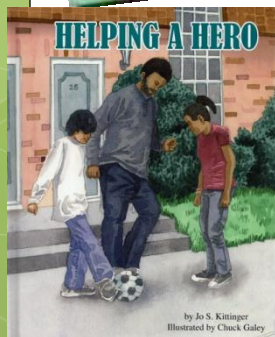
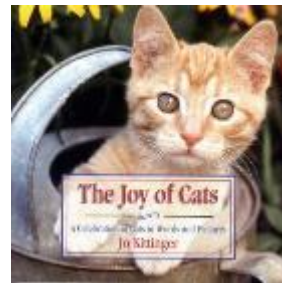
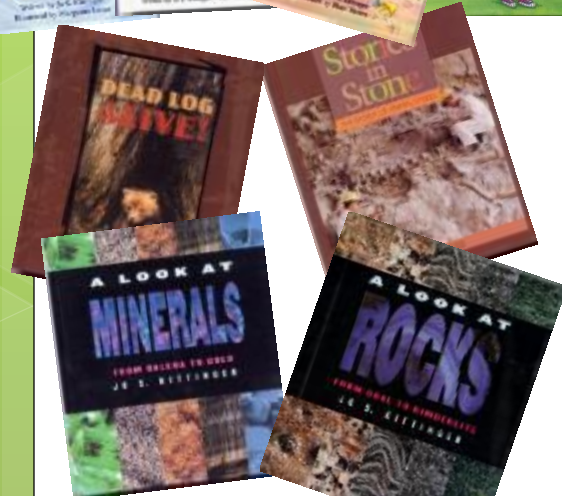
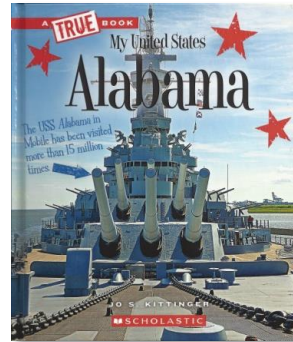


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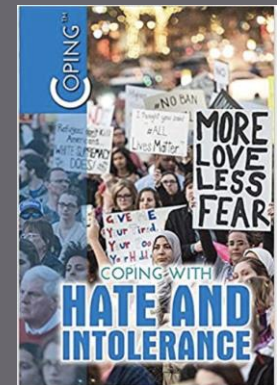
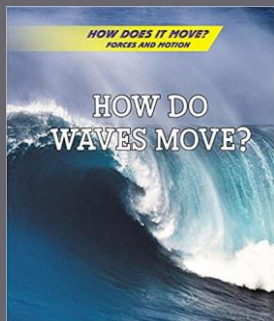
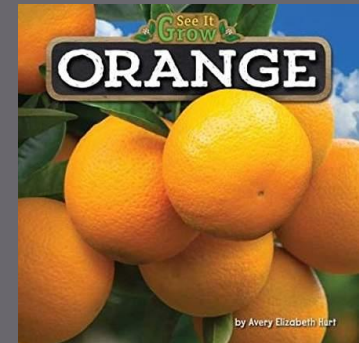
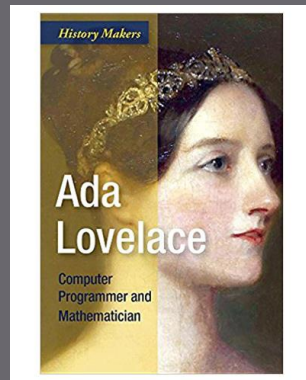
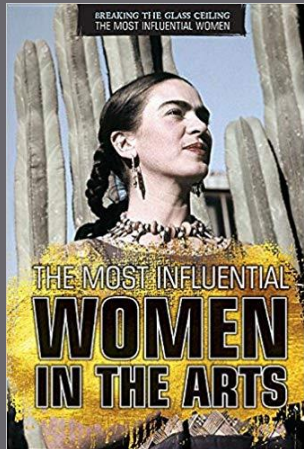
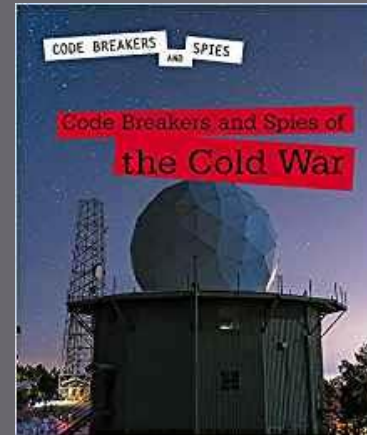
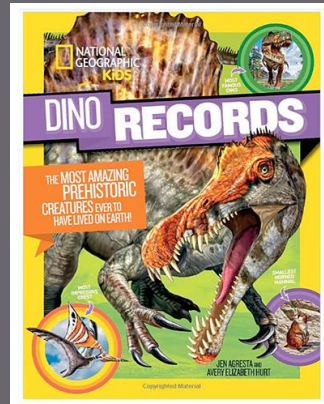
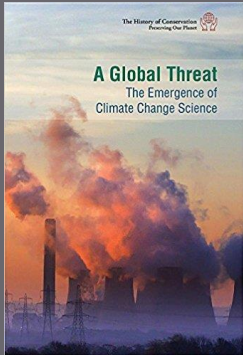


