

Books for Kids: J-Nonfiction

Disaster Strikes!: The Most Dangerous Space Missions of All Time by Jeffrey Kluger

The Deadliest Hurricanes Then and Now by Deborah Hopkinson

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

Survivors: Extraordinary Tales from the Wild and Beyond by David Long

Donnor Dinner Party by Nathan Hale

The Indestructible Tom Crean: Heroic Explorer of the Antarctic by Jennifer Thermes

Books for Kids: J-Fiction

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm

Brother's Keeper by Julie Lee

The Poet's Dog by Patricia MacLauren

White Bird: A Wonder Story by R. J. Palacio with Erica S. Perl

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry

Wildfire by Rodman Philbrick

Stranded by Jeff Probst and Chris Tebbetts

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

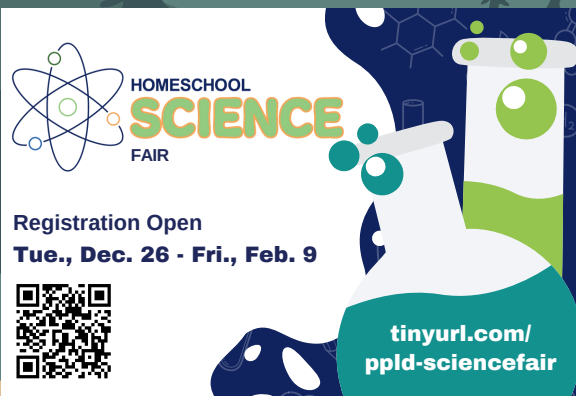
Hurricane Rescue by Jennifer Li Shotz

Books for Kids: J-Graphic Novels

Little Monarchs by Jonathan Case

Doom's Day Camp by Joshua Hauke

The Last Comics on Earth by Max Brallier and Joshua Pruett



HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Registration Open
Tue., Dec. 26 - Fri., Feb. 9

tinyurl.com/ppld-sciencefair

Books for Teens: Nonfiction

Early Ascents on Pikes Peak by Woody Smith

Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story by Caren Stelson

The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin

Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea by Sungju Lee

How Dare the Sun Rise by Sandra Uwiringiyimana

Books for Teens: Fiction

To Stay Alive: Mary Ann Graves and the Tragic Journey of the Donner Party by Skila Brown

Found by Joseph Bruchac

Luck of the Titanic by Stacey Lee

We Are Not from Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez

Peak by Roland Smith

Activity: Build a Survival Kit

Preschoolers through teens can create their own survival kit, choosing their items without any research. This activity provides parents the opportunity to see what is important to their kids, and whether or not the choices would be helpful in an emergency situation. Kids think about the world differently than adults, and this activity may reveal some of these differences.

Have your kids put together a survival kit full of the items they think they would need to survive in an emergency. Younger kids will need a box, a suitcase, or a blanket to gather their survival kit items; this can be an individual project or a cooperative activity. Tweens and teens may be satisfied with a list, a photo collage, or other digital creation instead of a physical kit.

When everyone is done, use the objects selected as a "think about it" activity. Would this be helpful if the power went out? Could this be carried somewhere? See what kinds of thoughts your kids are working through and be certain to comfort them and remind them that they have grownups in their lives to look out for them.

If your kids enjoyed this survival activity, try creating different survival situations: Amazonian jungle, somewhere in Great Basin National Park, the far reaches of Canadian Northwest Territories, or downtown Colorado Springs. Your kids can write up the scenario too, and maybe continue on to write their own survival story.

Compare your survival kit to those compiled by the American Red Cross (tiny.ppld.org/survival-kit) or ReadyKids (tiny.ppld.org/build-a-kit).



Homeschool parents can apply for PPLD's new Educator Card!

Simply bring a copy of your Notice of Intent letter with your child's name and address plus school district involved to any PPLD location. The card is valid for one year before requiring renewal, and allows for 50 check outs, with a loan period of six weeks and one renewal (if item is not on hold).



HOMESCHOOL CONNECTIONS

An Educational Resource Tool Winter 2024



Homeschool Hub | ppld.org/homeschool-hub

Whether you are a veteran homeschooling family or just getting started, visit the PPLD Homeschool Hub to find Library events and sign up for eNewsletters. Click on the "Resources" tab to link to information on getting started, Colorado homeschool law, local enrichment programs, tutoring, extracurricular activities, and more.

Classic Survival Stories

Survival stories have been around for a very long time. Daniel Defoe's **Robinson Crusoe**, the tale of a castaway who spent years on a remote tropical island, was published in 1719. Deserted islands are great survival tale settings, and Johann David Wyss's **Swiss Family Robinson** (1812) features an entire family "safely" marooned on an island. These two classics are still popular today, easy to access through PPLD as both print and eBook; in addition, eBook copies are available on demand (no holds!) through PPLD's eLibrary (ppld.org/elibrary) on Freading with your library card and pin number.

