

10 WAYS TO DISCOVER & SHARE NONFICTION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE THIS FALL

1. WONDER!

Ask a child in your life to share 2-3 questions they have about the world (how water comes from the tap, what makes leaves change color, the history of their favorite sport). Working with a local public librarian, find a nonfiction book that helps to answer one of those questions. Read together and see what you discover.



2. LOOK!

Look around your neighborhood with a child in your life. What questions do they have about what they see (why are there columns on a building, what is the name of the tree by the laundromat)? Working with a local public librarian, find a nonfiction book that helps to answer one of those questions. Read together and see what you discover.



3. LISTEN!

Listen to picture book and chapter book nonfiction audio books in the car, on the train or bus, or while taking a walk. Download free books from your local library via [Overdrive](#) (desktop) or use the [Overdrive Libby App](#) (for iPhone or Android).



4. TASTE!

Browse the children's cookbook section at your local library—or its online catalog—and try out a recipe. Your meal might prompt more questions about food and lead you back to more cookbooks or nonfiction books about fruits, vegetables, or food culture.



5. BUILD!

Go to the “how to” section of your local library—or its online catalog—and take out an activity book.



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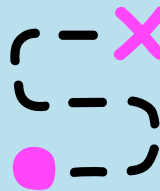
Celebrate their curiosity!

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6. NAVIGATE!

Wander around the nonfiction section of your local library with a child. Encourage them to pull out books and explore. What do the books on a particular shelf have in common? How are they different? Understanding how the books are organized can help the child navigate this section in the future.



7. DISCOVER!

Today's nonfiction comes in a rich assortment of topics that can excite and inspire young readers. Help a child in your life discover something that fascinates them, using the following book award lists as a guide: [The Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction](#), [The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal](#), the [AAAS/Subaru Prize for Excellent in Science Writing](#), [Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People](#), and [Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12](#).



8. UNDERSTAND!

Use the fall Indigenous Peoples' holiday as an opportunity to expand what you know about contemporary Native Nations (maybe including your own!), their histories, languages and cultures. Let the following book lists help you find books vetted for representation: [Social Justice Books: American Indians](#) and the [American Indian Youth Literature Award](#).



9. CHANGE!

Read a picture book biography about a changemaker from the past or present with a child. The following lists are vetted for representation to help you select changemakers from within and outside your culture: [Social Justice Books](#), [The Biography Clearinghouse](#). How can you become changemakers?



10. CONNECT!

Find out what a child in your life will be studying in science and social studies this year by looking at the school website or reaching out to their teacher. Search for nonfiction books on those topics to explore together.

