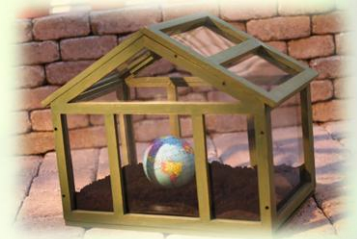




# Our Earth/Green Living

## Books for Young Children

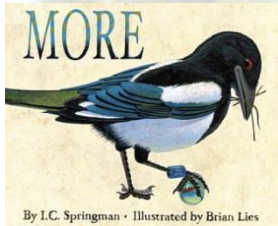


### A Select List of Brown County Library Children's Books (Preschool – Early Elementary)

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## Picture Books



[Ants in Your Pants, Worms in Your Plants!: Gilbert Goes Green](#) by Diane DeGroat

[At This Very Moment](#) by Jim Arnosky

[Ballyhoo Bay](#) by Judy Sierra

[The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute \(Anymore\)/The Berenstain Bears Go Green](#) by Stan Berenstain

[Big and Small, Room for All](#) by Jo Ellen Bogart

[A Brand New Day with Mouse and Mole](#) by Wong Herbert Yee

[A Bus Called Heaven](#) by Bob Graham

[The Busy Tree](#) by Jennifer Ward

[Cool Time Song](#) by Carole Schaefer

[Crafty Chloe](#) by Kelly DiPucchio

[The Curious Garden](#) by Peter Brown

[Curious George Plants a Tree](#) by H.A. Rey

[Dinosaur Woods: Can Seven Clever Critters Save their Earth Home?](#) by George McClements

[The Eagles are Back](#) by Jean Craighead George

[Earth & Me, Our Family Tree](#) by Patrick Lewis

[The Earth and I](#) by Frank Asch

[Earth Day, Birthday!](#) By Maureen Wright

[Earth Mother](#) by Ellen Jackson

[Here Comes the Garbage Barge](#) by Jonah Winter

[The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest](#) by Lynne Cherry

[The Family Tree](#) by David McPhail

[The Great Paper Caper](#) by Oliver Jeffers

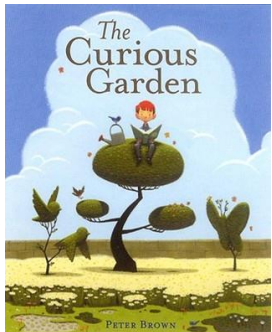
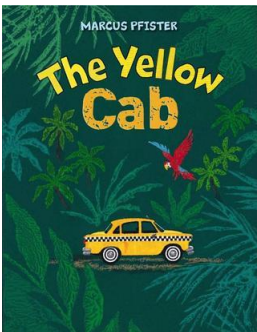
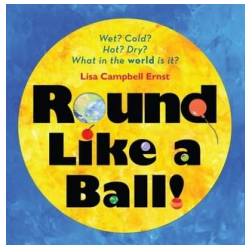
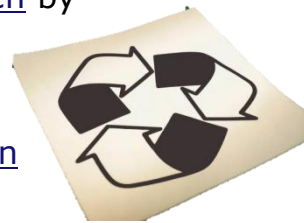
[Green](#) by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

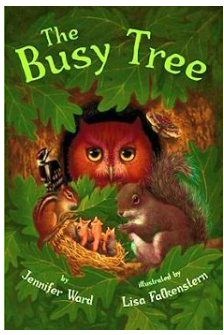
Seeger is well-known for her innovative concept books that feature die-cuts and surprises galore. [Green](#) teaches the concept of the shades within a single color. From the blue-green shade of the sunlit sea to the crisp green of a lime, this is both a sophisticated color study and a celebration of nature for preschool through kindergarten.

[The Green Line](#) by Polly Farquharson

[How to Help the Earth](#) by Tish Rabe (beginning reader)

[Jam and Honey](#) by Melita Morales





[Junkyard](#) by Mike Austin

[Just a Dream](#) by Chris Van Allsburg (Grades 1-5)

[A Leaf Can Be—](#)by Laura Purdie Salas

This wonder-filled little book with poetic but brief rhymes lists the many important roles of leaves. From water dishes for animals to protective cocoon cradles to ground cover, this ode to the mighty leaf touches on photosynthesis and the four seasons. The illustrations have a stencil and airbrush effect that fill the pages with a cheerful, folkloric glow.

Additional details are appended in a “more about leaves” section. Pair this with Barbara Reid’s *Picture a Tree*, which depicts the many important qualities of trees with brief text and lively clay illustration. Ages 3-8.

