

## Kid's Books: Explore, Survive, & Thrive

### J-Easy For Young Readers

**The Nature Girls**  
by Aki J-Easy

**North Woods Girl**  
Aimée Bissonette J-Easy

**The Hike**  
Alison Farrell J-Easy

**Finding Wild**  
Megan Wagner Lloyd J-Easy

**My Wilderness: An Alaskan Adventure**  
by Claudia McGehee  
J-Biography 917.984 KENT MCGE

### J-Fiction

**Running Wild**  
by Lucy Jane Bledsoe

**Storm Blown**  
by Nick Courage

**A Talent for Trouble**  
by Natasha Farrant

**Deep Water**  
by Watt Key

**Save Rafe!**  
by James Patterson

**Hatchet**  
by Gary Paulsen

**Pax**  
by Sara Pennypacker

**The Explorer**  
by Katherine Rundell

**Ascent**  
by Roland Smith

### J-Nonfiction

**Ultimate Survival Guide for Kids**  
by Rob Colson 613.69 COLS

**Survivor Kid: A Practical Guide to Wilderness Survival**  
by Denise Long 613.69 L848S

**The Lost Book of Adventure**  
by Teddy Keen 796.5 KEEN

**Survivors: Extraordinary Tales from the Wild and Beyond**  
by David Long 796.5 LONG

**Bound by Ice: A True North Pole Survival Story**  
by Sandra Neil Wallace 998 WALL

## Teen Booklist: Survival

### Fiction

**Damselfly**  
by Chandra Prasad

**A Map for Wrecked Girls**  
by Jessica Taylor

**Dry**  
by Neal Shusterman

**Peak**  
by Roland Smith

**When We Were Lost**  
by Kevin Wignall

### Nonfiction

**Lost in the Amazon: A Battle for Survival in the Heart of the Rainforest**  
by Tod Olson 363.124092 OLSO

**Bushcraft 101: A Field Guide to the Art of Wilderness Survival**  
by Dave Canterbury 613.69 C229B

**When the Worst Happens: Extraordinary Stories of Survival**  
by Tanya Lloyd Kyi 613.69 K99W

**The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue**  
by Michael J. Tougas & Casey Sherman 910.916346 T722F1

**A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea: One Teen Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival**  
by Melissa Fleming 956.9104 ZAME

## Resources: Finding Local Trails



Accessed via internet or app, **All Trails** (alltrails.com) allows users to search by city, park, or trail name, or browse the drop-down menu that pops up. A brief description of each trail includes photos, a map, highlights, distance, elevation gain, and commentary/reviews crowdsourced from hikers. Also available in both formats, **Colorado Trail Explorer** (cpw.state.co.us/CTS), or **COTREX**, created by Colorado Parks & Wildlife, invites users to explore particular hikes with detailed step-by-step directions and comprehensive trail maps (photos and trip reviews included). Check out the Colorado Springs municipal website for info on local trails (from open spaces to the Manitou Incline) and how to participate in the free Junior Ranger Nature Pack program for ages 7 - 13 (coloradosprings.gov/trails). The **Visit Colorado Springs** guide (visitcos.com/things-to-do/outdoors/parks-trails) also makes a great starting point for planning family adventures.



#### Check out these books as well:

*Best Easy Day Hikes. Colorado Springs* by Stewart M. Green (796.510978 GREE 2018)

*Best Wildflower Hikes Colorado* by Christine Kassir (796.510978 KASS)

*Best Hikes with Kids Colorado* by Maureen Keilty (796.510978 K27B)

*The Best Southern Front Range Hikes* by Greg Long (796.510978 L848B)

## Kid's Activity: Make a Mini First Aid Kit

**Quick, where's your first aid kit?** First aid kits are essential for treating minor injuries and discomforts. (In case of a major injury or medical emergency, call 911.)

**Brainstorm what you might need in your kit.** How would you treat a paper cut? A blister? A bug bite? A splinter? Have an adult help you gather supplies from around your house, or take a special trip to the drugstore to stock up.

Fit your supplies into your container, and then decorate the outside to show that it's a first aid kit! A cross is traditional.

#### Suggested Supplies:

- A small container (An old tin for mints or candy would work well!)
- Band-Aids, various sizes
- Antibacterial ointment
- Self-adhesive gauze pads
- Moleskin
- Alcohol wipes
- Cough drops

## Teen Activity: Build a Disaster Preparedness Kit

**Are you prepared for a disaster?** Could you grab a disaster bag and get out of your house if necessary? Hopefully, you won't need to do that, but let's make sure you and your family are prepared in case the worst happens!

