

Nancy Castaldo's Resources

Book	Fiction Pairing	Themes/ Issues	Action
SNIFFER DOGS: How Dogs (And Their Noses) Save the World (HMH)	Duke by Kirby Larson, Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner	Animal protection, rescue dogs, working dogs/animals	Volunteer at your local animal shelter. Hold a fundraiser for your local fire department's sniffer dogs (or police department's). Set up a library lunchtime club for reading and action!
BEASTLY BRAINS: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk, and Feel (HMH) Guide available at nancycastaldo.com	The Murderer's Ape by Jakob Wegelius, Eliot Schrefer's ape series: Endangered, Threatened, Rescued, The Music of Dolphins by Karen Hesse, The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate, Spliced by Jon McGoran	Animal Rights, NonHuman Rights, Intelligence, cognition, animal protection,	Become an animal advocate. Observe animals - in the wild or in your house. Hold a debate in class about what characteristics people have that afford us personhood rights. Explore cases of the Nonhuman Rights Project.
THE STORY OF SEEDS: From Mendel's Garden to Your Plate, and How There's More of Less To Eat Around The World (HMH) Guide available at nancycastaldo.com	Nory Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff, City of Thieves by David Benioff, The Omnivore's Dilemma: Young Readers Edition by Michael Pollan,	Agriculture, Seed Crisis, Endangered Crops, Food Security, GMOs, conservation	Create a school garden. Promote/join a community garden project. Advocate for GMO labeling. Work to combat climate change. Host a seed swap. Support local farmers/ Shop at a farmer's market. Try a new veggie. Work with students to advocate for healthy, local produce in the cafeteria. Set up a seed library section in your library. Form a student garden club.
BACK FROM THE BRINK: Saving Endangered Species (HMH)	Never Cry Wolf by Farley Mowat. The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp by Kathi Appelt, Julie's Wolf Pack by Jean Craighead George, Spliced by Jon McGoran	Endangered Species, ESA, wildlife, conservation, climate change, lead bullets (NRA), pesticides, hunting regulations, environmental justice	Contact Congress to support the Endangered Species Act. Promote wetland protection. Limit the use of pesticides. Join the Get The Lead Out campaign. Celebrate Earth Day in your library with books and action projects. Form a recycling club in your school. Plan a campaign against single- use plastics. Make a STEM kit about endangered species. Adopt an endangered species.
Mission Polar Bear Rescue (NatGeo)	Waiting for Unicorns by Beth Hautala, The Arctic Code by Matthew Kirby	Climate change, endangered species, Arctic conservation, environmental justice, conservation, ESA	Work to combat climate change. Contact Congress about Arctic preservation. Help spread the word about polar bears! Hold an Arctic Celebration at your school. Help students become experts - conservationists, journalists, geographers. Hold grade-level recycling projects.