

Multnomah County Library School Corps
Gotta Read This!: New Books to Connect with Your Curriculum
Books for grades K-5: August 4 & 13, 2009

Language Arts

Poetry

CCG: *Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of informational and narrative text across the subject areas at school and on own, applying comprehension strategies as needed.*

- * Weinstock, Robert. [Food hates you, too, and other poems](#). New York: Disney/Hyperion, 2009. [j 811.6 W424f 2009 Beginning Facts]
- Agee, Jon. [Orangutan tongs: Poems to tangle your tongue](#). New York: Disney/Hyperion Books, 2009. [j 818.5402 A265o 2009]
- Franco, Betsy. [A curious collection of cats: Concrete poems](#). Berkeley: Tricycle Press, 2009. [j 811.5 F825cc 2009]
- Greenfield, Eloise. [Brothers and sisters: Family poems](#). New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2009. [j 811.5 G812b 2009 Beginning Facts]
- Two new illustrated Langston Hughes poems:*
Hughes, Langston. [My people](#). New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009. [jE HUGHES 2009]
- Hughes, Langston. [The Negro speaks of rivers](#). New York: Disney Jump at the Sun Books, 2009. [j 811.5 H893n 2009 Beginning Facts]
- [Hamsters, shells, and spelling bees: School poems](#). New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2007. [j 811.6 H2328 2008 Beginning Facts]
- Lewis, J. Patrick. [Birds on a wire: A Renga 'round town](#). Honesdale, Penn.: Wordsong, 2008. [j 811.5 L674br 2008 Beginning Facts]
- Schertle, Alice. [Button up!: Wrinkled rhymes](#). New York: Harcourt Children's Books, 2009. [j 811.5 S326b 2009 Beginning Facts]
- Sidman, Joyce. [Red sings from treetops: A year in colors](#). Boston: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2009. [jE SIDMAN 2009]
- Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn. [Steady hands: Poems about work](#). New York: Clarion Books, 2009. [j 811.6 Z72s 2009]
- * [A foot in the mouth: Poems to speak, sing, and shout](#). Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2009. [j 811.5408 F687 2009]

[The Bill Martin Jr. big book of poetry](#). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers , 2008. [j 808.81 B596 2008]

Creech, Sharon. [Hate that cat](#). New York: Joanna Cotler Books, 2008. [j CREECH 2008]

[Hip hop speaks to children: A celebration of poetry with a beat](#). Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2008. [j 811.008 H667 2008]

Weston, Robert Paul. [Zorgamazoo](#). New York: Razorbill, 2008. [j WESTON 2008]

Writing/Storytelling

CCG: *Pre-write, draft, revise, edit, and publish across the subject areas.*

CCG: *Communicate supported ideas across the subject areas, including relevant examples, facts, anecdotes, and details appropriate to audience and purpose that engage reader interest; organize information in clear sequence, making connections and transitions among ideas, sentences, and paragraphs; and use precise words and fluent sentence structures that support meaning.*

CCG: *Write narrative, expository, and persuasive texts, using a variety of written forms—including journals, essays, short stories, poems, research reports, research papers, business and technical writing—to express ideas appropriate to audience and purpose across the subject areas.*

CCG: *Investigate topics of interest and importance across the subject areas, selecting appropriate media sources, using effective research processes, and demonstrating ethical use of resources and materials.*

CCG: *Choose the form of writing that best suits the intended purpose—personal letter, letter to the editor, review, poem, report, or narrative.*

*Holub, Joan. [Bed, bats & beyond](#). Plain City, Ohio: Darby Creek Pub., 2008. [jE Reader HOLUB 2008]

Auch, Mary Jane. [The plot chickens](#). New York: Holiday House, 2009. [jE AUCH 2009]

Gerstein, Mordicai. [A book](#). New York: Roaring Brook, 2009. [jE GERSTEIN 2009]

Paul, Ann Whitford. [Word builder](#). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2009. [jE PAUL 2009]

Pennypacker, Sara. [Clementine's letter](#). New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2008. [j PENNYPACK]