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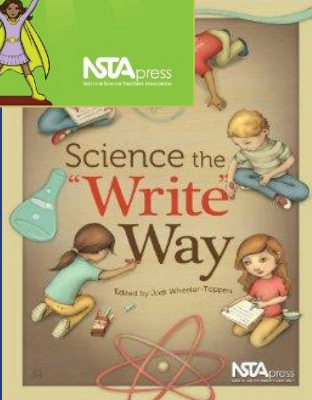
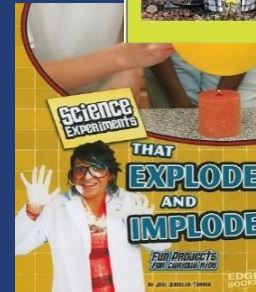
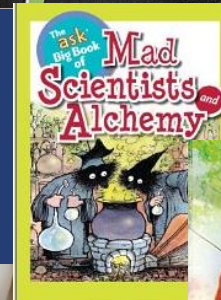
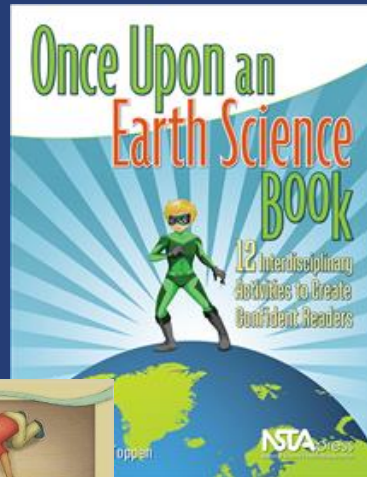
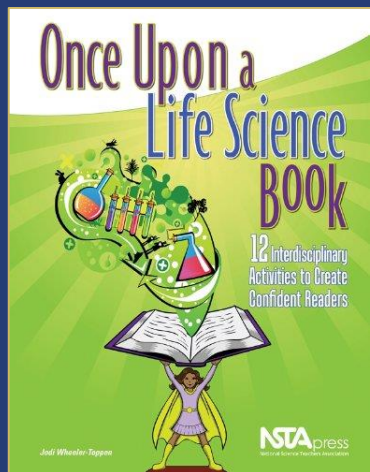
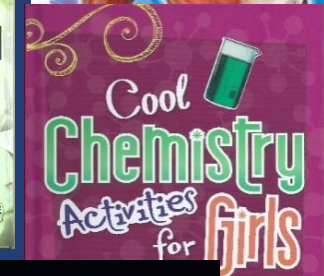
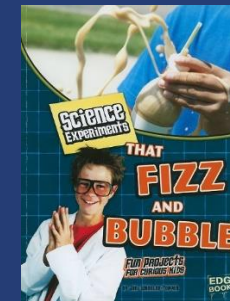
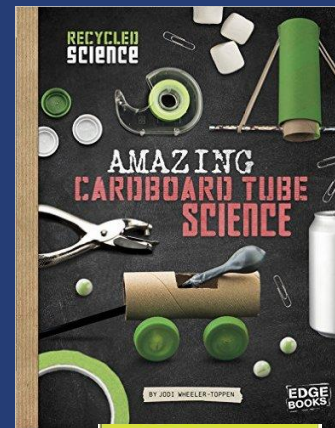
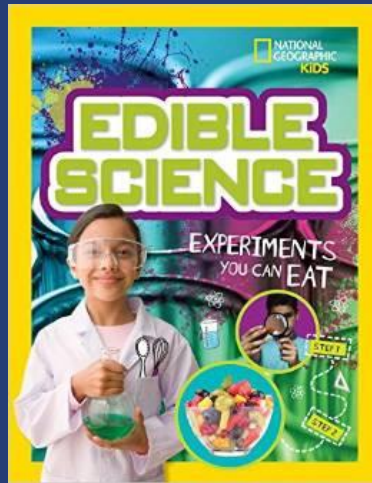




# Books by Avery







Jodi's Books

# Why Nonfiction?

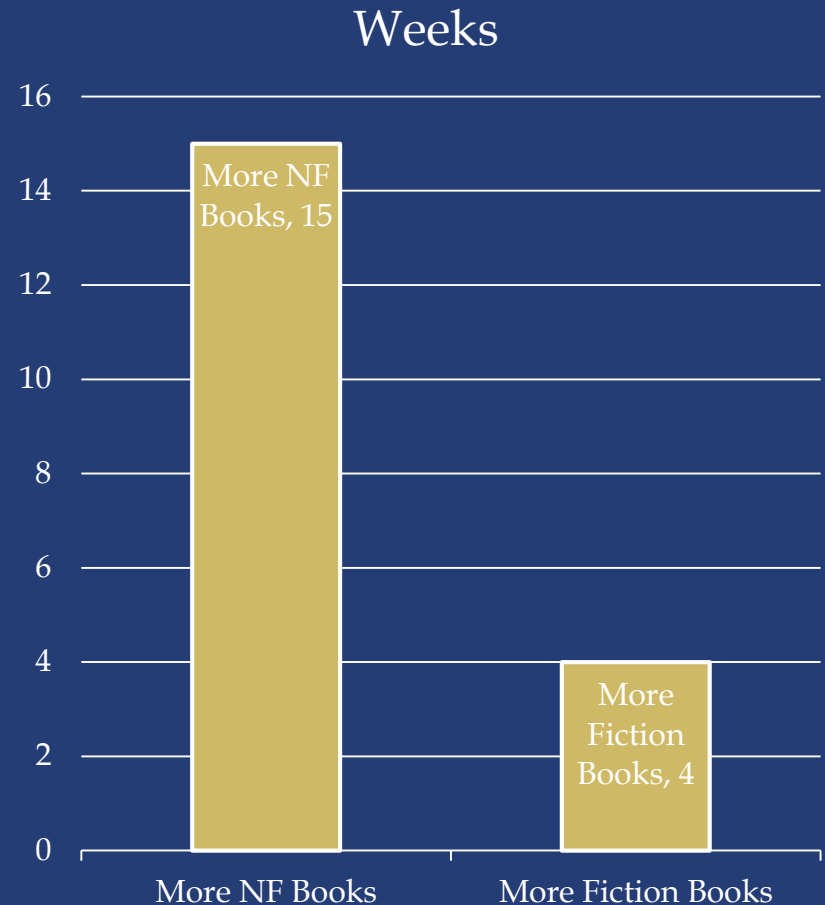
Academic skills blah blah blah blah  
vocabulary development blah blah  
blah blah informational literacy blah  
blah blah blah blah

# Kids Like It!

# Why Nonfiction?

- ▣ Kindergarten Teacher
- ▣ students' weekly library check-outs
- ▣ They chose NF more often 15 out of 19 weeks.

