

Books for Kids: J-Nonfiction

Desert Diary: Japanese American Children Behind Barbed Wire by Michael O. Tunnell

We Had to Be Brave: Escaping the Nazis on the Kindertransport by Deborah Hopkinson

Brothers in Arms: A True World War II Story of Wojtek the Bear and the Soldiers Who Loved Him by Susan Hood

Unbreakable: The Spies Who Cracked the Nazis' Secret Code by Rebecca E.F. Barone

Books for Kids: Biography

The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs by Chana Stiefel

We Must Not Forget: Holocaust Stories of Survival and Resistance by Deborah Hopkinson

Nicky & Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued by Peter Sís

Just a Girl: A True Story of World War II by Lia Levi

Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story by Joseph Bruchac

On the Horizon by Lois Lowry

Books for Kids: J-Fiction

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus

Catherine's War by Julia Billet

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust by Loïc Dauvillier

When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

A Place to Belong by Cynthia Kadohata

When the World Was Ours by Liz Kessler

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Rescue by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Books for Teens: Nonfiction

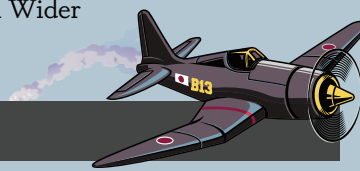
A Light in the Darkness: Janusz Korczak, His Orphans, and the Holocaust by Albert Marrin

The Boy Who Followed His Father into Auschwitz by Jeremy Dronfield

The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos by Judy Batalion

Flowers in the Gutter: The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis by K.R. Gaddy

It's My Whole Life: Charlotte Salomon: An Artist in Hiding During World War II by Susan Wider



Fiction

The Light in Hidden Places by Sharon Cameron

The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe; translated by Lilit Žekulin Thwaites

Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit

Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Activity: Make a Card!

Do you know someone in the military? Perhaps someone in your family or a neighbor?

If so, show them your appreciation by making them a card!

1. Gather art supplies such as paper, markers, crayons, ribbons, stickers, etc.
2. Fold the piece of paper in half to make a card shape.
3. Use the supplies to make a creative cover. For example, make stars and stripes to represent the American flag.
4. Write a special note inside the cover thanking them for their service. You could also glue or draw a picture of both of you inside.



Homeschool parents can apply for PPLD's new Educator Card!

Simply bring a copy of your Notice of Intent letter with your child's name and address plus school district involved to any PPLD location. The card is valid for one year before requiring renewal, and allows for 50 check outs, with a loan period of six weeks and one renewal (if item is not on hold).



HOMESCHOOL CONNECTIONS

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Homeschool Hub | ppld.org/homeschool-hub



Whether you are a veteran homeschooling family or just getting started, visit the PPLD Homeschool Hub to find Library events and sign up for eNewsletters. Click on the "Resources" tab to link to information on getting started, Colorado homeschool law, local enrichment programs, tutoring, extracurricular activities, and more.

Explore History: World War II

Pikes Peak Library District will be hosting the *Americans and the Holocaust* traveling exhibition from Tue., Sept. 5 through Wed., Oct. 11 at East Library. PPLD is honored to be one of 50 libraries in the United States and the only library in Colorado to host the exhibit, which is brought to us from the American Library Association and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Developed from an exhibit that opened at the museum in April 2018, this traveling exhibit examines the American aspects of the Holocaust:

What did Americans know? What more could have been done?

It explores how all parts of American society – the government, organizations, the media, popular culture, and the general public – responded during the rise of the Nazi threat and as news of the genocide became publicly known. It is intended to encourage Americans across the country to reflect on and have conversations about this history and consider our responsibilities in the world today.

The exhibit is designed for a broad audience with special emphasis on middle school, high school, and college students. To learn more about the exhibition itself, visit ushmm.org/americans-ala. We encourage parents/guardians with younger-aged children to still visit the exhibit and use the children's bibliography to provide basic facts and information about the Holocaust. Please see resources below.

Resources for Parents, Teachers, and Educators

Family and Youth Programming Guide tiny.ppld.org/programming-guide

Family Exhibition Guide and Activity tiny.ppld.org/exhibition-guide

Americans and the Holocaust Online Exhibit tiny.ppld.org/online-exhibit

Teacher Guide: Exhibition visit Lesson Plan Featuring an Exploratory Activity tiny.ppld.org/teacher-guide

Americans and the Holocaust Graphic Organizer: Group Exploration and Individual Reflection tiny.ppld.org/group-exploration

Exploring Primary Sources for In-depth Engagement with Americans and the Holocaust tiny.ppld.org/engagement

Experiencing History: Americans and the Holocaust Collection tiny.ppld.org/collection

Additional Lesson Plans from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum tiny.ppld.org/lessons

To find these resources and more information about the exhibit and related programs, please visit ppld.org/HolocaustExhibit.

Information provided by the American Library Association and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.