Spinelli, Eileen. [The best story](#). New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2008. [jE SPINELLI]

* Bryant, Jennifer. [A river of words: The story of William Carlos Williams](#). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2008. [j B-Wi6762b 2008]

Buzbee, Lewis. [Steinbeck's ghost](#). New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2008. [j BUZBEE 2008]

Scieszka, Jon. [Knucklehead: Tall tales & mostly true stories of growing up Scieszka](#). New York: Viking, 2008. [j 813.54 S416k 2008]

Words/Language

CCG: Increase word knowledge through systematic vocabulary development; determine the meaning of new words by applying knowledge of word origins, word relationships, and context clues; verify the meaning of new words; and use those new words accurately across the subject areas.

CCG: Analyze words, recognize words, and learn to read grade-level text fluently across the subject areas.

* Cleary, Brian P. [The laugh stand: Adventures in humor](#). Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2008. [j 818.5 C623L 2008]

Bloch, Serge. [Butterflies in my stomach and other school hazards](#). New York: Sterling Pub. Co., 2008. [jE BLOCH 2008]

Cleary, Brian P. [Straight and curvy, meek and nery: More about antonyms](#). Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2009. [j 428.1 C623sc 2009 Beginning Facts]

Coffelt, Nancy. [Big, bigger, biggest!](#) New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2009. [jE COFFELT 2009]

Miller, Donalyn. [The book whisperer: Awakening the inner reader in every child](#). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2009. [372.6 M647b 2009]

Moses, Will. [Raining cats and dogs](#). New York: Philomel Books, 2008. [j 428.1 M911r 2008]

Folklore, Variants and Drama

CCG: Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of informational and narrative text across the subject areas at school and on own, applying comprehension strategies as needed.

*Hale, Shannon. [Rapunzel's revenge](#). New York: Bloomsbury, 2008. [ygn HALE 2008]

[Acting out: Six one-act plays!: Six Newbery stars!](#) New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2008. [j 812.6 A1883 2008]

More graphic novel versions of the classics:

Alley, Zoë B. [There's a wolf at the door](#). New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2008.
[j 398.2 A435t 2008]

Fajardo, Alexis E. [Kid Beowulf and the blood-bound oath](#). 1. Portland, OR:
Bowler Hat Comics, 2008. [ygn FAJARDO 2008]

Kovac, Tommy. [Wonderland](#). New York: Disney Press, 2008.
[GN KOVAC 2008]

Three new Humpty Dumpty variants:

Evans, Nate. [Humpty Dumpty, Jr., hardboiled detective, in the case of the fiendish flapjack flop](#). Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2008. [j EVANS 2008]

Evans, Nate. [Humpty Dumpty, Jr., hardboiled detective, in the mystery of Merlin and the gruesome ghost](#). Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2008.
[j EVANS 2008]

Ransom, Jeanie Franz. [What really happened to Humpty?: \(From the files of a hard-boiled detective\)](#). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Pub., 2009.
[jE RANSOM 2009]

Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling

CCG: *Conventions: Demonstrate knowledge of spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and penmanship across the subject areas.*

* Truss, Lynne. [Twenty-odd ducks: Why, every punctuation mark counts!](#) New York: G.P. Putman's Sons, 2008. [j 428.2 T873t 2008 Beginning Facts]

Walker, Sally M. [The Vowel family: a tale of lost letters](#). Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2008. [jE WALKER 2008]

Walton, Rick. [Just me and 6,000 rats](#). Layton, Utah: Gibbs Smith, 2007.
[jE WALTON]

The Arts

CCG: *Apply critical analysis to works of art.*

CCG: *Respond to works for art and give reasons for preferences.*

CCG: *Understand the interrelationships among art forms.*

CCG: *Understand how events and conditions influence the arts.*

CCG: *Understand how the arts can reflect the environment and personal experiences within a society or culture, and apply to one's own work.*

Art Interpretation

Daly, Niki. [Bettina Valentino and the Picasso Club](#). New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. [j DALY 2009]