**Visit this website for a full list of supplies:** [redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html](http://redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html)

**Find an old backpack or duffel bag around the house,** and fill it with the following American Red Cross recommended supplies listed below. **Build a kit and be prepared!**

- First aid kit (see the kid's activity to build one yourself!)
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Battery powered/hand crank radio
- Extra batteries
- Emergency contact information
- Maps
- Copies of important documents (passports, proof of residence, etc.)
- Cash
- Water (one gallon per person per day)
- Food (nonperishable)

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# Homeschool Connections

An Educational Resource Tool

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## LOCATION KEY

- CA** **Calhan Library**  
(719) 531-6333, x7013  
600 Bank St., Calhan
- CH** **Cheyenne Mountain Library**  
(719) 531-6333, x7001  
1785 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- EA** **East Library**  
5550 N. Union Blvd.  
(719) 531-6333, x7014
- FO** **Fountain Library**  
230 S. Main St., Fountain  
(719) 531-6333, x7002
- HI** **High Prairie Library**  
7035 Old Meridian Rd., Falcon  
(719) 531-6333, x7003
- KCH** **Knights of Columbus Hall**  
20 W. Pikes Peak Ave.  
(719) 531-6333
- LI** **Library 21c**  
1175 Chapel Hills Dr.  
(719) 531-6333, x7012
- MA** **Manitou Springs Library**  
701 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs  
(719) 531-6333, x7004
- MO** **Mobile Library Services**  
[ppld.org/mobile-library-services](http://ppld.org/mobile-library-services)  
(719) 531-6333, x2313
- OL** **Monument Library**  
1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument  
(719) 531-6333, x7005
- PA** **Old Colorado City Library**  
2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.  
(719) 531-6333, x7006
- PA** **Palmer Lake Library**  
66 Lower Glenway St., Palmer Lake  
(719) 531-6333, x7007
- PE** **Penrose Library**  
20 N. Cascade Ave.  
(719) 531-6333, x7015
- RO** **Rockrimmon Library**  
832 Village Center Dr.  
(719) 531-6333, x7008
- RU** **Ruth Holley Library**  
685 N. Murray Blvd.  
(719) 531-6333, x7009
- SA** **Sand Creek Library**  
1821 S. Academy Blvd.  
(719) 531-6333, x7018
- UT** **Ute Pass Library**  
8010 Severy Rd., Cascade  
(719) 531-6333, x7011

## Be Prepared

Living in Colorado, we all know that the weather can change in the blink of an eye! The popular saying, "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes," might be an embellishment, but it is not all that far from the truth. Whether you are out enjoying the day at the park or hiking deep in the mountains, it never hurts to be prepared and ready for any situation. In this issue we will address different interpretations of what it means to be prepared for a variety of scenarios and situations, from weather to wilderness survival to home readiness plans.



Offering kids books about these topics is a great place to start, and provides opportunity to initiate discussion. Lauren Tarshi's engaging *I Survived* series takes a fictionalized look at famous cataclysmic occurrences in history, covering natural disasters (the destruction of Pompeii, the 1871 Great Chicago Fire, etc.), political events (the American Revolution, the Battle of D-Day), and technological debacles (the Hindenburg disaster, the sinking of the Titanic). Shelves in the nonfiction section, the *I Survived True Stories* series recounts the experiences of real-life kids and includes fact-files, photos, and more. Another fast-reading fictional series, Terry Lynn Johnson's *Survivor Diaries* relays adventures about kids facing extreme situations (e.g., being caught in an *Avalanche!*), followed by concise survival tips. Check out the kid's and teen booklists in this issue for more great reads.

Additionally, numerous web resources help families discuss and prepare for different types of disasters. Visit the Department of Homeland Security's "Ready" site ([ready.gov](http://ready.gov)) for tips on planning for and managing winter weather, wildfire, power outages, cybersecurity threats, and more. The "Ready Kids" tab connects to accessible content geared toward children and teens, and includes online games, a downloadable disaster preparedness activity book, tips on building a family emergency plan, and links to resources. You can also visit the Colorado Springs site ([coloradosprings.gov](http://coloradosprings.gov)) to download a preparedness and safety guide (click on the "Public Safety" then "Emergency Preparedness" tabs). This in-depth handbook covers local emergency management services, planning for natural and other hazards,



outdoor sports safety tips, living in proximity to wildlife, first aid basics, emergency kits and plans, and more. Finally, if you are interested in delving more deeply into the skills and equipment needed to survive in Colorado's back country, visit the Colorado Parks & Wildlife website for tips and video presentations ([cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Survival.aspx](http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Survival.aspx)).