Correia, Marlene Ponte. "Fiction vs Informational Texts: Which Will Kindergartners Choose?" *Young Children*, 2011, p. 100-104.



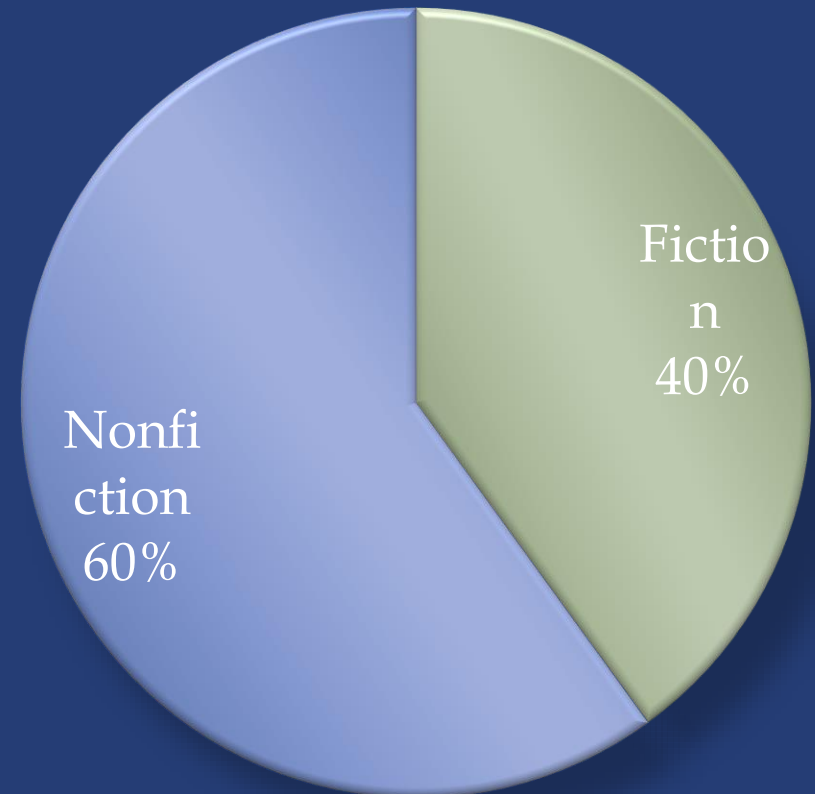
[Note: I'm borrowing heavily from Melissa Stewart's blog series "Wait that's not broccoli. It's chocolate cake!". I encourage you to read the entire series:

<http://onceuponasciencebook.com/2018/08/21/melissa-stewart-on-chocolate-cake/>]

# Why Nonfiction?

- ▣ School librarian
- ▣ 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders
- ▣ Choice reading only (no school assignments)
- ▣ Over 3 years (10,000 transactions)
- ▣ Boys chose NF more than twice as often as girls

Books for Pleasure



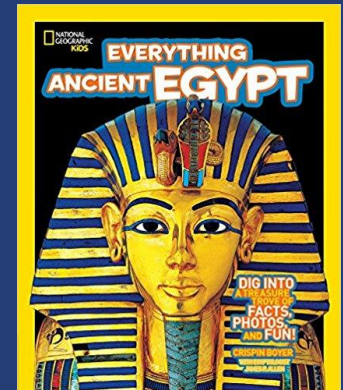
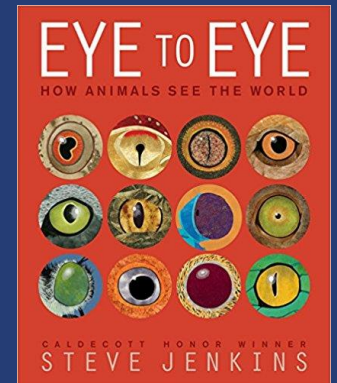
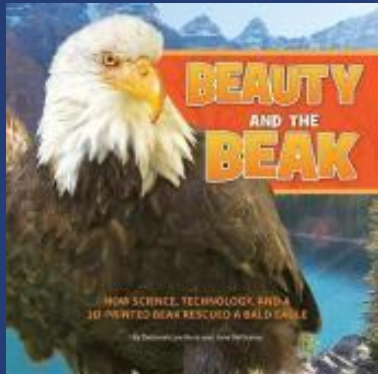
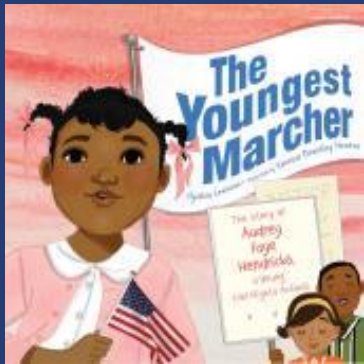
Doiron, Ray. "Boy Books, Girl Books: Should We Re-Organize Our School Library Collections?" *Teacher Librarian*. 2003, p. 14-16.



# What Nonfiction?

Narrative  
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Expository  
Nonfiction





# What Nonfiction?

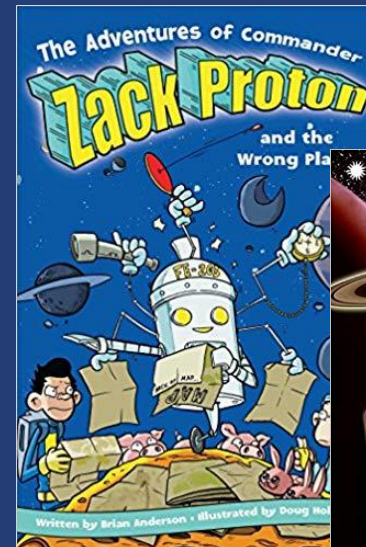
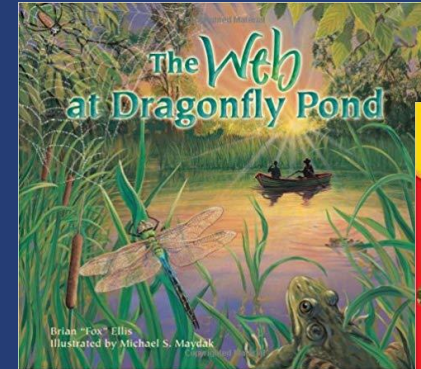
- ▣ 190 first graders
- ▣ Chose from 9 high-quality picture books:
  - 5 fiction
  - 1 expository NF
  - 1 biography
  - 1 NF poetry
  - 1 hybrid F/NF
- ▣ **84% chose nonfiction**
- ▣ **46% chose the expository nonfiction**