Raczka, Bob. [Name that style: all about isms in art](#). Minneapolis, Minn.: Millbrook Press, 2009. [j 709 R123n 2009]

Visual Art

* Broach, Elise. [Masterpiece](#). New York: Henry Holt & Co., 2008. [j BROACH 2008]

* Johnson, Stephen. [A is for art: an abstract alphabet](#). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008. [j 709.2 J69a 2008]

Raczka, Bob. [The art of freedom: how artists see America](#). Minneapolis, Minn.: Millbrook Press, 2008. [j 704.949 R123a 2008 Beginning Facts]

Visual Artists

Ray, Deborah Kogan. [Wanda Gág: the girl who lived to draw](#). New York: Viking Children's Books, 2008. [j 741.642 G259r 2008]

Stone, Tanya Lee. [Sandy's circus: a story about Alexander Calder](#). New York: Viking, 2008. [j 730.92 C146s 2008]

Whitehead, Kathy. [Art from her heart: folk artist Clementine Hunter](#). New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2008. [j 759.13 H945we 2008 Beginning Facts]

Comics

* Nobleman, Marc Tyler. [Boys of steel: the creators of Superman](#). New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. [j 741.5092 S571n 2008]

Sturm, James. [Adventures in cartooning: how to turn your doodles into comics](#). New York: First Second, 2009. [jgn STURM 2009]

Classical Music

Frisch, Aaron. [Dark fiddler: the life and legend of Nicolò Paganini](#). Mankato, Minn.: Creative Editions, 2008. [j 787.2092 P129f 2008 Beginning Facts]

Stanley, Diane. [Mozart, the wonder child: a puppet play in three acts](#). New York: Collins, 2009. [j 780.92 M939st 2009]

Fashion

* Corey, Shana. [Mermaid Queen: the spectacular true story of Annette Kellerman, who swam her way to fame, fortune & swimsuit history!](#) New York: Scholastic Press, 2009. [j 797.21092 K29c 2009 Beginning Facts]

American History

CCG: *Historical Skills: Identify and analyze diverse perspectives on and historical interpretation of historical issues and events.*

CCG: *U.S. History: Understand and interpret events, issues, and developments within and across eras of U.S. history.*

CCG: *State & Local History: Understand and interpret events, issues, and developments in the history of one's family, local community, and culture.*

Colonial and Revolutionary Times

* Fradin, Dennis B. [Duel! Burr and Hamilton's deadly war of words](#). New York: Walker & Co., 2008. [j 973.46 F799d 2008]

* Sheinkin, Steve. [King George: what was his problem? Everything your schoolbooks didn't tell you about the American Revolution](#). New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2008. [j 973.3 S543k 2008]

Anderson, Laurie Halse. [Independent dames: what you never knew about the women and girls of the American Revolution](#). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008. [j 973.308 A5547i 2008]

Brown, Don. [Let it begin here! April 19, 1775: the day the American Revolution began](#). New York: Flash Point/Roaring Brook Press, 2008. [j 973.3 B877L 2008]

Poe, Marshall. [Sons of Liberty](#). New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2008. [jgn 973.3 POE 2008]

Winters, Kay. [Colonial voices: hear them speak](#). New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2008. [j 973.311 W788c 2008]

Two titles about the Father of our country, from two titans of children's literature.

Freedman, Russell. [Washington at Valley Forge](#). New York: Holiday House, 2008. [j 973.3341 F853w 2008]

Rockwell, Anne. [Big George: how a shy boy became President Washington](#). Orlando, Fla: Harcourt, 2009. [j B-W318r 2009]

Westward Expansion

* Fern, Tracey E. [Buffalo music](#). New York: Clarion Books, 2008. [jE FERN]

Fleischman, Sid. [The trouble begins at 8: a life of Mark Twain in the wild, wild West](#). New York: Greenwillow Books, 2008. [j B-T969f 2008]

Lowell, Susan. [The elephant quilt: stitch by stitch to California!](#) New York: Melanie Kroupa Books/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2008. [jE LOWELL]

In two jokey, fictitious accounts of some famous American journeys, math skills become useful in determining our heroes' success.

