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Title	Author	©	Age Level	Summary	# of Copies
PICTURE BOOKS					
A Drop Around the World	McKinney, Barbara	1988	elementary	A drop of water is followed throughout the world as it experiences all forms of the water cycle. Great pictures and text. Fantastic way to understand the water cycle.	1
A Drop in My Drink-The Story of Water on our Planet	Hooper, Meredith	1998	late elementary	Traces the travels of a drop of water. Goes through the formation of water during the birth of the planet, the water cycle and the importance of water conservation. Beautiful pictures.	1
A Forest Year	Lerner, Carol	1992	middle school	Shows the habits of various organisms in the forests of Eastern North America throughout each season. Provides details on selected organisms. Glossary of new terms is included in the back of the book.	2
All About Frogs	Arnosky, Jim	2002	elementary	Explores the natural history of frogs. Includes descriptions of specific species.	2
All Along the River	Fowler, Allan	1994	early elementary	Explains how rivers form and function. Nice photographs.	2
At the Frog Pond	Michels, Tilde	1987	early elementary	Visits a frog pond, describing its appearance and the habits of various aquatic organisms. Very nice pictures.	2
Beavers	Moore, Helen H.	1996	early elementary	Explains the natural history of beavers. Very interesting!	2
Complete Book of Seasons	Tagholm, Sally	2002	middle school	Explores each of the four seasons in terms of ecology, agriculture and culture. Beautiful pictures!	2
Dragonfly	Bernhard, Emery	1993	elementary	Natural history of dragonflies. Includes various human cultural perspectives of dragonflies. Glossary of new vocabulary is included in the back of the book.	2
Fish is Fish	Lionni, Leo	1970	early elementary	Tells the story of a frog and minnow who are friends, and the differences in their worlds. Cute story!	1

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Follow the Water From Brook to Ocean	Dorros, Arthur	1991	elementary	Illustrates the path of water from mountain snow melt to brook to river and out to the ocean.	2
Food Chains	Greenway, Theresa	2001	middle school	Discusses food chains and energy transfer using real world examples. Includes humans as part of the chain. Has nice photographs and offers further research suggestions.	2
Frog Girl	Lewis, Paul Owen	1997	elementary	Follows a Pacific Northwest Indian girl as she learns of the capturing of frogs from a lake, the consequences, and her return of the frogs to their home. Nice pictures.	1
From Birth To Death	Yates, Irene	2003	late elementary	Discusses the life cycles of various organisms in a North American pond ecosystem during each season. Food chains/webs are understood through examples of organism interactions.	2
Grandad's Prayers of the Earth	Wood, Douglas	1999	all ages	The story of a boy and the lessons that he learns from his Grandpa about the spirituality of nature. Beautiful pictures.	1
If the World Were a Village	Smith, David J.	2002	all ages	Explores global problems by scaling the world down to a village of one hundred people. Very creative approach.	1
Long Sings Crane	International Crane Foundation	1997	all ages	The true story of a Chinese woman who worked to save cranes in China. Written in Chinese and English with beautiful photos.	1
Minn of the Mississippi	Holling, Clancy	1951	all ages	Follows a turtle from birth and through its travels from the beginning to the end of the Mississippi River. Minn encounters people, animals, cities, towns and ecosystems along the way. The geologic and cultural history of the river is also explored.	6
My River	Halpern, Shari	1992	early elementary	Various aquatic organisms proclaim their dependence on the river in which they live.	6

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Paddle-to-the Sea	Holling, Clancy	1941	all ages	Follows the journey an Indian in a canoe carved by a little boy. The boy starts the canoe at a river and wants the carving to get to the sea. The path that the canoe takes brings it through the river, into a sawmill, through the Great Lakes and out to the sea. Along the way, the carving encounters a variety of people, animals, cities, towns and ecosystems. Wonderful story!	1
Pond and River-An Eyewitness Book	Parker, Steve	1988	middle school	Explores various aquatic organisms from around the world. Uses actual photographs.	4
River	Staines, Bill	1994	all ages	A song about the author's love of rivers set to pictures.	3
River Animals	Galko, Francine	2003	early elementary	Offers a brief description of various river animals. Uses photographs.	2
River Discoveries	Wadsworth, Ginger	2002		Explores the habits of 13 river animals. Each description includes a critical thinking question about the passage.	1
River Life	Taylor, Barbara	1992	late elementary & middle school	Discusses various river organisms and includes interesting facts about each. Uses actual photographs.	1
River Ran Wild	Cherry, Lynne	1992	all ages	The history of the use, abuse and restoration of the Nashua River on the east coast of the US written in a narrative style. Beautiful pictures. Great introduction to Chicago River history for any age as the story is very similar.	3
Rivers	Ruiz, Andres	1996	late elementary & middle	Shows how rivers form. Describes the various types of wetland that rivers flow through and help form along the way.	1
Rivers and Valleys	Savvain, Philip	1995	middle school	Explores the geography of rivers. Includes real photos and research questions for students.	1