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## The NEW Bookshelf

### Kid to Kid's Books: Fresh reads for Spring

#### Stop! Bot!

by James Yang

A little boy's toy robot floats higher and higher, up the face of a tall apartment complex. All types of people get involved in the rescue efforts. The format of this thin, long book really adds to the adventure.

**Ages 3 - 8; Picture Book, Teamwork**  
(J-Easy)



#### Red House, Tree House, Little Bitty Brown Mouse

by Jane Godwin

Readers join in as a little mouse takes a big trip around the world. This colorful book is filled with great rhymes—and you should call that poetry in your daily school journal—plus fun opportunities to answer questions and find hidden objects.

**Ages 3 - 8; Picture Book, Concepts, Poetry**  
(J-Easy)



#### I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919

by Lauren Tarshis

When a large storage tank filled with molasses bursts through the streets of Boston's North End, putting Carmen and her crowded neighborhood in grave danger. A perfect fit for children who like to read about disasters, the *I Survived* series also introduces historical events in a vivid way, making it a great launch point for homeschool explorations.

**Ages 7 - 12; Historical Fiction, Disasters**  
(J-Fiction)

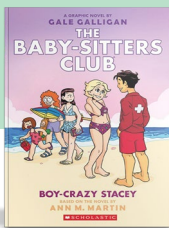


#### The Baby-sitters Club. 7, Boy-Crazy Stacey: A Graphic Novel

by Gale Galligan

Did you grow up reading *The Baby-Sitters Club* books by Ann Martin? The latest version of her stories, presented as graphic novels, are outstanding. This is the newest book in the series, but you can start with book one, *Kristy's Great Idea*, written by Raina Telgemeier.

**Ages 8 - 12; Graphic Novels, Friendship, Family Stories (with emphasis on good behavior)**  
(J-741.5973 BABYSITT GALL V.7)



#### Roll With It

by Jamie Sumner

This strong family story features a protagonist with cerebral palsy. Ellie, 12, loves to bake and is constantly trying out recipes and writing to celebrity chefs. When she and her mother drive to another state to move in with Ellie's grandparents to help her ailing grandpa, it means adjusting to a new living situation and a new school—just one more challenge for an irrepressible girl.

**Ages 8 - 12; Realistic Fiction, Family Stories, Friendship**  
(J-Fiction)



### Little-Known Secrets: Be prepared in all weather conditions

Weather conditions change quickly in Colorado. PPLD.org has a Weather Resources Guide that provides an abundance of useful links. Click on the "Research" tab, search "By Subject," and then click on "Disaster Recovery." Here are some of the featured website's that might interest you:

#### SNOTEL

This National Resources Conservation Service site provides current snow and precipitation data as well as water supply forecasts for the western United States.

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The NOAA website provides information on weather forecasts, storm warnings, climate monitoring, and much more.

#### Emergency Disinfection of Drinking Water

Information on safe drinking water from the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### United States Drought Monitor

Released every Thursday, this map shows parts of the U.S. that are in drought and utilizes a system of five classifications to indicate the severity.

#### Colorado Air Quality

Real-time local images and data from the Colorado Department of Health & Environment.

#### Emergency Preparedness & Safety Guide

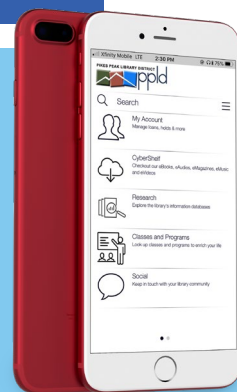
Colorado Springs Guide covering how to be prepared in cases of local emergencies.

#### Colorado's Drought Response

Search by county, city, or zip code to find the water restrictions for your area. Also includes a drought meter for the state, information on the current snowpack, reservoir storage, U.S. drought monitor, and Colorado drought updates.

#### InciWeb

This interagency all-risk incident information management system provides information on wildfire status throughout the United States.



