Additional Resources

Over the years, teachers have found the following books and websites useful in teaching students about water.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS:

*Life in early America grows and people begin to settle along the banks of the river. Overuse and misuse of the river leads to pollution. The people decide to make positive changes.*


*Explains how rivers begin, travel, and end, as well as how they benefit mankind.*


*Depicts how the Nashua River was affected by the textile mill and how it was saved by people.*


*Shows how water shapes the earth and why it is important to keep our water clean.*


*Shows the different seasons in a small town.*

George, Jean Craighead. To Climb a Waterfall. 1995.
*A boy follows the stream to get to the waterfall.*
CHILDREN’S BOOKS (continued):

This book asks the question, “Whose river is this?” Good book for pre-schoolers and beginning readers. The importance of caring for rivers that belong to all of us is presented in an appealing format.

An Indian boy takes a journey from Lake Superior to the Atlantic Ocean in a small canoe.

Depicts the river from its source to its mouth.

A first discovery book that depicts plant and animal life near the river. The use of see-through plastic pages that change the pictures provides the magic of discovery.

Nick isn’t happy about spending the summer with his grandmother. A raft appears and changes everything as he begins to explore the river and woods around him.

Depicts a river at its source and takes the reader through the different stages until it reaches the mouth.


Two boys and their grandfather go on a camping trip to find the source of the river.

Author describes the Hudson River from its mountain brook in the Adirondack Mountains to its mouth at the southern tip of Manhattan where it meets the Atlantic.

Book relates to the water cycle and the native peoples of Alaska. A family sails on the river to its delta and continues along the Arctic coast.

This is a pop-up, pull-tab, lift-the-flap guide to the most valuable natural resource, water.
CHILDREN’S BOOKS (continued):


Historical fiction of the life and explorations of Sacagawea.


A group of animals live in a quiet glade of sycamore, willows, and cottonwoods along the banks of a winding creek. Their lives are interrupted by a rumbling sound. They have to relocate and finally find a place that suits them. The message of preserving our natural world comes through.

A young boy opens a box of fishing flies when he is sick in bed. This is the beginning of a fantasy fishing trip.


Stutson, Caroline. On the River ABC. 1997

Depicts the flora and fauna living in and near the river. Use of text and photographs.


Williams, Jay and Abrashkin, Raymond. Danny Dunn and the Universal Glue. 1977.


*This book gives precise explanatory text and information. Also included in the book are re-creations of physical landscapes and instructions for experiments and model-making projects.*

*This guide provides lessons that can be used with a study on rivers.*

For use with grades 9-12. Teaches how rivers change the land and how the land changes them. In-class activities demonstrate erosion and river activities. Learn aspects of how the environment can change. Apply the experiments to geology studies.
WEBSITES:

www.awwa.org
The American Water Works Association home page. This page is valuable for the links to member utility home pages. Some utilities are very open about sharing what they do for youth education.

www.uwex.edu/erc/eypaw/
Put together by the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service, this page is a wealth of information on educating young people about water. Links lead you to lists of curricula available.

This page is the US Geological Service’s Water page. One of the best offerings here are the water education posters.

www.yvw.com.au
A good site about watersheds from the Yarra Valley in Australia.

www.naaee.net/publications/eetoolbox
The North American Association for Environmental Education provides a toolbox of resources for educators.

www.epa.gov/students
Under “Learn the Issues,” you can find information specific to water. This page offers resources, games, quizzes, and projects for teachers to use with their students.

https://www.omsi.edu/for-kids
This site if for the Oregon Museum of Science and has some online activities for kids.