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Secret Place	Bunting, Eve	1996	all ages	The story of a boy who discovers an ignored urban river and the wildlife that he encounters in this oasis for nature. Excellent story! Great introduction to the Chicago River for any age.	1
Signs Along the River-Learning to Read the Natural Landscape	Robertson, Kayo	1986	elementary	A collection of pictures and phrases that prompt the reader to realize that observation is the key to understanding natural processes. Unique style-allows for the reader to analyze clues.	2
The Hunt for Food	Garveri, Anita	2003	late elementary	Explores interactions between plants and animals in a meadow through looking into their feeding habits.	2
The Lorax	Dr. Suess	1971	all ages	The classic Seuss fable of greedy human destruction of the environment.	1
The Other Way to Listen	Baylor, Byrd	1978	all ages	The story of a girl who learns to "listen" to the subtle and magical sounds of nature.	1
The Raft	LaMarche, Jim	2000	elementary & middle school	Follows a boy who at first doesn't want to spend the summer with his grandmother who lives in a rural area by a river, but then ends up loving rafting on the river and experiencing nature. Beautiful pictures. Great story!	2
The River	Jeunesse, Gallimard Bour, Laura	1992	early elementary	Discusses how rivers function. Shows various organisms, including the description of a dragonfly lifecycle. Transparent overlays enhance the pictures.	1
Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe	Williams, Vera B.	1981	elementary	Follows a family canoe trip down a river. Includes camping recipes! Nice story.	2
Water Dance	Locker, Thomas	1997	elementary	A series of poetic descriptions that illustrate the variety of forms of water around the world (ie. Lakes, oceans, rivers etc.) Includes facts on the hydrologic cycle at the end. Beautiful pictures.	1

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Water Insects	Johnson, Sylvia	1982	late elementary & middle	Illustrates the natural history of various aquatic insects. Uses actual photographs. Glossary of new terms included in back of book.	1
Water Music	Yolen, Jane	1995	all ages	A selection of water poems accompanied by beautiful photographs.	1
What are Food Chains and Webs?	Kalman, Bobbie & Langille, Jaqueline	1998	middle school	Explores ecosystem energy dynamics including food chains, food webs, producers, consumers and decomposers. Gives food web examples for various ecosystem types. Uses actual photographs plus detailed illustrations.	2
Where the River Begins	Locker, Thomas	1984	elementary & middle school	The story of two brothers who live next to a river and their journey with their grandfather to find the source of the river. Beautiful pictures.	2
Who Eats What? Food Chains and Food Webs	Lauber, Patricia	1995	elementary	Explains the concept of aquatic and terrestrial food chains and webs.	1

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NOVELS, POETRY & COLLECTIONS					
City Wilds-Essays and Stories about Urban Nature	Dixon, Terrell F.	2002	middle school and up	A collection of writings by various authors about nature in urban areas.	1
The Last River Rat-Kenny Salwey's Life in the Wild	Bestul, J. Scott and Salwey, Kenny	2001	middle school and up	A collection of writings by and about Kenny Salwey and his life of "living off the land" along a big swamp on the Mississippi river.	1
Nature Writing: The Traditions in English	Edited by Robert Finch and John Elder	2002	middle school and up	A collection of writings from well-known naturalists over the centuries.	1
River Notes	Lopez, Barry	1976	middle school and up	Memoirs about author's trip to a river.	1
A River Runs Through It-and Other Stories	Maclean, Norman	1976	middle school and up	A collection of stories about people and life along rivers. "A River Runs Through It" is the story that the 1992 movie of the same name was patterned after.	1
Streams to the River, River to the Sea	O'Dell, Scott	1986	middle school and up	A novel of Sacagewea and her guidance of Lewis and Clark.	1
Water Music	Ryerson, Marjorie	2003	middle school and up	A collection of poems and music with water as the subject. Written by artists from all over the world	1