[Let’s Have a Tree Party](#) by David Martin

[The Lorax](#) by Dr. Seuss

[Me—Jane](#) by Patrick McDonnell

[Mole Had Everything](#) by Jamison Odone

[More](#) by I.C. Springman

An enigmatic magpie clutches a marble resembling a tiny planet earth on the cover of I.C. Springman’s *More*. Like humans, the magpie likes to acquire things that catch his eye, and soon the “more, more, more” of it all bypasses “enough” and becomes too much. Magpie feels unsatisfied and crowded by a nest filled with trinkets with lots of potential but little value to the bird. Some wise and kindly mice help magpie come up with a solution that spreads goodwill and leaves magpie with a few items that he will treasure all the more. Springman touches on an important discussion with minimal but effective verse that keeps this lesson from being heavy-handed. Illustrator Brian Lie’s photo-realistic images are striking against their parchment background. For an “earth day, every day” pairing, contrast this clever parable with Kelly DiPucchio’s *Crafty Chloe*, a cheerful story of “re-use” in which a creative child eschews the toy store in favor of a more thoughtful birthday gift for an appreciative friend.

[Mossy](#) by Jan Brett

[Nibbles: A Green Tale/Nibbles Garden: Another Green Tale](#) by

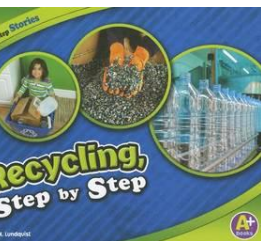
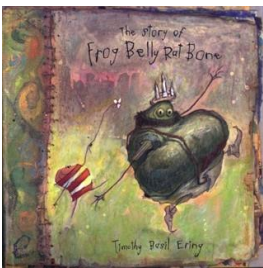
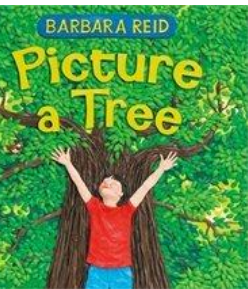
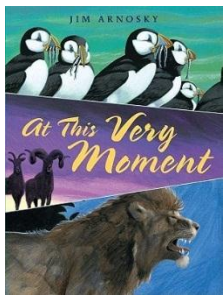
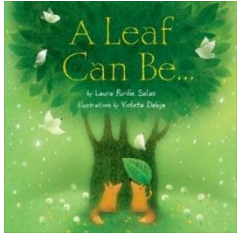
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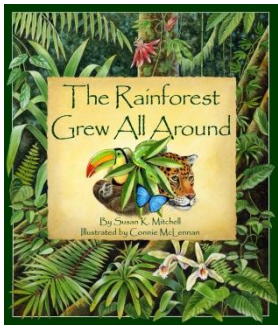
[OK Go](#) by Carin Berger

[On Meadowview Street](#) by Henry Cole

[One Gorilla](#) by Anthony Browne

This striking large-format counting book highlights primates illustrated in stunning detail against stark white backgrounds. From gibbons to mandrills to the regal gorilla that graces the cover, a diverse group of human’s closest genetic neighbors are represented. Even within each type of primate, each individual is depicted with a different expression that reflects it’s unique personality. Browne emphasizes this close connection by depicting a diverse group portrait of twenty humans, and declaring “All primates/All one family/all my family...and yours!” This thought-provoking yet simple book can be used as a traditional counting book or to launch more in-depth research about primates. Ages 4-8.





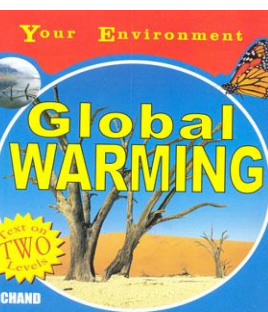
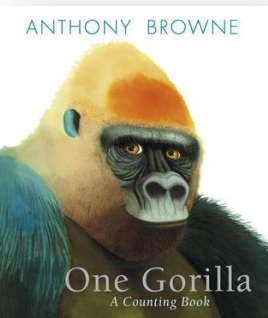
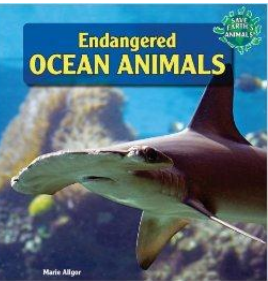
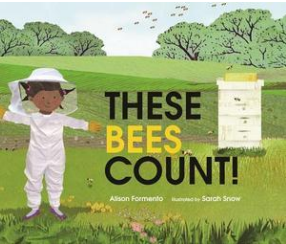
[Our Community Garden](#) by Barbara Pollack  
[Out of the Way! Out of the Way!](#) by Uma Krishnaswami  
[Over in the Forest: Come Take a Peek](#) by Marianne Berkes  
[Panda Kindergarten](#) by Joanne Ryder  
[Picture a Tree](#) by Barbara Reid  
[Quiet in the Garden](#) by Aliko  
[Round Like a Ball!](#) by Lisa Ernst Campbell  
[Seed Magic](#) by Jane Buchanan  
[Slow Down for Manatees](#) by Jim Arnosky  
[The Snail and the Whale](#) by Julia Donaldson  
[The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone](#) by Timothy Ering

