**Great Teen Books about Flight!**

**Nonfiction**
- Life in the Air: A Life in Flight by Elinor Otto
- Young at Heart: The Wright Brothers and the Invention of Flight by Daniel Rosenbaum
- The Story of Flight by Edgar Parin D'Erlanger
- The Wright Brothers by Russell Freedman

**Fiction**
- Mustang by CC., written by E. L. Konigsburg
- Stargirl by Ted Dekker
- Out of the Asylum by Jon Scieszka

**Additional Resources**
- World War II Aviation
- Air and Space Museum
- NASA Kid's Page
- Gomberg Kites
- The Flying Machine Book
- Experiments with Air and Flight
- Skywriting: Poems to Fly
- The Science of Air

**Web Picks**
- The Century of Flight
- The Library of Congress
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**Homework Help**
- U.S. History
- Science
- Math
- Language Arts

**Taking Flight**

Let your imagination soar this spring with activities and outings focused on the miracle of flight! Try a new approach to science, math, and physics through rocketry. The Colorado Springs Rocket Society has rocket launches regularly both for members of the club and for the public. The details can be found on their website at cosrocs.org.

If you’re looking for something a little less explosive, HomeMadeImple.com has instructions for creating your own kites. Learn the basics of flight while creating artistic toys for each student. Even if you choose to purchase kites instead of making them yourself, kite flying is an excellent way to introduce flight and even cultural studies into your free time. Kite flying is a popular pastime in many parts of the world. For older students who want more of a challenge, an overview on how to fly fighter kites (and kites in general) can be found on gombergkites.com. The guide explains basic techniques and scientific concepts of kite flight.

Tell us what you think! We welcome topical ideas to enhance your educational endeavors. Contact gsohns@ppld.org.
Homeschool Programs

Homeschool Science Lab
Use PPLD’s science equipment for parent-assigned experiments. Watch for news about occasional special sessions and programs planned during lab time. Contact Cara at cramsey@ppld.org for more information.

Homeschool Lunch Bunch
Join other homeschooled teens for a snack and discussion on a great book! Contact Sandy at shancock@ppld.org or 531-6333, x2314 for the month’s book title.

Fun Spring Break Programs for kids
March 25 – 29
Enjoy Neil McIntyre’s awesome hip-hop, Denise Gard (her dog, Sienna), Science Matters, and more! Check with your local library for dates and times.

Study Buddies
Come join this free, drop-in program. Teen volunteers help students in kindergarten through 12th grade with homework practice or reading work. This program runs through May 2, 2013.

Biology in Context

Homeschool Art Show Is Here
April 1 - 30
Join other homeschooled teens for a snack and discussion on a great book! Contact Sandy at shancock@ppld.org or 531-6333, x2314 for the month’s book title.

Teen Volunteers Needed for Summer Reading!
Looking for a great opportunity to earn some community service hours? We will need teen volunteers at all PPLD locations to register children for the Summer Reading Program and give out prizes they’ve earned. Applications will be available the end of March.

Featured Homeschool Family: The Browns
How old are your children?
We have three children. Our daughter Alexa is 9 years old and our twins Jadarius and Ladarius are 7 years old.

Why did you decide to homeschool?
Our children attended public school for a few years and we were not satisfied. We began researching homeschooling and fell in love with the flexibility of being able to study all subjects at home. We currently are in our second year homeschooling and plan to continue thru high school.

What curriculum do you use?
In the beginning we used the Alaski curriculum but that didn’t last long. We then began using the library for resources and began our own curriculum that we still use today. We attend lots of events, go to local parks, read, and use the world as our classroom.

What does your homeschool day look like?
Our homeschool day is never the same. We spend most of our day out in the community on field trips or even just doing fun things together. We work on special assignments at any time of day and love the flexibility homeschooling has given us.

Would you like to be a Featured Family? Contact Gail at gsohn@ppld.org.