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FIELD GUIDES					
Aquatic Entomology - The Fisherman's and Ecologists' Illustrated Guide to Insects and Their Relatives	McCafferty, W. Patrick	1998	high school and up	A detailed field guide to aquatic insects and their relatives.	3
Audubon First Field Guide to Birds	Audubon	1998	middle school	Basic field guide to birds. Real photographs are used. Basic natural history is given. Glossary included.	10
Audubon First Field Guide to Insects	Audubon	1998	middle school	Basic field guide to insects. Real photographs are used. Basic natural history is given. Glossary included.	10
Audubon First Field Guide to Wildflowers	Audubon	1998	middle school	Basic field guide to wildflowers. Real photographs are used. Basic natural history is given. Glossary included.	8
Audubon First Field Guide to Trees	Audubon	1998	middle school	Basic field guide to trees. Real photographs are used. Basic natural history is given. Glossary included.	10
Critters of Illinois - Pocket Guide	McCarthy, Ann E.	2001	middle school and up	A guide to animals seen in Illinois. Includes interesting facts about each creature.	1
Ducks at a Distance - A Waterfowl Identification Guide	Hines, Bob	1994	middle school and up	A brief guide to North American waterfowl.	1
A Guide to Common Freshwater Invertebrates of North America	Voshell, Reese J.	2002	middle school and up	A detailed guide to macroinvertebrates.	1
Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern and Central North America	Peterson, Roger Tory	2002	middle school and up	Detailed classic field guide	10
Peterson Field Guide to Insects	Borror, Donald J. and White, Richard E.	1970	middle school and up	Detailed classic field guide	10

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Peterson Field Guide to Trees and Shrubs	Petrides, George A.	1972	middle school and up	Detailed classic field guide	10
Peterson Field Guide to Wildflowers of Northeastern and North Central North America	Peterson, Roger Tory	1996	middle school and up	Detailed classic field guide	10
Pond Life - A Golden Guide	Reid, George	2001	all ages	A wonderful guide to all types of aquatic organisms.	1
Prairie Primer	Nichols, Stan: Entine, Lynn and Howell, Evelyn	1996	middle school and up	A brief guide to Midwestern Tallgrass prairies. Includes prairie natural history, ID of common prairie plants and tips on maintaining prairie gardens.	1
Tree Finder - A Manual for the Identification of Trees by Their Leaves	Watts, May T.	1991	middle school and up	A helpful guide to trees which includes information on habitat, range and tolerance of urbanization.	2

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REFERENCE BOOKS FOR EDUCATORS					
Best Practice - New Standards for Teaching and Learning in America's Schools	Zemelman, Steven: Daniels, Harvey and Hyde, Arthur	1998	educators	A book of essays from various education experts on new teaching techniques.	1
Children and Nature	Kahn, Peter and Kellert, Stephen	2002	educators	A book of essays from various researchers investigating children's connections to nature. Looks into psychology, sociology and evolution.	1
Discover a Watershed: Watershed Manager	Project WET	2002	educators	Activities that can be used to teach about watersheds.	1
Earth Education - A New Beginning	Van Matre, Steve	1990	educators	New theories in environmental education which focus on using outdoor sensory and inquiry activities.	1
Environmental Education for Empowerment-Action Research and Community Problem Solving	Stapp, William B.: wals, Arjen E.J. and Stankorb, Sheri L.	1996	educators	A guide to involving students in becoming interested in environmental issues and in taking action to help towards solutions.	1
Environmental Education - A Sourcebook	Troost, Cornelius J. and Altman, Harold	1972	educators	Discusses the major current environmental problems and ways to integrate the study of these into curricula.	1
Field Manual for Water Quality Monitoring - An Environmental Education Program for Schools	Mitchell, Mark K. and Stapp, William B.	2000	educators	Offers explanations and activities for water quality analysis. Includes international case studies.	7
Fostering Sustainable Behavior	Mohr-McKenzie, Doug and Smith, William	1999	educators	A study in how to encourage environmental responsibility in people.	1

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REFERENCE BOOKS FOR EDUCATORS					
Growing Up Green - Education for Ecological Renewal	Hutchison, David	1998	educators	A study in how to help children develop into environmentally responsible individuals.	1
Investigating Streams and Rivers	Stapp, William: Cromwell, Mare M.: Schmidt, David C. and Alm, Andy W.	1996	educators	Offers suggestions and "hands-on" activities to help teach river ecology.	2
Keeping a Nature Journal - Discover a Whole New Way of Seeing the World Around You	Leslie, Claire Walker and Roth, Charles E.	2000	educators	A book of suggestions on how to keep a nature journal.	1
Learning From The Land - Teaching Ecology Through Stories and Activities	Ellis, Brian "Fox"	1997	educators	Offers stories accompanied with activities that helps teach ecology in a fun way.	1
Mapmaking With Children - Sense of Place Education for the Elementary Years	Sobel, David	1998	educators	A resource on how to work with young students and maps to teach a variety of concepts.	1
Place-Based Education: Connecting Classrooms and Communities	Sobel, David	2004	educators	A guide to focusing on students' own environment and community to teach a variety of concepts.	1
Sharing Nature With Children Volumes 1 & 2	Cornell, Joseph	1989, 1990	educators	Suggestions, stories, activities and games used to engross children in the natural world.	1