Download the PPLD app today!

### Events: Teens

#### Anime Prom

Anime Prom is back! Dance, snack, meet other Anime fans, craft, and win door prizes! Cosplay is encouraged, but not required! For ages 12 - 18 only. Visit our calendar at [ppld.org](http://ppld.org) to register.

**Library 21c**  
Fri., May 8 • 6 - 8 p.m.

#### Free Comic Book Day

Celebrate comics at your local library! Pick up a free comic and make something comics related to take home. Visit [ppld.org](http://ppld.org) for locations and details.

**Library locations and times vary.**  
Sat., May 2

#### Hunger Games Prequel Party

We will be making Hunger Games themed crafts, snacking and perhaps watching the movies. Activities and age groups vary by location; see online calendar for details. May the odds be ever in your favor!

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| <b>Sand Creek Library</b><br>Tue., May 5<br>4 - 5 p.m. | <b>Manitou Springs Library</b><br>Thu., May 21<br>4 - 6 p.m. | <b>High Prairie Library</b><br>Wed., May 27<br>2:30 - 4:30 p.m. |
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## Animal Tracks!

Have you ever noticed animal tracks while you were out for a hike in the woods? Were you curious about what animal made those tracks? Identifying animal tracks out in the wild can be a fun family experience, but it can also help keep you and wildlife safe. For example, being aware of your surroundings while you are enjoying our beautiful forests can prevent you from stumbling upon a protective mother bear and her cubs or a mountain lion looking for his next meal. It's best to be armed with as much knowledge as possible when taking to the trails.

The Educational Resource Center ([ppld.org/ERC](http://ppld.org/ERC)) has hands-on activities to help you to hone your animal identification skills. Be sure to ask for our Hooved Animal Tracks and Scat, Omnivore Tracks and Scat, Herbivore Tracks and Scat, and Carnivore Tracks informative pieces. We also have a Field Guide to Scats and Tracks of North America in our book collection.

### Visit [ppld.org](http://ppld.org) for more events.

Homeschool Programs across the District (March - May 2020). Check [ppld.org](http://ppld.org) for dates and locations.

#### Spring Homeschool Art Show at East

It's time to get creative! Homeschoolers can submit one artwork (drawing, painting, sculpture, etc.) during late March (3/22-3/30) for this non-juried exhibit. Artwork will be displayed at the East Library Children's Department throughout April with a reception in early May. Contact Joy at [jfleishhacker@ppld.org](mailto:jfleishhacker@ppld.org) for more information.

#### Bees, Bats, and Butterflies (Oh My!)

Pollinators, a vital part of our eco-system, are in trouble! Homeschoolers will learn about pollination, explore the lives of pollinators, and participate in conservation efforts by creating bee hotels and seed bombs to take home! For ages 6 - 12.

#### Mind-Bending Math

Homeschoolers will use their math skills, logic, and strategy during this fun and fast-paced arithmetic-based activity! Kids will solve riddles and learn a cool dice game to play with the whole family.

#### Constellations

Constellations tell stories: Orion, the Hunter, seems to be holding a shield and a sword, defending himself against a charging Taurus the Bull. Participants will create a glow-in-the-dark constellation and tell the story behind its meaning. Presented by the Space Foundation Discovery Center. For ages 5 - 12.

#### Berthe Morisot Spring Bouquets

Learn about the still life works of French Impressionist Berthe Morisot and use tempera paint to create your own still-life masterpiece. For ages 7 - 12.

#### Goldilocks, Dinosaurs, and STEM

This program will dig deeper into Mo Willem's laugh-out-loud funny book, *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*, with a variety of engaging hands-on STEM activities from building and design challenges to dinosaur fun. For Ages 5 - 10.

#### Ute Knowledge: STEM Challenges

Through a series of hands-on challenges, homeschoolers will investigate how the Ute Indians used science, technology, engineering, and math to survive and thrive in the Rocky Mountains. For ages 6 - 12.

#### Wrecking Ball Engineering Challenge

In this hands-on program, homeschoolers will be challenged to use the provided supplies to create a wrecking ball that knocks down a wall of cups. For ages 5 - 12.

#### Homeschool Science @ East

These awesome science-based programs offer kids an engaging variety of learning experiences. Check [ppld.org](http://ppld.org) for more information.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month • 1 p.m.**  
**East Library Community Room**

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