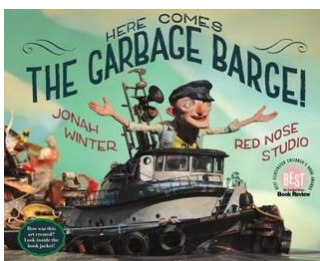
Readers will be enticed by the cover of this picture book which appears to be hand-stitched, moss-drenched, and covered in a childlike scrawl. A gleeful frog-ogre hybrid creature and a childishy-drawn little boy holding a daisy complete the effect that this artifact was unearthed from a strange, Seussian garden. In fact, the whimsical and slightly dark tone of "Frog Belly Rat Bone," along with a clear environmental message, pay tribute to Seuss' "The Lorax." Sometime in a bleak future, a young boy finds a box with a note and dozens of little "specks" in the midst of "a dull, gray, endless place called Cementland." Planting the specks as instructed by the note, the boy creates a monster out of junk to guard the treasure. Knighted Frog Belly Rat Bone, the noble yet smelly creature watches over the treasure, catching the thieves—rat, rabbit, and fruit fly—before they can uproot the treasure once again. When a beautiful garden starts to unfurl over the cement landscape like a magic carpet, the thieving trio beg forgiveness from the gentle Frog Belly and become tenders of the new, green world. Poetic language and surreal illustrations combine in this timely fable for ages 5-9.

[There Was a Tree](#) by Rachel Isadora  
[These Bees Count](#) by Alison Formento  
[These Seas Count](#) by Alison Formento  
[Uno's Garden](#) by Graeme Base  
[We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers](#) by Lauren Child  
[Where Once There was a Wood](#) by Denise Fleming  
[The Wump World](#) by Bill Peet  
[The Yellow Cab](#) by Marcus Pfister

## Non-Fiction

[A+ Books Amazing Animal Adaptations](#) (series)  
[A+ Books: Nature Riddles](#) (series)  
[A+ Books: Nature Starts](#) (series)  
[Actual Size](#) by Steve Jenkins  
[Caring for Our Earth](#) by Sally Hewitt  
[A Cool Drink of Water](#) by Barbara Kerley  
[Earth Day](#) by Clara Cella  
[Food Chain Reactions](#) (series) by Suzanne Slade  
[From Flower to Honey](#) by Robin Nelson





[Fun with Nature](#) by Annalees Lim

[Garbage Helps Our Garden Grow: A Compost Story](#) by Linda Glaser

[Global Warming](#) by Anthony Lishak

[Global Warming](#) by Susannah Bradley

[Jack's Garden](#) by Henry Cole

[Oh Say Can You Seed?](#) by Bonnie Worth

[Out on the Prairie](#) by Donna Bateman

[Recycling, Step by Step](#) by Jean Lundquist

[Rainforest](#) by Sean Callery

[The Rainforest Grew All Around](#) by Susan Mitchell

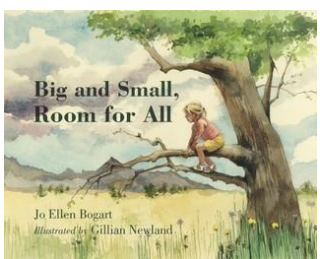
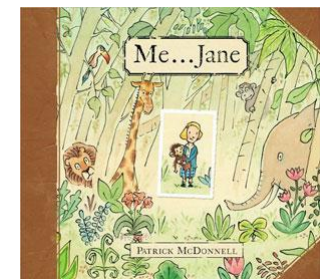
[Rourke Discovery Library](#) (series)

The short, concise books in this series simplify complex subjects for young children. Titles include "Trees: Earth's Lungs," "Clean and Green Energy," and "Filling the Earth with Trash." Important vocabulary words are bolded and described in a glossary. Clear, bright photos add to a kid-friendly presentation which works equally well as a read aloud or beginning reader. Ages 4-8.

[Save Earth's Animals](#) (series) by Marie Allgor

[Save the](#) (series) by Sarah Eason

[Step Gently Out](#)—by Helen Frost



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