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REFERENCE BOOKS FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS					
A Trail Through Leaves - The Journal as a Path to Place	Hinchman, Hannah	1997	middle school and up	A book with an interesting format, this title is a resource for nature journaling. It includes suggestions, stories, pontifications, pictures and more.	1
An Atlas of Biodiversity	Sullivan, Jerry	2000	middle school	Explores the natural history of the Chicago Region and efforts to conserve it. Excellent introduction to this topic.	4
At Home On This Earth - Two Centuries of US Women's Nature Writing	Edited by Loraine Anderson & Thomas Edwards	2002	middle school and up	A collection of nature writings from US women spanning different times, places and cultures.	1
Better World Handbook - From Good Intentions to Everyday Actions	Jones, Ellis: Haenfler, Ross: Johnson, Brett and Klocke, Brian	2001	high school and up	Offers suggestions on what to do to be a socially and environmentally responsible person.	1
Biology: Discovering Life	Levine, Joseph S. and Miller, Kenneth R.	1991	high school and up	College level biology textbook.	1
Earth	Press, Frank and Siever, Raymond	1986	high school and up	College level geology textbook	1
Ecological Census Techniques - A Handbook	Sutherland, William J.	1997	high school and up	A handbook of instructions on various ecological field survey and census techniques. Very helpful!	1
Ecology: Individuals, Populations and Communities	Begon, Michael: Harper, John L. and Townsend, Colin R.	1990	high school and up	College level ecology textbook.	1

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REFERENCE BOOKS FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS					
Environmental Science: Earth as a Living Planet	Botkin, Daniel B. and Keller, Edward A.	1995	high school and up	College level environmental science textbook.	1
Fifty-Seven Ways To protect Your Home Environment (and Yourself)	Weinzierl, Rick	1996	middle school and up	Explores various ways to limit negative impacts on the health of the environment (including human health) by changing every-day habits.	1
Hydrology and the Management of Watersheds	Brooks, Kenneth N., Foliott F., Gregersen, Hans M. and Thomas, John L.	1991	high school and up	College level hydrology textbook.	1
Limnology	Wetzel, Robert G.	1983	high school and up	College level limnology textbook.	1
Living in the Environment - Principles, Connections and Solutions	Miller, Tyler G.	1994	high school and up	College level environmental science textbook.	1
Modern Physical Geography	Strahler, Alan H. and Strahler, Arthur N.	1992	high school and up	College level physical geography textbook.	1
Prairie Plants of Illinois	Voight, John W. and Mohlenbrock, Robert H.		middle school and up	A guide to the plants of Illinois Tallgrass prairies.	1
Prehistoric People in McHenry County	Lurue, Rochelle and Jeske, Robert	1988	middle school and up	Explores the archaeological history of McHenry County with photographs of actual artifacts.	1

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Principles of Water Resources; History, Development, Management and Policy	Cech, Thomas V.	2003	high school and up	College level textbook on water science and water use.	1
Rand McNally Quick reference World Atlas	Rand McNally and Co.	1995	middle school and up	A quick world atlas.	1
Rivers and Streams	Martin, Patricia A. Fink	1999	middle school and up	Explores river and stream ecology and includes "hands-on" activities.	1
The Chicago River - A Natural and Unnatural History	Hill, Libby	2000	middle school and up	A wonderful history of the Chicago River covering ecology, economics, sociology, geography and culture.	2
The Kid's Guide to Social Action	Lewis, Barbara A.	1991	middle school and up	Guides and inspires students towards taking action to directly work on various issues. Gives real examples of things that students have done.	2
The Nature and Properties of Soils	Brady, Nyle C. and Weil, Ray R.	1996	high school and up	College level soil science textbook.	1
Watersheds - A Practical Handbook for Healthy Water	Dobson, Clive and Beck, Gregor G.	1999	middle school and up	Explores the ecology of watersheds and the issues currently facing them. Offers practical suggestions on how individuals can help reverse negative impacts. Very interesting!	1
Foundations of Earth Science	Lutgens, Frederick K., Tarbuck, Edward J.	2002	high school and up	College level earth science text book.	1
Handbook of Biological Investigation	Ambrose, Harrison W., Ambrose, Katherine P.	1995	high school and up	College level manual on introductory statistics and research papers.	1
Robert R. McCormick - A Celebration of His Life and Legacy	McCormick Tribune Foundation	2005	high school and up	A short biography of Robert R. McCormick. Includes photos on the pages.	1