The first children's book that comes to mind when "survival story" is mentioned is Gary Paulsen's **Hatchet** (1986; Newbery Honor Winner 1988), a contemporary tale that follows the adventures of 13-year-old Brian after a plane crash leaves him alone and trying to survive in the wilderness. However, several earlier survival stories paved the way. Jean Craighead George's **My Side of the Mountain** (1959; Newbery Honor 1960) is about a boy so confident in his skills and knowledge that he doesn't think twice about running away to the Catskill Mountains. But things do not go as planned. Based on a true story, Scott O'Dell's **Island of the Blue Dolphins** (1960; Newbery Medal 1961) is historical fiction set in the Channel Islands off the coast of southern California around 1835. The female protagonist lives alone on an island for 18 years. Jean Craighead George's **Julie of the Wolves** (1972; Newbery Medal 1973) is set in the Alaskan wilderness and is as much about the struggle to survive the terrain as the struggle between choosing the Inuit way or a more modern way. Set in the wilds of Maine in the 1700s, Elizabeth George's **Sign of the Beaver** (1983; Newbery Honor 1984) tells how a 13-year-old settler survives with the help of a Native American boy. New editions give readers more information about the treatment of American Indian tribes within the context of Children's Literature, an interesting perspective that will provide discussion topics for your family.

Of course, survival stories are still being written today. Check out Lauren Tarshis' "I Survived" series, Terry Lynn Johnson's "Survivor Diaries" series, or Max Brallier's "The Last Kids on Earth" series, among many others. Read the New Bookshelf section on page 2 for a selection of recently published books.



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600 Bank St., Calhan
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- CH Cheyenne Mountain Library**
1785 S. 8th St.
(719) 531-6333, x7001
- EA East Library**
5550 N. Union Blvd.
(719) 531-6333, x7014
- eLibrary**
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- FO Fountain Library**
230 S. Main St., Fountain
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- HI High Prairie Library**
7035 Old Meridian Rd., Peyton
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- HA The Hall at PPLD**
(formerly known as Knights of Columbus Hall)
20 W. Pikes Peak Ave.
(719) 531-6333, x6142
- LI Library 21c**
1175 Chapel Hills Dr.
(719) 531-6333, x7012
- MA Manitou Springs Library**
515 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs
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- MLS Mobile Library Services**
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- MO Monument Library**
1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument
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- OL Old Colorado City Library**
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- PA Palmer Lake Library**
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- PE Penrose Library**
20 N. Cascade Ave.
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- RU Ruth Holley Library**
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- UT Ute Pass Library**
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The New Bookshelf

Across the Desert
by Dusti Bowling

Jolene lives in a tough world. While at the library researching help for her mother, who is an addict, Jolene befriends Addie via social media. Jolene is watching Addie pilot her ultralight plane when the plane crash-lands and her livestream goes blank. To save her friend, Jolene launches into action.

Ages 9 - 14; Survival; Female Protagonists; Contemporary Setting
J-Fiction

Northwind
by Gary Paulsen

Leif escapes from a fish camp stricken with cholera, following an old fisherman's advice to "flee north." His canoe takes him in and out of fjords as he explores, finds food, and meets many creatures. Danger is everywhere but he can and will survive. Paulsen's writing is lyrical in a survival story that echoes the author's love of the ocean.

Ages 10 - 14; Survival; Male Protagonists; Historical Fiction
J-Fiction

Alone
by Megan Freeman

After everyone else is mysteriously evacuated from Maddie's Colorado town, she wakes up and finds herself completely alone with no power, no internet, and no one to tell her what to do. She acquires a dog, which eases her loneliness as she figures out how to survive. Written in free verse, this novel is fast-paced, and the setting brings the story close to home.

Ages 10 - 14; Survival; Female Protagonists; Contemporary Setting
Teen Fiction

I Am Still Alive
by Kate Alice Marshall

Left injured and scarred from a car accident, Jess is sent to live with her loner/survivalist father. However, he has secrets, and is hiding from some very bad men. Caught in his bad decisions, Jess sees him gunned down as she hides. Jess has some knowledge about the area, a wolf dog to protect her, and a strength of character that keeps her alive – she also wants revenge on her father's killers.

Ages 16+; Survival; Female Protagonists; Contemporary Setting
Teen Fiction

Alone in the Woods
by Rebecca Behrens

Imagine two families that have vacationed together for years in the Wisconsin Northwoods, and two daughters who have formed a strong friendship. Alex turns toward social media rather than the people around her, while Joss embraces nature. During a river tubing trip, the girls get separated from their families and end up alone in the woods. They must work together to survive.