Mohr, Kathleen A. J. "Children's Choices for Recreational Reading: A Three-Part Investigation of Selection Preferences, Rationales, and Processes." *Journal of Literacy Research*, 2006, p. 81-104.

# Why Nonfiction?

- ▣ Paired book choices:  
“informational fiction” and  
expository nonfiction
- ▣ First and fourth graders
- ▣ Could choose one, both, or  
neither
- ▣ More than 75 percent liked  
the nonfiction books as much  
as or more than fiction
- ▣ 42 percent had a moderate or  
strong *preference* for  
expository nonfiction

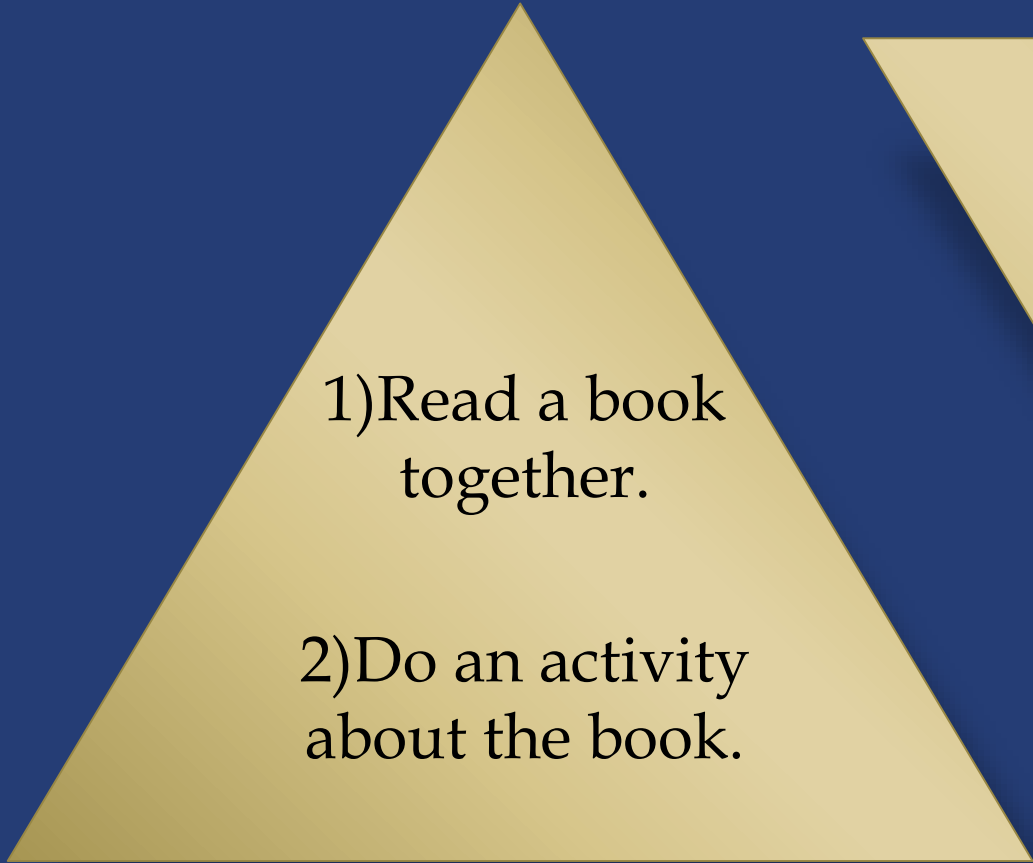


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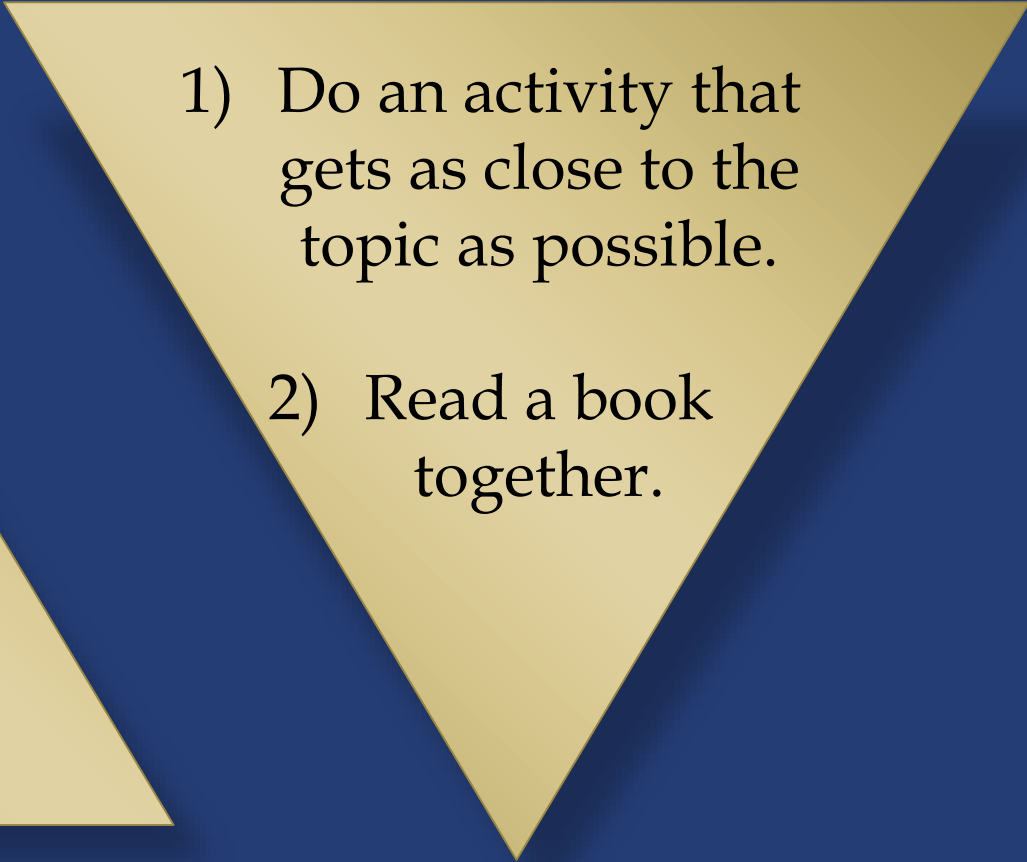


