

# TEEN ZONE



Join us for the 2010 Teen Summer Reading Challenge! Read books between June 1 and July 31 and get great prizes ranging from free eats to passes for free activities to books and journals to t-shirts. Read 10 books and you can enter our grand prize drawings. Up for grabs: a mountain bike, wall climbing lessons and passes, iPod Shuffles, pizza parties, and more! Visit your local PPLD library to learn about their featured events and get more information about how to play and win all summer long.

## Water Words

Unscramble the following water-related words



1. eoanc \_\_\_\_\_
2. ievrr \_\_\_\_\_
3. tasrem \_\_\_\_\_
4. aryutes \_\_\_\_\_
5. notniuf \_\_\_\_\_
6. gooanl \_\_\_\_\_
7. nipolotul \_\_\_\_\_
8. esa \_\_\_\_\_
9. elka \_\_\_\_\_
10. oecna \_\_\_\_\_
11. rian \_\_\_\_\_
12. awspm \_\_\_\_\_
13. sinerrlpk \_\_\_\_\_
14. wmgmsnii \_\_\_\_\_
15. hsmra \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: ocean, river, stream, estuary, fountain, lagoon, pollution, sea, lake, canoe, rain, swamp, sprinkler, swimming, marsh

## Teen Reads about Water

### Fiction

*Daughters of the Sea: Hannah* by Kathryn Lasky

*Indigo* by Alice Hoffman

*Head Above Water* by S.L. Rottman

*Mysterious Island* by Jules Verne

*Uncharted Waters* by Leslie Bulion

*SOS Titanic* by Eve Bunting

### Nonfiction

*Grayson* by Lynne Cox (797.210979 C877G)

*Earth's Water Crisis* by Rob Bowden (333.91 B784E)

*Ocean Environments* by Renato Massa (578.77 M414O)

*Shark Life: True Stories About Sharks and the Sea* by Karen Wojtyla (597.3 W847S)

*Water* by Sally Morgan (533.7 M849W)

Free

## Curriculum Swap

June 30 ♦ 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Revitalize your family's learning resources! Join us to exchange curriculum with other homeschooling families. This is a completely free event. Please call 531-6333, x1403 if you plan to bring curriculum to swap. We hope to see you there!



# HOMESCHOOL CONNECTIONS

An Educational Resource Tool

Summer 2010

## Water, Water, Everywhere

With the warm weather season upon us, springtime showers (some with snow!), and the freshness of new grass and leaves in bloom, our attention turns to what will occupy our time.

Water seems to be everywhere around us, and in the coming seasons of rain and often violent thunderstorms, it would appear there is an abundance of wetness! Rivers and streams begin to flow faster, ponds and lakes begin to fill, and ideas of getting wet pop into mind.



Perhaps fishing is not a "get-wet" activity, but it involves water. Many of the area lakes and rivers are being stocked by the Department of Wildlife with lively and (if caught) tasty fish.

Many families begin getting their gardens ready by turning soil, planting seeds, and making preparations for

watering through the sunny summer months. During drier seasons, xeroscape became a popular alternative to maintaining water-thirsty plants and grasses. Either creates a scene of beauty to enjoy.



For the sporting enthusiast, outdoor water sports can get really wet and wild! Boating, kayaking, rafting, and waterskiing all rely on the snow melt raising the water levels. Many area lakes have websites describing available activities. From lazy day canoeing to speedy jet-skiing, you can pick the pace of action to partake in.



With so many ideas for water enjoyment and usage, we must also keep in mind the goal of conservation and making the most of what comes our way. Public utilities post schedules for when to water and best times of the day for water usage. Some outdoor pools are choosing to close. What is summer without a pool? The best home-made answer is... the water sprinkler in your front yard!



You can find more information about water activities in the Database Focus on page 2. Spring into new ideas and make the most of your summer.

To contact PPLD's Homeschool Committee, please email [gsohns@ppld.org](mailto:gsohns@ppld.org)



*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
by Cecil Alexander

Ashley Bryan has illustrated this very old hymn with bold, bright cut paper collages that are full of movement, details and color! The basic melody is in the back of the book, too. (Ages 5 - 10)

*Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary*  
by Elizabeth Partridge

This remarkable book looks at the role children had in the Civil Rights Movement, and focuses on a 10 year old girl, Joanne Blackmon, who was arrested many times for participating in freedom marches. Archival photographs help the reader see that these events truly did happen. Good reading for adults, too. (Grades 6 and up)

*Heart of a Shepherd*  
by Roseanne Parry

This is an astonishingly moving story of the youngest son, 11 year old Brother, who is left at home with his grandparents when his father goes to Iraq. His older brothers are off at boarding school, or beginning military careers. Brother wants everything to be just the same for his father when he returns, but an 11 year old cannot control the world. This is a ranching family, and the life and work are hard. (Grades 4 - 8)

*The Case of the Cryptic Crinoline*  
by Nancy Springer

(Book 5 in the Enola Holmes Series)

Enola Holmes, Sherlock Holmes' little sister, does NOT want to go to girl's boarding school, then a finishing school, and host teas the rest of her life. Neither did her mother, who ran off, leaving Enola alone, when she was 14 years old. Her mother did leave clues, ciphers, indicating why she left. Enola has a knack for disguises, like Sherlock, and flees the family home to hide in the bustle of London. She also has a talent for solving mysteries. This series is all about her adventures as she tries to evade her brothers, who are certain she is nothing but a delicate, weak female who needs to be taken care of. (Grades 5 - 9)

*Enola Holmes Series*

Historical fiction mysteries about a strong girl. The time and place are historically grim at times, so these are not for the very young or very tender hearted. You MUST read these in order!