Ages 11 - 14; Survival; Female Protagonists; Contemporary Setting
Teen Fiction

Winter Survival in the ERC

It's winter – the snow beckons while the cold sends us back inside, and summer break is months away! This is the perfect time for discovering or revisiting the Educational Resource Center (ppld.org/erc) at East Library. Accessible Monday through Saturday by reservation, the ERC has resources for a broad range of ages and interests that will engage your family in hours of discovery, exploration, and growth.

For those curious about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), check out our popular robotics kit, Cubelets, and our Kids First Coding & Robotics STEM Experiment Kit. Aspiring engineers can explore the design process with Building Brick STEM Challenge Kits, while budding mathematicians will find that our Sumblox kit can make difficult math concepts feel more like fun and games.

Emergent and early readers can build skills with game-style tools like the sequential Touch and Read Phonics kits and games like Tiki Challenge and Sight Word Swat. In addition to items that support traditional curriculum goals, the ERC is filled with materials that encourage creativity, exploration, and discovery. Make and share music with our authentic multicultural instruments and palm pipes; foster an active imagination with our collections of mythical figures, horses, and mammals from around the world; and get those mental gears spinning with Coggy, a shape-shifting brainteaser, or Shashibo, an artistic shape-changing box based on the Rubik's Cube.

This winter, we invite you to be our guests as you explore, discover, create, and learn together as a family in PPLD's Educational Resource Center!

PPLD Resources

Access to the following resources is available with a valid (400 series) library card and pin number.

Gale in Context: Biography
Built on a foundation of more than 640,000 biographical entries, **Gale in Context: Biography** covers international figures from all time periods and areas of study including famous survivors of historical events. Gale in Context resources were designed with teens in mind, making this a user-friendly database for emerging researchers. tiny.ppld.org/biography

Gale in Context: World History
Gale In Context: World History reaches back to the ancient world—and forward to today's headlines—to deliver a chronicle of the people, cultures, events, and societies that have shaped human history. Gale in Context resources were designed with teens in mind, making this a user-friendly database for emerging researchers. tiny.ppld.org/world

Gale in Context: Elementary
Gale In Context: Elementary, formerly Kids InfoBits, gradually lets elementary school children gain comfort with research by delivering age-appropriate, reliable, curriculum-related content covering a broad range of subjects including an entire section about famous explorers. tiny.ppld.org/elementary

Other Cool Resources

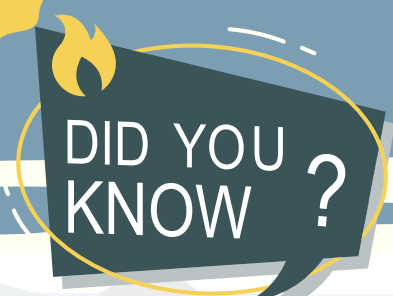
Ready Kids
Disasters happen everywhere, and this website provides tools and information to help before, during, and after. Sections are dedicated to kids (play a game or build a disaster readiness kit), teens (be a leader in your family and your community), and families (being prepared and tips for coping). ready.gov/kids

I Survived Book Club
Fans of Lauren Tarshis' popular "I Survived" series will love her book club! Included are activities, videos, teaching resources, and more that will help kids dig deeper into the facts behind the events featured in her historical fiction novels, graphic novels, and nonfiction titles. tiny.ppld.org/survived-club

History.com
The History channel website is packed with information and fun, including videos, photos, and text for an engaging history experience. Try putting "survive" in the search bar to access an array of historical survival stories. history.com

Make Your Own Survival Tools

Want to make your own survival tools? Come visit our PPLD makerspaces! Here you will find equipment such as laser engravers, sewing machines, and 3D printers. You can use our makerspaces to create all kinds of projects, such as using a 3D printer to create a survival whistle, water filter, or tent stake. You may also use a sewing machine to make your own pillows, blankets, or winter hats. What you decide to make is up to you! Find makerspaces at East, Manitou Springs, and Sand Creek libraries, as well as Library 21c. For more information, visit ppld.org/makerspaces.



Animals, including humans, have adapted to be able to survive in their environment.

Physical Adaptations: Some animals have physical adaptations that help them, such as their skin/fur or hair type or coloring. Adaptations help animals eat, build nests or shelters, or stay warm. A local example is the hummingbird, which has a long, thin beak that allows it to drink nectar from deep inside of flowers.

Behavioral Adaptations: Some animals have learned changes in behavior that allow them to survive in their environment. For example, some animals are more active at night (nocturnal), during the day (diurnal), or maybe only at dawn or dusk (crepuscular). Another example of a behavioral change is birds flying south for the winter. This adaptation allows birds to find food and stay warm when the seasons change.

Physiological Adaptations: Some animals with physiological adaptations (changes to internal body processes) include those that produce toxins or poisons, or those that can maintain a consistent body temperature despite the temperature of the environment around them.

All these types of adaptations are essential for various species to survive in their natural environment. What other animals and their adaptations can you think of?