Olson, Tod. [How to get rich in the California Gold Rush: an adventurer's guide to the fabulous riches discovered in 1848 ...](#). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2008. [j 979.404 O52h 2008]

Olson, Tod. [How to get rich on the Oregon Trail: my adventures among cows, crooks & heroes on the road to fame and fortune: writing journal of Master William Reed: Portland, Oregon 1852](#). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2009. [j 978.02 O52h 2009]

Civil War and Slavery

* Philbrick, Rodman. [The mostly true adventures of Homer P. Figg](#). New York: Blue Sky Press, 2009. [j PHILBRICK 2009]

* Butzer, C.M. [Gettysburg: the graphic novel](#). New York: Bowen Press/Collins, 2009. [jgn 973.7349 BUTZER 2009]

It's the 200th anniversary of the birth of the 16th president.

Aylesworth, Jim. [Our Abe Lincoln: an old tune with new lyrics](#). New York: Scholastic Press, 2009. [j 973.7092 L736ay 2009 Beginning Facts]

Bryant, Jen. [Abe's fish: a boyhood tale of Abraham Lincoln](#). New York: Sterling Pub. Co., 2009. [jE BRYANT 2009]

Denenberg, Barry. [Lincoln shot! A president's life remembered](#). New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2008. [j B-L736db 2008]

Hopkinson, Deborah. [Abe Lincoln crosses a creek: a tall thin tale \(introducing his forgotten frontier friend\)](#). New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2008. [jE HOPKINSON 2008]

Rappaport, Doreen. [Abe's honest words: the life of Abraham Lincoln](#). New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2009. [j 973.7092 L736ra 2009]

Wells, Rosemary. [Lincoln and his boys](#). Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2009. [j WELLS 2009]

Two stories of escaped slaves, one using the "show way" quilt theme, the other a retelling of a Buddhist tale.

Hegamin, Tonya Cherie. [Most loved in all the world](#). Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2009. [jE HEGAMIN 2009]

Slate, Joseph. [I want to be free](#). New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2009. [jE SLATE 2009]

Civil Rights

* Farris, Christine King. [March on! The day my brother Martin changed the world](#). New York: Scholastic Press, 2008. [j B-K53fam 2008]

* Walker, Paul Robert. [Remember Little Rock: the time, the people, the stories](#). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2009. [j 379.263 W183r 2009]

Blue, Rose. [Ron's big mission](#). New York: Dutton Books, 2009. [jE BLUE 2009]

Myers, Walter Dean. [Ida B. Wells: let the truth be told](#). New York: HarperCollinsPublishers, 2008. [j B-W456my 2008]

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. [Boycott blues: how Rosa Parks inspired a nation](#). New York: Greenwillow Books, 2008. [jE Beginning Facts PINKNEY 2008]

Shange, Ntozake. [Coretta Scott](#). New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2009. [j B-K51s 1009 Beginning Facts]

[Other] American Women

* Cummins, Julie. [Women daredevils: thrills, chills, and frills](#). New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2008. [j 791.092 C971w 2008]

Alexander, Sally Hobart. [She touched the world: Laura Bridgman, deaf-blind pioneer](#). New York: Clarion Books, 2008. [j B-Br7645a 2008]

Clinton, Catherine. [Phillis's big test](#). Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2008. [j B-W557c 2008]

Delano, Marfé Ferguson. [Helen's eyes: a photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher](#). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2008. [j B-Su532d 2008]

Rappaport, Doreen. [Eleanor, quiet no more: the life of Eleanor Roosevelt](#). New York: Disney/Hyperion Books 2009. [j B-R775ra 2009 Beginning Facts]

Tanaka, Shelley. [Amelia Earhart: the legend of the lost aviator](#). New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2008. [j B-E13t 2008]

U.S. History Potpourri

Brown, Don. [All stations! Distress! April 15, 1912, the day the Titanic sank](#). New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2008. [j 910.452 B877a 2008]

Colman, Penny. [Thanksgiving: the true story](#). New York: Henry Holt, 2008. [j 394.2549 C716t 2008 Holiday]