1. *The Case of the Missing Marquess*
2. *The Case of the Left-Handed Lady*
3. *The Case of the Peculiar Pink Fan*
4. *The Case of the Bizarre Bouquets*
5. *The Case of the Cryptic Crinoline*

## What's Happening?

### Book Sharks

Kids ages 7 and up will bite into good books and be swimming in fun activities, games, and crafts. Each program will have a booklist so that kids can have a chance to read a book before the program and talk about it if they want. For locations, dates, and times, check with your nearest branch or visit [ppld.org/kidsrpr](http://ppld.org/kidsrpr).

### Stories and Crafts

Start with a read-aloud of some great books and add an activity or craft. Morning programs are appropriate for ages 3 to 8 and the afternoon or evening programs for ages 5 to 8. Check with your nearest branch for locations, dates and times.

### Reading Buddies

Trained volunteers will help students in grades K - 5 practice reading at the East, Briargate and Cheyenne Mountain Libraries. All three locations offer Reading Buddies on Tuesday, but please check with each location for their times. For more information, please call 531-6333, x1407. This program begins June 8 and ends July 27.

## Homeschool Tools and Resource Fair

Mark your calendar now! We'll have our annual Homeschool Tools program at East Library from 9 a.m. - noon on Monday, September 27. This program is your chance to learn what Pikes Peak Library District has to offer homeschooling families. We'll also have a Resource Fair running during the entire program. If you know of great organizations that work with homeschool families, please let us know! You can contact Beth Tatro at 531-6333, x1306 or [etatro@ppld.org](mailto:etatro@ppld.org).

## Database Focus: Water Fun

Many resources for water related activities can be found though [ppld.org](http://ppld.org). Check on fishing holes, gardening at high altitude, boating safety, and what to do when lightning and thunderstorms are threatening.

Start at the KidsWeb page and click on Explore the Web and then type "Colorado Parks and Recreation" into the search box. You'll find lots of categories to choose from here, such as which parks offer fishing, boating, hiking, camping, and lots more!

To find more on our wet and wild weather, click on the Kids Databases at the bottom of the KidsWeb home page. From there, click on Encyclopedia of Weather and Natural Disasters. There are many topics you can key into the search box, such as lightning safety, thunderstorm weather patterns, and more.

And to stay knowledgeable on water conservation and usage, you can key "Colorado Springs Utilities" into the KidsWeb homepage search box to learn when and how much watering is allowed and what parks and pools are doing to conserve water.

Use these tools to find more interests, such as how to clean that fish you caught and how to trim the tomato plants in the garden. Learning more means you'll know more, and that's what your library database resources are for!

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## Pikes Peak Library District's Summer Reading Program June 1 - July 31



Registration begins on June 1 and can be done online at [ppld.org](http://ppld.org) or in person at your nearest library branch. Read books, track your time, and earn prizes! "Make a Splash - READ!" is for ages infant and up. Check with your local library for fun events happening all summer long.

## An Ocean of Great Books for Summer Reading

### J-Easy (Picture Books)

BAUE	<i>A Mama for Owen</i>
DAHL	<i>One Giant Splash: a Counting Book about the Ocean</i>
DOCH	<i>To the Beach</i>
HAKA	<i>Mermaid Dance</i>
LEE	<i>Wave</i>

### J-Fiction

FAGA	<i>Jacob Two-Two on the High Seas</i>
HIAA	<i>Flush</i>
KESS	<i>Emily Windsnap and the Castle in the Mist</i>
ODEL	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>
RIVE	<i>Tuk and the Whale</i>

### J-Nonfiction

363.61	H746O	<i>Our World of Water: Children and Water Around the World</i>
551.46	M173O	<i>Ocean</i>
591.77	M165G	<i>Gone Fishing: Ocean Life By the Numbers</i>
631.4078	G228S	<i>Super Science Projects About Earth's Soil and Water</i>
910.45	G474TA	<i>Thousand Years of Pirates</i>



### What you need

- Empty two liter plastic bottle with lid
- Clear vegetable oil or mineral oil
- Water
- Funnel
- Blue food coloring
- Small star fish, shells and other sea creatures
- One tsp glitter
- White craft glue
- Hot glue

### What you do

1. Wash and dry two-liter bottle and remove all labels.
2. Fill bottle halfway with tap water.
3. Add a few drops of blue food coloring and swirl around to mix.
4. Add glitter.
5. Add sea creatures.
6. Fill bottle the rest of the way with vegetable oil using a funnel.
7. Be sure that rim and cap are dry, then apply white craft glue around the rim. Seal cap.
8. Use a layer of hot glue around the outer edge of the cap for added protection from leakage.
9. Turn bottle on its side and gently rock the bottle to create a "wave" inside your ocean habitat!

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