Other Cool Resources: WWII

National Archives DocsTeach
Visit this website to view primary sources (i.e., photographs, audio recordings, posters, etc.) from WWII, along with detailed descriptions. You can also access a variety of teaching activities based on primary documents. docsteach.org/topics/wwii

PBS Learning Media
Check here for PBS's interactive lesson plans designed for grades 3 - 12. In addition, brief topical videos are presented and often accompanied by teacher support materials and discussion questions for students. tiny.ppld.org/pbs-wwii

National Museum of World War II Aviation
Located near the Colorado Springs Airport, this museum documents the importance of aviation in the emergence of the United States as a world power during World War II. The museum's collection of aircraft, exhibits, and more tell the story of wartime technological advances and the men and women behind them. worldwariiairaviation.org

USS Arizona/Donald Stratton Memorial Exhibit
While visiting East Library be sure to check out the large exhibit just inside the entrance, a four-panel display that honors Donald Stratton, a survivor of the bombing of the USS Arizona, and the lives that were lost at Pearl Harbor during World War II. The exhibit is like a mini museum with Stratton's uniform, a model of the USS Arizona, a piece of the ship, and other memorabilia. Visitors can also listen to interactive videos and more using the touch screen.

PPLD Resources: WWII

Access to the following resources is available with a valid (400 series) library card and pin number.

Gale Ebooks: Europe Since 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction
Appropriate for high school students and adults, this survey of European history from the beginning of World War I to the present is covered through alphabetically arranged entries that focus on the period's scientific, social, cultural history, and political, military, and economic developments. tiny.ppld.org/age-of-war

Gale Ebooks: The World War II Reference Library
Geared toward high school students and adults, this resource provides information on major topics about the period, biographies of significant men and women involved in the war, and primary sources such as full or excerpted speeches, diary entries, newspaper accounts, and other original documents. tiny.ppld.org/wwii-reference

Gale in Context: Elementary
This database encourages elementary school students to gain comfort with research by delivering age-appropriate, reliable, curriculum-related content covering a broad range of subjects. It provides an entire topic area on World War II and Anne Frank. tiny.ppld.org/wwii-elementary

Kanopy
Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including many documentaries that cover World War II generally, and the Holocaust specifically. tiny.ppld.org/wwii-kanopy *Available with all library cards



On January 10, 1942, one month after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States launched one of the most important domestic campaigns of the entire war: the "Salvage for Victory" drive. This initiative asked that all Americans — including school children — do their part for the war effort by collecting, conserving, and recycling materials that could contribute to the military effort. This resulted in millions of tons of scrap metal, rope, paper, and more being collected.

Visit the National World War II Museum's website to participate in Get in the Scrap! (getinthescrap.org). Designed for grades 4 - 8, this national service learning project provides a variety of activities and information about the recycling and energy conservation efforts of students during World War II while inviting current-day students to positively impact the environment. The programs and activities are free.



The New Bookshelf

I Begin with Spring: The Life and Seasons of Henry David Thoreau
by Julie Dunlap
Thoreau kept extensive records about the plants and animals he saw throughout the changing seasons, and this beautifully illustrated book tells that story. Also includes information about nature journaling, websites that collect seasonal changes (e.g., budburst.org), and citizen scientist apps.
Ages 6+; Nature Study; Journaling; Science
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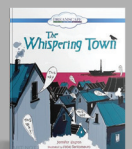

On a Gold-Blooming Day: Finding Fall Treasures
by Buffy Silverman
Thinking about starting a nature journal? Families can read this photo-essay on plants and animals that can be seen in the fall and discuss species they might find outdoors. For another way to watch the seasons go by, consider taking digital photos at the same location month after month.
Ages 2 - 8; Nature Observation; Science Vocabulary
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Being a Cat: A Tail of Curiosity
by Maria Gianferrari
Picture books sometimes have surprising and accurate information at the end, which readers don't know about until they finish the story. With charming text and illustrations that provide insights into cat body language and behavior, this book ends with five pages of great information. Even cat-lovers may learn a few things!
Ages 3 - 8; House Cats; Behavior; Curiosity
J-Easy

Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal about the Japanese American Incarceration
by Elizabeth Partridge
This densely illustrated book tells the story of three photographers who recorded life at the Manzanar internment camp from three very different perspectives.
Ages Teen+; U.S. Internment Camps; History; Photography
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We Are Wolves
by Katrina Nannestad
German families were in mortal danger as the Russian army marched into East Prussia at the end of World War II. Separated from their mother, Liesl, Otto, and baby sister Mia are forced to do difficult things — such as stealing food and clothing — just to stay alive.
Ages 8+; Children/orphans of WWII; Survival
Teen Fiction

Read Together: WWII Picture Books (J-Easy)

 <i>Coming on Home Soon</i> by Jacqueline Woodson Ada Ruth, a young girl, stays with her grandmother while her mom is away working for the war effort. Ages 5 - 8	 <i>At the Mountain's Base</i> by Traci Sorell A Cherokee family builds strength from one another as they await the return of their beloved pilot fighting in the war. Ages 4 - 8	 <i>Diana's White House Garden</i> by Elisa Carbone Based on a true story, that describes how a young girl discovers a way to help the war effort by building a Victory Garden at the White House. Ages 5 - 8	 <i>Lumberjills: The Unsung Heroines of World War II</i> by Alexandra Davis An upbeat rhyming story of the female lumberjacks that helped with the war effort in Great Britain. Ages 3 - 5	 <i>The Whispering Town</i> by Jennifer Elvgren In Denmark during World War II, a whole community works together with a creative solution to help a fleeing Jewish family hide from Nazi soldiers. Ages 7 - 11	 <i>Love in the Library</i> by Maggie Tokuda-Hall Based on a true story, a young pair find love in a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II. Ages 6 - 9
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