World History

CCG: *Historical Skills: Interpret and reconstruct chronological relationships.*

CCG: *Historical Skills: Analyze cause and effect relationships, including multiple causalities.*

CCG: *Historical Skills: Identify and analyze diverse perspectives on and historical interpretation of historical issues and events.*

CCG: *World History: Understand and interpret events, issues, and developments within and across eras of world history.*

General World History

*[Take me back to the beginning](#). New York, N.Y.: DK, 2008. [j 909 T1365 2008]

*Hughes, Susan. [No girls allowed: tales of daring women dressed as men for love, freedom and adventure](#). Toronto, Ont.; Tonawanda, NY: Kids Can Press, c2008. [jgn 305.42 HUGHES 2008]

General World History – Architecture

Five titles from the Building history series.

Clements, Gillian. [Egyptian pyramid](#). Mankato, Minn.: Sea-to-Sea Publications, 2009. [j 932 C626e 2009]

Clements, Gillian. [Indus Valley city](#). Mankato, MN: Sea-to-Sea Publications, 2009. [j 934 C626i 2009]

Clements, Gillian. [Medieval castle](#). Mankato, Minn.: Sea-to-Sea Publications: Distributed by Black Rabbit Books, 2009. [j 940.1 C626m 2009]

Clements, Gillian. [Roman villa](#). Mankato, Minn.: Sea-to-Sea Publications, 2009. [j 937 C626r 2009]

Clements, Gillian. [Tudor theater](#). Mankato, Minn.: Sea-to-Sea Publications, 2009. [j 792.0942 C626t 2009]

Ancient History

*Clayton, Sally Pomme. [Persephone](#). Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, c2009. [j 398.20938 C622p 2009]

Demi, [Marco Polo](#). Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2008. [j B-P778d 2008]

Mann, Elizabeth. [Taj Mahal](#). New York: Mikaya, 2008. [j 954.0257 M281t 2008]

Kennett, David. [Pharaoh: life and afterlife of a god](#). New York: Walker & Company, 2008. [j 932 K365p 2008]

Weitzman, David. [Pharaoh's boat](#). Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2009. [j 932.012 W436p 2009]

1500's & 1600's

Durango, Julia. [The walls of Cartagena](#). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008. [j DURANGO 2008]

Modern History

*Chen, Jiang Hong. [Mao and me : the Little Red Guard](#). New York: Enchanted Lion Books, 2008. [j 951.056 C518m 2008]

Hopkinson, Deborah. [Keep on! The story of Matthew Henson, co-discoverer of the North Pole](#). Atlanta, Ga.: Peachtree Publishers, c2009. [j B-H526h 2009 Beginning Facts]

Yue, Guo. [Little leap forward; a boy in Beijing](#). Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books, 2008. [j YUE 2008]

Geography/Multicultural

CCG: Compare and analyze physical (e.g., landforms, vegetation, wildlife, climate, and natural hazards) and human (e.g., population, land use, language, and religion) characteristics of places and regions.

CCG: Analyze the causes of human migration (e.g., density, food and water supply, transportation and communication systems) and its effects (e.g., impact on physical and human systems).

CCG: Understand how differing points of view, self-interest, and global distribution of natural resources play a role in conflict over territory.

CCG: Use maps and other geographic tools and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

Geography

*[Incredible Earth!: eye opening photos of our powerful planet.](#) New York: Play Bac; Poole: Chris Lloyd [distributor], 2008. [j 550 I379 2008]

Priceman, Marjorie. [How to make a cherry pie and see the U.S.A.](#) New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. [jE PRICEMAN 2008]

From the Seven wonders series.

