

***The Worm Family* by Tony Johnston**

Unwelcome by their neighbors because they are squiggly, skinny, and long, the Worm Family moves from place to place before finally finding friends who accept and appreciate those who are different.

Young Naturalist's Handbook:

***Insectlopedia* by Matthew Reinhart**

Facts about the lives, bodies, habitats, and defenses of the world's coolest, creepiest, and crunchiest critters.

***The Perfect Pet* by Margie Palantini**

After Elizabeth's do not agree with her various suggestions for the perfect pet, she discovers a solution.

***Insects Are My Life* by Megan McDonald**

No one at home or school understands Amanda Frankenstein's devotion to insects until she meets Maggie.

***Bugs for Lunch* by Margery Facklam**

Rhyming text introduces bug eating animals such as geckos, trout, or even people. It also includes additional facts about each creature.

***Inchworm and a Half* by Elinor J.**

Pinczes

Several worms use their varying lengths to measure vegetables in the garden.

***Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin**

A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in the great big world.

***Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices* by Paul Fleischman**

The glorious collection of poems in the voices of insects begs to be read aloud!

***Leo the Lightning Bug* by Eric Drachman**

Leo has a problem—he cannot light—so he retreats to his cave to come up with a solution.

***The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle**

A grouchy ladybug, looking for a fight, challenges everyone she meets regardless of their size or strength.



***Garden Wigglers: Earthworms in Your Own Backyard* by Nancy Loewen**

Learn about the earthworm's life cycle, how it moves, and what this helpful wriggler eats.

***Ten Flashing Fireflies* by Philemon Sturges**

Two children catch fireflies on a summer night, putting them one by one into a jar until all ten are caught, and then they let them out to watch all ten fly away.

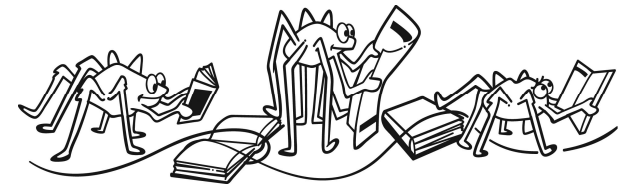
***Insectlopedia* by Douglas Florian**

Humorous poems written from the perspective of a variety of bugs, are paired with intriguing paintings. The poems contain a lot of information on the bugs in these silly poems.

Summer Reading 2008

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library!

Bugs in your own Backyard



***The Best Book of Bugs* by Claire Llewellyn**

Describes the habits and life cycles of various insects and provides clues for identifying them in their natural habitats.

***Willy the Worm* by Christianne Jones**

Willy, a silly worm who pays friends to dig holes for him because he hates dirt and mud changes, his thinking after an accident.

***Pet Bugs: A Kid's Guide to Catching and Keeping Touchable Insects* by Sally Kniedel**

Insects include crickets, mantises, click beetles, and many more kinds of bugs!

***The Case of the Chewable Worms* by Bill Meyrs**

Ten-year old Bernie Dingledorf very reluctantly acts as a secret agent to fight the B.A.D.D. agents who are trying to control the world through habit forming worms!

***Worm Gets a Job* by Kathy Caple**

Worm attempts various jobs for his animal friends so that he can buy painting supplies and enter the art contest.

***Backyard Pets: Activities for Exploring Wildlife Close to Home* by Carol Amato**

Focuses on the insects birds, amphibians, and other animal life found in many backyards and provides instructions for catching, caring for, studying, and releasing those that are safe to touch.

***Sam's Sandwich* by David Pelham**

While supposedly helping his sister Samantha make a delicious sandwich, mischievous Sam sneaks some rather unpleasant ingredients into it.



***Grasshopper Pie and Other Poems* by David Steinberg**

Who ever heard of making a pie out of grasshoppers?

***The Great Bug Hunt* by Bonnie Dobkin**

Children set out looking for insects and they find all kinds.

***The Very Lonely Firefly* by Eric Carle**

One night a very lonely firefly goes off in search of his friends. Each time he sees a flicker of light he flies off toward it, but none of them turn out to be fireflies. Will the lonely firefly ever find creatures like himself?

***The Very Lazy Ladybug* by Isobel Finn**

A lazy lady bug who never learned how to fly decides she wants to go somewhere, but she cannot find an animal to give her a peaceful ride.

***The Kid's Guide to Nature Adventures* By Joe Rhatigan**

Eighty activities for the outdoors with tips on how to search for bugs and create a collecting net. It even includes instructions for making a bug vacuum!

***The Boll Weevil Ball* by Kelly Murphy**

When a very, very small beetle decides to attend a ball, he won't let anything stop him—not even the danger of being squished on the dance floor!

***Oliver and Albert, Friends Forever* by Jean Van Leeuwen**

Oliver makes friends with Albert, the new boy in class, and they have fun together, playing kickball and collecting bugs.

***I Love Bugs!* By Philemon Sturges**

In this rhyming story a boy extols the various characteristics of insects, all of which he loves!

***The Little Squeegy Bug* by Bill Martin**

A wingless little bug with no name wants to be a bumblebee and begins to search for a pair of wings.



***Bugs!* By David Greenberg**

Celebrates the disgusting and horrible things you can do with a bunch of bugs.



***The Outside Inn* by George Ella Lyon**

These rhymes present all sorts of “appetizing” meals to be had outdoors, including “puddle ink to drink,” “gravel crunch for lunch,” and “worms and dirt for dessert.”

***How to Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell**

A boy is challenged by a friend to eat 15 worms in 15 days for 50 dollars. Could you do it?

***Inch By Inch* by Leo Lionni**

To keep from being eaten, an inchworm measures a robin's tail, a flamingo's neck, a toucan's beak, a heron's legs, and a nightingale's song.

***A Pocketful of Cricket* by Rebecca Caudill**

A boy takes his pet cricket to school where it first disturbs the class with its chirping, but then becomes the show-and-tell attraction.

***Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin**

A young spider discovers that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs and avoid vacuum cleaners!