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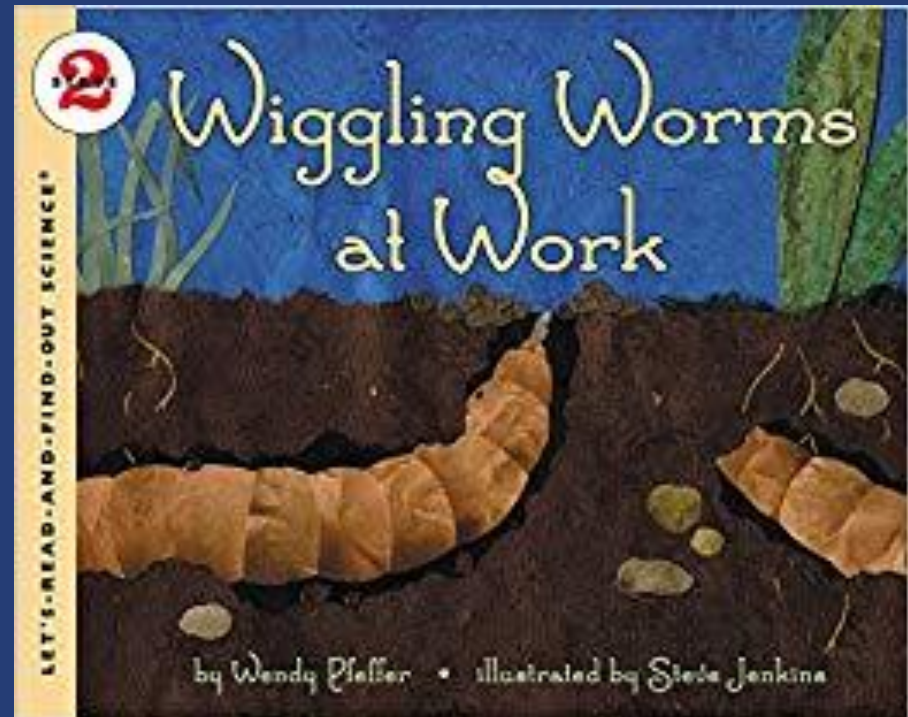
## TRADITIONAL PATTERN

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- 1) Read a book together.
  - 2) Do an activity about the book.

## RESEARCH PATTERN

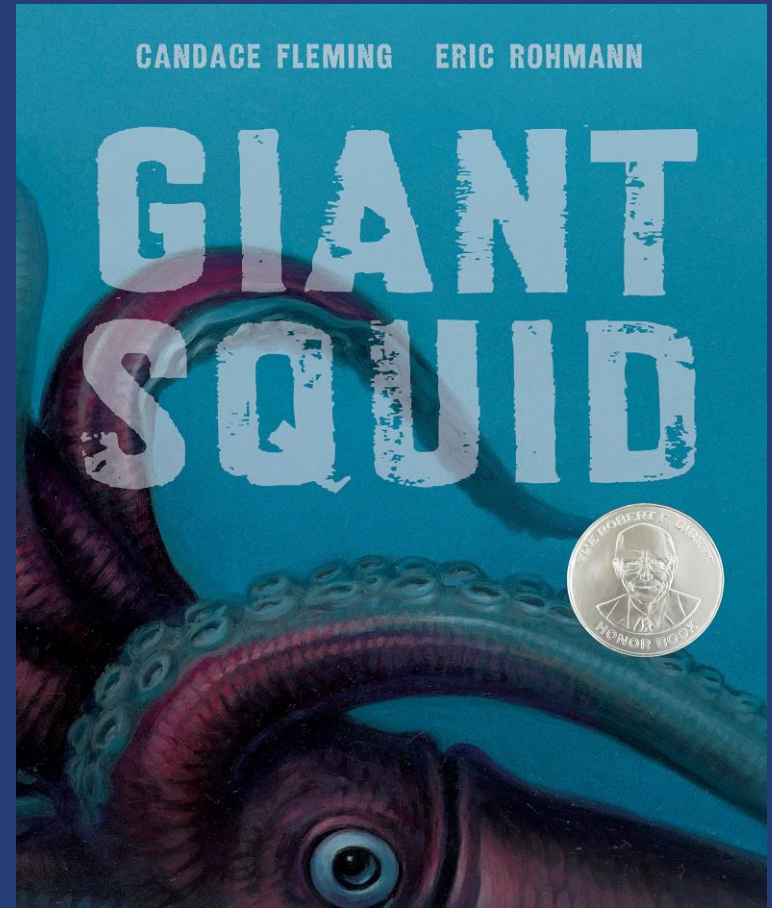
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- 1) Do an activity that gets as close to the topic as possible.
  - 2) Read a book together.