Woods, Mary B. [Seven wonders of Ancient North America.](#) Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2009. [j 970.01 W896s 2009]

Woods, Michael. [Seven wonders of ancient Africa.](#) Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2009. [j 960 W896s 2009]

Woods, Michael. [Seven wonders of Ancient Asia.](#) Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2009. [j 950 W896s 2009]

Woods, Michael. [Seven Wonders of ancient Central and South America.](#) Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2009. [j 980 W896s 2009]

Woods, Michael. [Seven wonders of ancient Greece.](#) Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2009. [j 938 W896s 2009]

Woods, Michael. [Seven wonders of the ancient Middle East.](#) Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2008. [j 939.4 W896s 2008]

Woods, Michael. [Seven wonders of the ancient world.](#) Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2009. [j 930 W896s 2009]

Multicultural

General

*[Come and play : snapshots of our world's children having fun.](#) New York: Bloomsbury, c2008. [j 808.81 C7321 2008]

*Menzel, Peter. [What the world eats.](#) Berkeley, Calif.: Tricycle Press, 2008. [j 641.3 M551w 2008]

*Thong, Roseanne. [Wish: wishing traditions around the world.](#) San Francisco: Chronicle Books, c2008. [j 398.41 T486w 2008]

Kerley, Barbara. [One world, one day](#). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c2009. [j 305.23 K39o 2009]

Mortensen, Greg. [Listen to the wind: the story of Dr. Greg and Three cups of tea](#). New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, c2009. [j 370.95491 M887L 2009 Beginning Facts]

Africa

Winter, Jeanette. [Wangari's trees of peace; a true story from Africa](#). Orlando [Fla.]: Harcourt, 2008. [j B-Ma112w 2008]

Asia

*O'Brien, Tony. [Afghan dreams: young voices of Afghanistan](#). New York: Bloomsbury Children's Books: Distributed to the trade by Macmillan Publishers, 2008. [j 305.235092 013a 2008]

Lin, Grace. [Where the mountain meets the moon](#). New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company, 2009. [j LIN 2009]

Marsden, Carolyn. [The Buddha's diamonds](#). Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2008. [j MARSDEN]

Reibstein, Mark. [Wabi Sabi](#). New York: Little, Brown, 2008. [jE REIBSTEIN 2008]

Sheth, Kashmira. [Monsoon afternoon](#). Atlanta: Peachtree, 2008. [jE SHETH 2008]

Caribbean

Medina, Meg. [Milagros: girl from Away](#). New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2008. [j MEDIAN 2008]

First Nations

*Bruchac, James. [The girl who helped thunder and other Native American folktales](#). New York: Sterling Pub. Co., c2007. [j 398.2 B887gt 2007]

Erdrich, Louise. [The porcupine year](#). New York, NY: HarperCollinsPublishers, c2008. [j ERDRICH 2008]

James, Elizabeth. [The woman who married a bear](#). Vancouver: Simply Read Books, 2008. [j 398.2 J27w 2008]

Holidays and Seasons

*Khan, Hena. [The Night of the Moon: a Muslim holiday story](#). San Francisco, Calif.: Chronicle Books, 2008. [jE Holiday KHAN 2008]

Otto, Carolyn. [Celebrate Chinese New Year](#). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c2009. [j 394.261 O91cc 2009 Holiday]

Mexico/Mexican-American

*Soto, Gary. [Facts of life; stories](#). Orlando, Fla.: Harcourt, c2008. [y SOTO 2008]

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. [Eating enchiladas](#). New York: Marshall Cavendish, 2008. [j NAYLOR]

Community and Neighborhoods

*Shoulders, Michael. [The ABC book of American homes](#). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2008. [j 728.0973 S559a 2008 Beginning Facts]

Whiting, Sue. [The firefighters](#). Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2008. [jE WHITING 2008]

Government and Politics

CCG: *Understand the origins, purposes, and functions of U.S. government, including the structure and meaning of the U.S. Constitution.*

CCG: *Understand the organization, responsibilities, and interrelationships of local, state, and federal governments in the United States.*

CCG: *Understand the roles of the three branches of government and explain how their powers are distributed and shared.*

CCG: *Understand how nations interact with each other, how events and issues in other countries can affect citizens in the United States, and how actions and concepts of democracy and individual rights of the United States can affect other peoples and nations.*

