

READING AND MORE FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

The Wump World

written and illustrated by Bill Peet

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Nature can restore itself when given the chance.

Stories for Kids Who Want to Save the World

by Carola Benedetto & Luciana Ciliento

YA 304.2 BEN

Sixteen biographies of people who came of age fighting climate change.

The Last Straw: Kids vs. Plastics

illustrated by Christiane Engel

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Learn about the growing plastics problem and meet a few young activists speaking out for change.

Black Beach: A Community, an Oil Spill, and the Origin of Earth Day

by Shaunna and John Stith

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Inspired by the true story of the origin of Earth Day.

Girl Warriors: How 25 Young Activists are Saving the Earth

by Rachel Sarah

YA 333.7209 SAR

The stories of young activists under 25 from all over the world who are demanding change.

The 21: The True Story of the Youth Who Sued the U.S. Government Over Climate Change

by Elizabeth Rusch

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The inside story of the ongoing landmark federal climate change lawsuit, Juliana v. The United States of America.

To Change a Planet

by Christina Soontornvat

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This book shows the importance of caring for our planet.

My Pollinator Garden

by Jordan Zwetchkenbaum

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Explores the animals and plants in a pollinator garden, how they need each other to survive, and how you can help them.

A Pathway for Pollinators

By Michelle Schaub

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A classroom plans and builds urban gardens to create an inviting pathway for pollinators to visit.

IDEAS FOR ANY DAY

Learn more about these ideas from the resources in these pages!

- Read an inspirational story about the Earth.
- Participate in the Drawdown Ecochallenge! Scroll down, pick a category, and choose an action to do one time or daily: drawdown.ecochallenge.org
- Reduce single-use plastics (track your plastic use).
- Reduce carbon and water footprints (calculate your footprints).
- Read Monserrate's case study "The Cloud Is Material" MIT Press (2023).
- Consider dedicating part of your yard to pollinator habitats.
- Consider including native plants in landscaping.
- Compost food, leaf, and yard debris together with food-soiled paper waste.
- Protect land, freshwater, coastal, and ocean ecosystems.
- Encourage regenerative agriculture and sustainable ocean farming.
- Protect biodiversity.
- Find ways to be an Earth-friendly consumer.
- Consider the benefits of a plant-based diet.
- Think energy alternatives, renewable energy.
- Consume less. Buy locally. No toxins.
- Learn to *Recycle Right!* in Monroe County. Safely dispose of pharmaceuticals at the Brighton Police Station.
- If you can't recycle it, reuse it!



Earth Day Every Day

A Resource List of Stories, Ideas, and Community Connections



There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew. - Marshall McLuhan

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The Biggest Little Farm DVD 630 BIG
Two farmers bring 200 acres of dry, neglected land back to life using regenerative farming methods such as composting and cover. Today, this California farm is teaming with wildlife and produces 100+ different products, including eggs and fruit. www.apricotlanefarms.com

The Carbon Footprint of Everything
by Mike Berners-Lee 363.7387 BER
Discover the carbon emission of nearly every human activity or object from a necklace to insulating an attic. An accessible, entertaining read, including clear data points, summaries and charts.

Water Always Wins by Erica Gies 333.9116 GIE
What does water want? "Slow water" practitioners around the world aim to collaborate with water rather than control it. Read stories about successfully adapting to climate change and healing our water bodies.

Regeneration by Paul Hawken 363.7387 HAW
Beautiful descriptions of ecosystems blended with practical solutions for healing ecological problems.

Protecting Pollinators: How to Save the Creatures that Feed Our World
by Jodi Helmer 571.8642 HEL
Discover ways to help pollinators continue to thrive and do their essential work.

Not the End of the World: How We Can Be the First Generation to Build a Sustainable Planet by Hannah Ritchie 338.927 RIT
A data scientist identifies areas in which we have made progress and outlines which environmental initiatives work, which don't, and where we need to focus our efforts.

Ask a BML librarian for help
locating these and other resources.

The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now. - Proverb

READING & MORE FOR ADULTS CONTINUED

The Ministry for the Future
by Kim Stanley Robinson FICTION ROB
This inspiring, speculative fiction novel envisions a hopeful future where humanity has managed to overcome its challenges and survive.

Do Just One Thing by Danny Seo 361.2 SEO
365 creative ways to reuse everyday objects to make a healthy, happy home and a greener world. Includes sections on supporting the natural world and strengthening communities.

Lawns Into Meadows: Growing a Regenerative Landscape
by Owen Wormser 635.964 WOR
Turn part of your lawn into a colorful meadow ecosystem that supports pollinators and biodiversity, enriches soil health, and removes more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

MONROE COUNTY AND TOWN OF BRIGHTON

Recycling in Monroe County
monroecounty.gov/ecopark - see the videos!
monroecounty.gov/des-residentialrecycling

Brighton Farmer's Market
brightonfarmersmarket.org
Buy local products, visit info tables. Connect with environmental organizations and services.

Color Brighton Green
colorbrightongreen.org

Brighton Pollinator Pathway Challenge
brightonny.gov - search "Pollinator Pathway Challenge"
Beautify your yard while you help our local pollinators and birds.



Did you know? The Town of Brighton created the Town's Conservation Board in 1993, joined the Tree City USA network (Arbor Day Foundation) in 2002, and approved a Climate Action Plan in 2023.

EXPLORE ONLINE

Color Your Community Green
climategfl.org/color-your-community-green
Scroll down, find your community, sign up for newsletters, attend educational events. These community organizations will help you find rewarding volunteer opportunities for Earth Day (and every day); leaders are ready for your questions.

Cornell Cooperative Extension
monroe.cce.cornell.edu/master-gardeners/pollinator-friendly-gardens
Start here to easily find guidance on gardening, composting, and earth friendly living. The Woody Plants Database helps find the right trees for any site.

Earthday.org
earthday.org/history
Earth Day began in 1970. Learn about its history and identify ways to "help write many more chapters—struggles and victories—into the Earth Day book."

Pollinator Pathway
pollinator-pathway.org/rethink-your-yard
Adopt landscaping practices that are healthy and sustainable, maintain gardens in a wildlife-friendly way; find lists of keystone native plants.

Rachel Carson Homestead
rachelcarsonhomestead.org/rachel-carson-legacy/environmental-reading-list/
Rachel Carson's legacy and environmental ethic: Habitat - Harmony - Humility.

Ted Countdown
countdown.ted.com/
Browse the Ted Countdown Library for an inspiring talk by Isabella Tree – learn about three steps you can take to support pollinators and other wildlife in your own backyard.

The Miyawaki Method
TheMiyawakiMethod.com | [Trees Outside Woodland](http://TreesOutsideWoodland.com)
Rapidly establish mini-forests in small areas needing soil restoration and stabilization. Search YouTube for this 14-minute video from the Tree Council of the UK.

Greater Rochester Environmental Community Hub
rochesterenvironment.com