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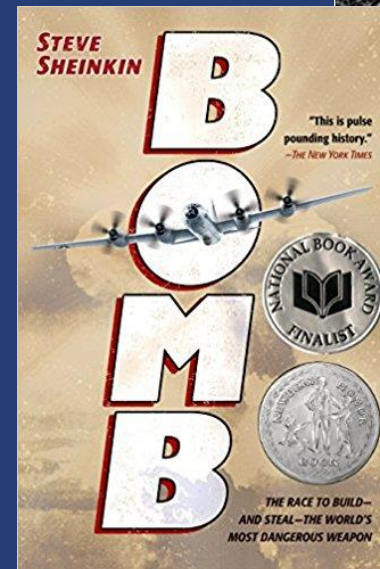
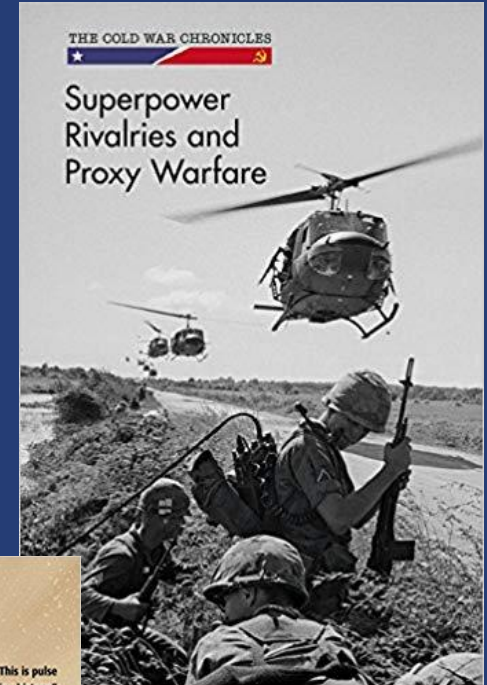
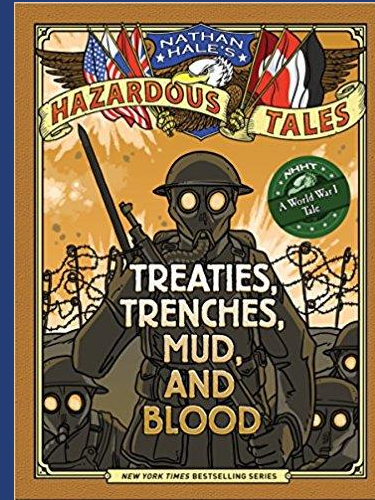




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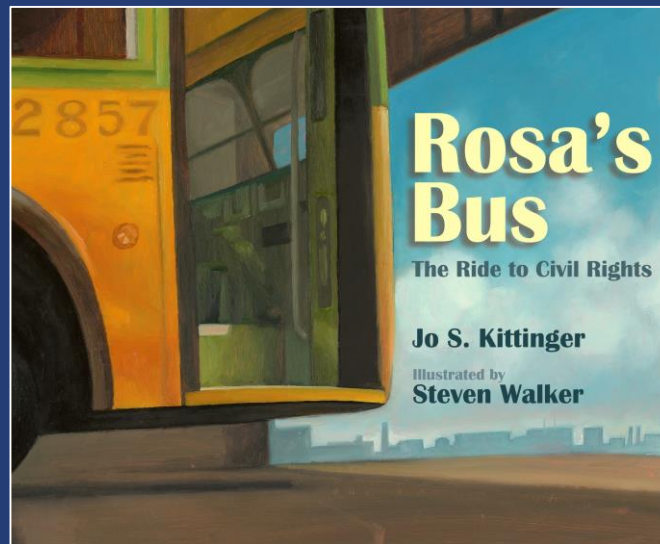


# How Nonfiction?





# How Nonfiction?



# Resources for Non-fiction Books, Info and Authors

- STEM Tuesday [www.fromthemixedupfiles.com](http://www.fromthemixedupfiles.com)
- Skype an Author [www.skypeanauthor.wikifoundry.com](http://www.skypeanauthor.wikifoundry.com)
- iNK Think Tank <http://inkthinktank.org>  
Non-Fiction Minute <https://www.nonfictionminute.org>
- Non-fiction Monday <https://nonfictionmonday.wordpress.com>
- Melissa Stewart's celebrate science  
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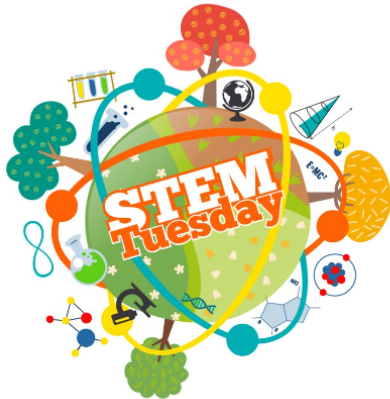




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## STEM Tuesday



### STEM Tuesday — Checking Your Health— In the Classroom

August 14, 2018 by [STEM Tuesday](#)

Once again, the STEM Tuesday Team put together a powerhouse book list for this month's theme: CHECKING YOUR HEALTH. You can access that book list quickly and easily right [HERE](#). As always, on Week Two, we're going to take a few books from the list and talk about classroom application. Upper elementary, middle school, home school, summer school – we've got activities for you! Lights, Camera, Action Use Maris Wicks's fascinating book Human Body Theater, a Nonfiction Revue to put on a show! The book, which is in graphic/comic strip format (can we say graphic novel for nonfiction? Hmm....) is divided into Acts One through Eleven, with each act explaining one of our bodies' systems. Students might work in groups, choosing a system and writing a script for a whole-body performance. A ticket to the Human Body Theater might be just be the hottest ticket in town! Then and Now Using Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America by...