CCG: *Understand participatory responsibilities of citizens in the community (voluntarism) and in the political process (becoming informed about public issues and candidates, joining political parties/interest groups/associations, communicating with public officials, voting, influencing lawmaking through such processes as petitions/initiatives).*

*[We are all born free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in pictures](#). Amnesty International. London: Frances Lincoln Children's, 2008. [j 341.48 W3611 2008 Beginning Facts]

Goodman, Susan E. [See how they run: Campaign dreams, election schemes, and the race to the White House](#). New York: Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2008. [j 324.973 G653s 2008]

Wells, Rosemary. [Otto runs for president](#). New York: Scholastic Press, 2008. [jE WELLS]

Winter, Jonah. [Barack](#). New York: Collins/Katherine Tegen Books, 2008. [j B-Ob11w 2008 Beginning Facts]

Science

Scientists/Scientific Inquiry

CCG: *Forming the Question/Hypothesis: Formulate and express scientific questions or hypotheses to be investigated.*

CCG: *Designing the Investigation: Design safe and ethical scientific investigations to address questions or hypotheses.*

CCG: *Collecting and Presenting Data: Conduct procedures to collect, organize, and display scientific data.*

CCG: *Analyzing Data and Interpreting Results: Analyze scientific information to develop and present conclusions.*

* Jackson, Donna M. [Extreme scientists: Exploring nature's mysteries from perilous places](#). Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2009. [j 509.22 J12e 2009]

Connolly, Sean. [The book of totally irresponsible science](#). New York: Workman Pub., 2008. [j 507.8 C752b 2008]

Murphy, Glenn. [Why is snot green?: And other extremely important questions \(and answers\)](#). New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2009. [j 500 M978w 2009]

Turner, Pamela S. [Life on earth-- and beyond: An astrobiologist's quest](#). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2008. [j 571.0919 T951L 2008]

Prehistoric life

CCG: *Diversity/Interdependence: Understand the relationships among living things and between living things and their environments.*

*Collard, Sneed B. [Reign of the sea dragons](#). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2008. [j 567.937 C697r 2008]

Florian, Douglas. [Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric poems and paintings](#). New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009. [j 811.5 F635d 2009 Beginning Facts]

Plants and Animals

CCG: *Diversity/Interdependence: Understand the relationships among living things and between living things and their environments.*

*Campbell, Sarah C. [Wolfsnail: A backyard predator](#). Honesdale, Pa.: Boyds Mills Press, 2008. [j 594.38 C191w 2008 Beginning Facts]

Arnosky, Jim. [Wild tracks!: A guide to nature's footprints](#). New York: Sterling Pub. Co., 2008. [j 591.479 A763w 2008]

Bang, Molly. [Living sunlight: How plants bring the earth to life](#). New York: Blue Sky Press, 2009. [j 572.46 B216L 2009 Beginning Facts]

Haas, Robert B. [African critters](#). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2008. [j 591.96 H112a 2008]

Jackson, Donna M. [Phenomena: secrets of the senses](#). New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2008. [j 152.1 J12p 2008]

Kelly, Irene. [Even an ostrich needs a nest: Where birds begin](#). New York: Holiday House, 2009. [j 598.1564 K29e 2009]

Macaulay, David. [The way we work: getting to know the amazing human body](#). Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2008. [j 612 M117w 2008]

Sayre, April Pulley. [Honk, honk, goose!: Canada geese start a family](#). New York: Henry Holt, 2009. [j 598.4178 S275h 2009 Beginning Facts]

Animal Adaptations/Evolution/Charles Darwin

CCG: *Diversity/Interdependence: Understand the relationships among living things and between living things and their environments.*

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A high-interest series on 21st century dance.

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Math & Concepts

CCG: *Understand numbers, ways of representing numbers, relationships among numbers, and number systems.*

CCG: *Calculations and Estimations: Compute fluently and make reasonable estimations.*

CCG: *Measurement: Understand measurable attributes of objects and the units, systems and processes of measurement.*

CCG: *Algebraic Relationships: Understand patterns, relations, and functions.*

CCG: *Mathematical Problem Solving: Select, apply, and translate among mathematical representations to solve problems.*

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