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# Skype an Author Network

Sponsored by Author Mona Kerby and Library Media Specialist Sarah Chauncey

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## Virtual Author Visits in Your Library or Classroom

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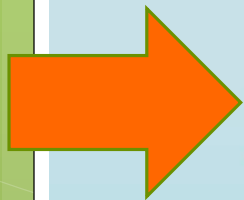
It all started when author Mona Kerby visited Grandview Library in 2008 to talk to 2nd graders about her book [Owney, The Mail Pouch Pooch](#). In 2009, Ms. Kerby visited the class via Skype. The children and their teachers cheered when Ms. Kerby "appeared" on the Smart Board. Ms. Kerby talked about Owney and the process she went through to research, write, and publish the book. Several of the children asked Ms. Kerby questions and the whole group enjoyed waving at and thanking Ms. Kerby for "visiting".

The mission of the Skype an Author Network is to provide K-12 teachers and librarians with a way to connect authors, books, and young readers through virtual visits. Wouldn't it be great to invite authors into your classroom or library to video chat with students before, during, and/or after reading their books? We are growing a list of authors who want to make that connection with you via Skype. Visit our [Skype Overview](#) page to learn more about Skype.





NONFICTION AUTHORS  
IN YOUR CLASSROOM



Welcome to **iNK**!  
THINK TANK

*The award-winning authors of iNK  
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use of nonfiction in classrooms through  
programs that help teachers use real books to  
teach to curriculum standards in ways that  
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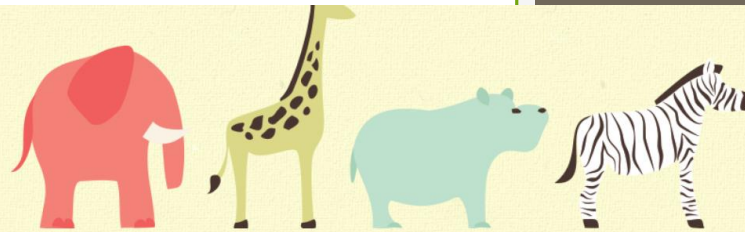
#### **Who we are**

We are now a nonprofit! With a strong emphasis on nonfiction, the Common Core State Standards and many individual state standards make this the perfect time to get to know iNK.

# ***The Nonfiction Minute***

Compelling short self-contained original 400-word essays by top nonfiction children's book authors on a variety of subjects. With illuminating visuals and accompanying audio read by the author.





# Nonfiction Monday

Rounding up the best nonfiction for children and teens

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Harvesters

by Lori Dittmer (Author)

**Booktalk:** A kindergarten-level introduction to harvesters, covering their purpose, parts, role in farming, and such defining features as their metal bars.

**Snippet:**

Nonfiction  
Monday Bloggers



# Celebrate Science

Welcome teachers, librarians, homeschoolers and nonfiction writers! This blog offers innovative resources for teaching science and tips for writing nonfiction.

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## ➔ SCBWI-LA Handout: Five Kinds of Nonfiction for Kids

### Background

I've written an article about the 5 kinds of nonfiction here:

<http://celebratescience.blogspot.com/2017/12/behind-books-nonfiction-family-tree.html>

I've discussed the 5 kinds of nonfiction in this video created for Colby Sharp's vlog:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4vd1XEPu6E>

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Author Suzanne Gervay at Sunrise Elementary School

Few things can compare to the experience of a child meeting the author or illustrator of their favorite book. This listing allows teachers and librarians to search for speakers. Many of our speakers have videos, links to books, and other information to help you make an informed decision about bringing a speaker to your venue.

# FILLING THE SEATS





Do you know this man?



# That's Our Jodi!



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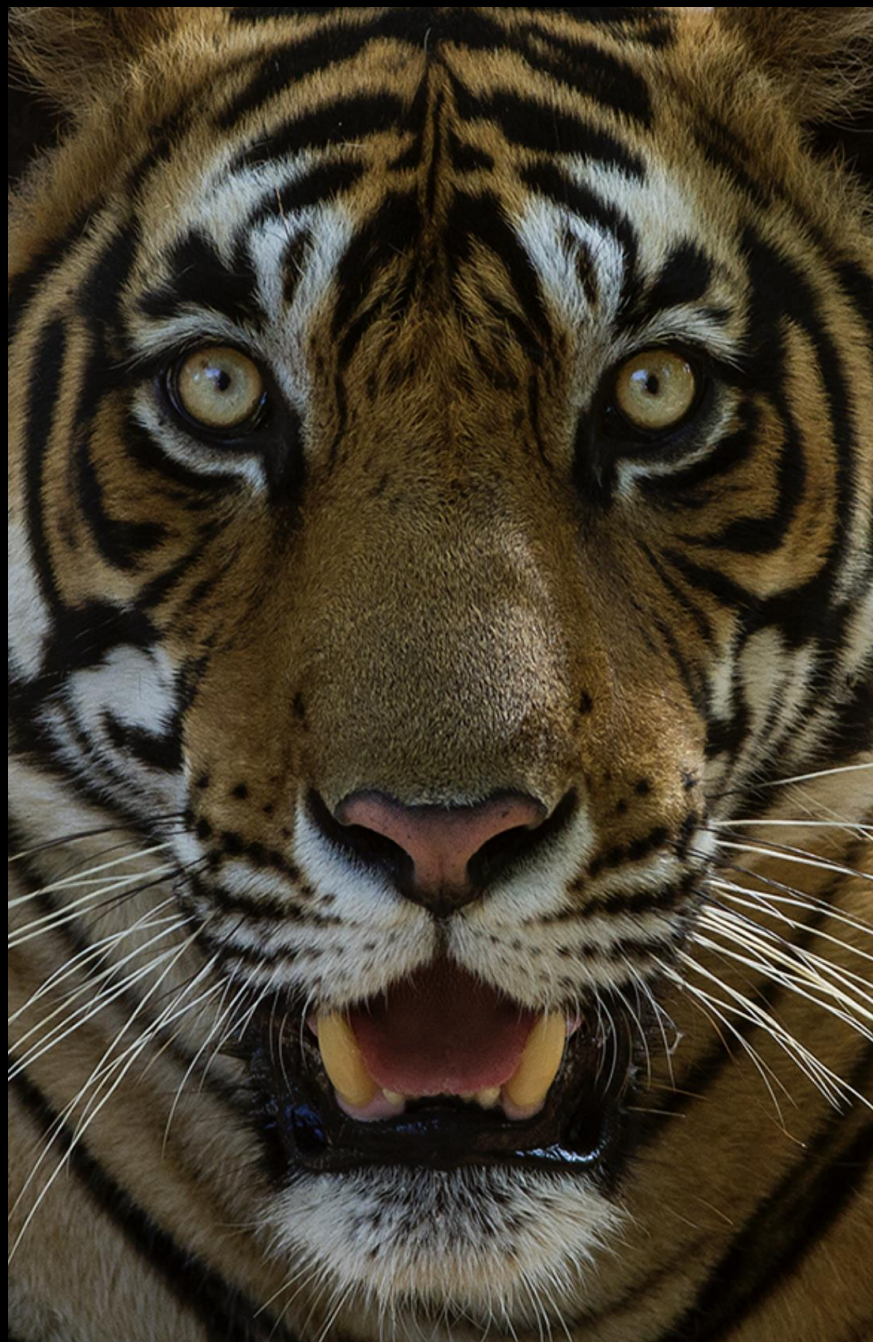
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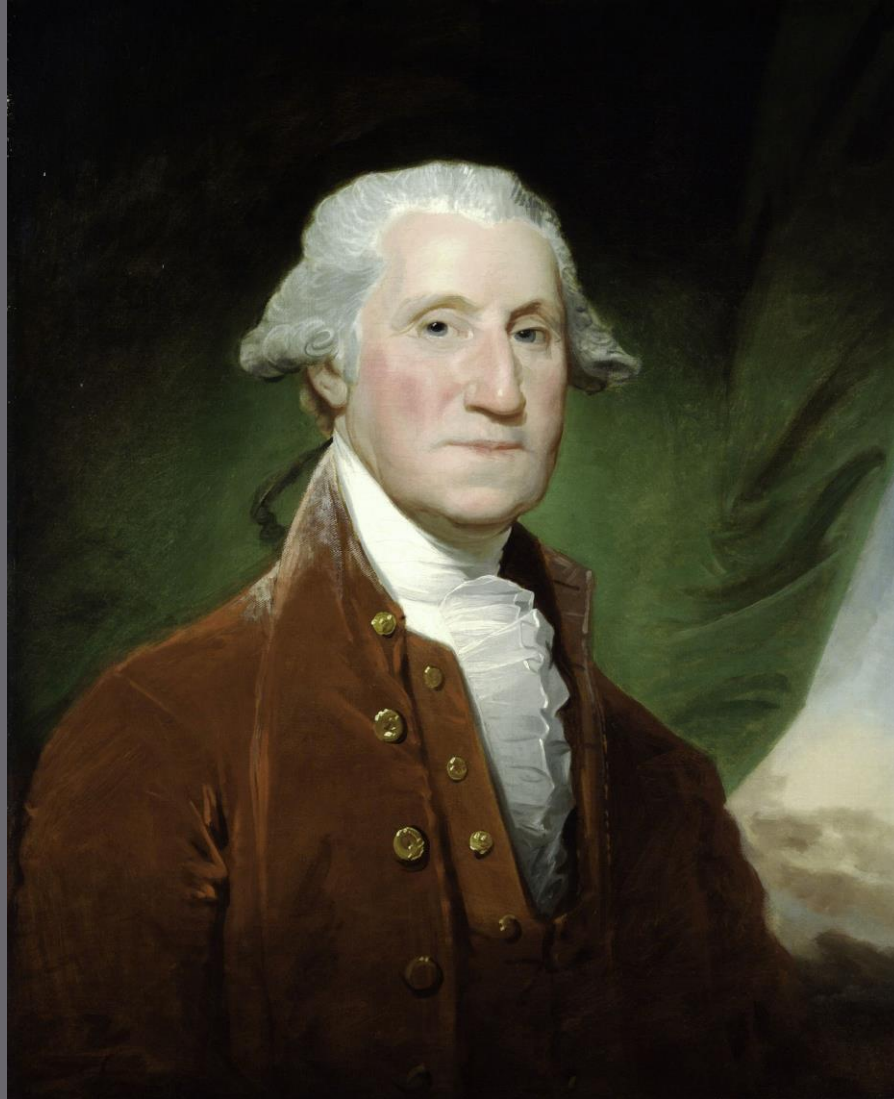


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I personally invite you ...









# Add an Author

Chess clubs

Home school groups

Reading clubs

LGBTQ groups

Debate clubs

# Promote, Promote

Post Flyers in library and around town

Post on social media sites teachers frequent

Talk with local teachers and ask them to  
recommend it to their classes

Talk to regular library patrons — kids *and* their  
parents

Recruit an influencer

# Recruit helpers

Ask kids to make posters and flyers

Ask kids to research the topic

Let kids help make decisions about the program



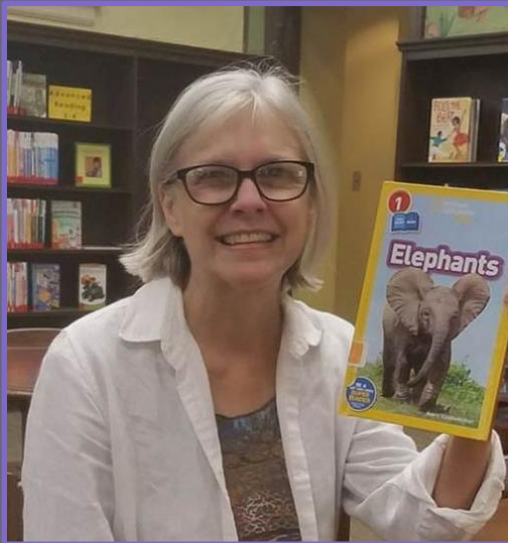
Give Kids ownership of the program (and get free advertising)



Thoughts? Questions?  
(for any of us)

# Connect with us!

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