



Community Helpers

Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library A Selective Annotated Bibliography

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
PreK - 1	Austin, Mike. <i>Fire Engine No. 9</i> . New York: Random House, 2015. Follows a fire engine and its crew through a very busy day, using mainly sound words.	E AU772F
K	Brooks, Felicity. <i>Vicky the Vet</i> . London: Usborne, 2004. (Other titles in series include <i>Fred the Firefighter</i> , <i>Daisy the Doctor</i> , and <i>Frank the Farmer</i>) From <i>The Jobs People Do</i> series, this book describes the day in the life of Vicky, a veterinarian.	E B7914V
2 - 5	Buzzeo, Toni. <i>Our Librarian Won't Tell Us Anything!</i> Fort Atkinson, WI: Upstart Books, 2006. According to Carmen, a fourth-grader at Liberty Elementary, her school's librarian won't tell students ANYTHING! Fortunately, her classmate Robert doesn't believe Carmen and marches right over to ask Mrs. Skorupski question after question. Mrs. Skorupski's eyes twinkle and her rhinestone glasses sparkle as she leads Robert to the tools he needs to find the answers. Carmen scowls as she watches Robert become a Library Success Story, but eventually comes around as she realizes that Mrs. Skorupski can teach them ANYTHING!	E B989OU

K - 3	Graves, Sue. <i>Percy the Mailman</i> . Mankato, MN: Sea-to-Sea, 2009.	E G787PE
	Percy does a grand job delivering the mail. But will anyone ever send him a letter?	
N/A	Hall, Kristen. <i>My New Town</i> . New York: Children's Press, 2005.	E H1439MNT
	While giving a tour of his new town, a young boy introduces the reader to his teacher, dentist, barber, and police officer, as well as to his newly adopted baby sister.	
PreK-12	Hamilton, Kersten. <i>Police Officers on Patrol</i> . New York: Viking, 2009. (Also by author: <i>Yellow Copter</i>)	E H1806PO
	Illustrations and brief rhyming text depict police officers responding to a variety of situations, from a broken traffic light to a robbery.	
1 - 3	Hopkinson, Deborah. <i>A Letter to My Teacher</i> . New York: Schwartz & Wade, 2017.	E H7773L
	A letter from someone who was once an exasperating second-grader reveals her experiences with a teacher who brought out the best in her.	
K - 2	Houston, Gloria. <i>Miss Dorothy and Her Bookmobile</i> . New York: Harper, 2011.	E H8183M
	Dorothy has always wanted to work in a library like the red brick one of her girlhood, but after moving to rural North Carolina she discovers that the type of library is less important than the books and the people who read them.	
K - 2	Howell, Lauren. <i>If I Was the Mayor</i> . Winnipeg: Three Bears Pub., 2005.	E H8394I
	<i>If I Was the Mayor</i> subtly introduces the concept of recycling, with an exciting, new twist, making this book an excellent tool to spark discussions about other environmental concerns and solutions, as well.	
PreK - 1	Lord, Janet. <i>Albert the Fix-It Man</i> . Atlanta: Peachtree, 2008.	E L8844A
	A cheerful repairman fixes squeaky doors, leaky roofs, and crumbling fences for his neighbors, who return the kindness when he catches a terrible cold.	
PreK-K	Meadows, Michelle. <i>Traffic Pups</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 2011.	E M4619T
	Plush canine motorcycle police officers zoom through the town pursuing	

suspects, clearing the road of accidents, and serving as escorts.

- K - 2 Nikola-Lisa, W. *My Teacher Can Teach – Anyone!* New York: Lee & Low Books, 2004. E
N588MY
- An alphabet story in verse about a Latino boy and his remarkable teacher who can teach an astronaut how to float in space and instruct a ballet dancer how to land with grace.
- K - 3 Rathmann, Peggy. *Officer Buckle and Gloria*. New York: Putnam’s, 1995. E
R188O
- The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.
- N/A Reichert, Paul. *The Lemonade Ripple: A Sweet Story of Kindness and Charity*. New York: Better World Kids Books, 2012. E
R2718L
- Caroline sets up a stand to sell her Grandmother's sweet lemonade to raise money for the new wheelchair her friend Shannon needs, which inspires others to help, as well, in bigger and better ways.
- K - 2 Ries, Lori. *Aggie the Brave*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2010. E
R445ATB
- Although Ben is worried about his dog Aggie when the veterinarian spays her and while she recovers, he laughs at her problems with the cone she must wear on her head until her stitches are removed.
- PreK – K Rinker, Sherri Duskey. *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2011. E
R475G
- At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.
- 1 - 4 Roth, Susan. *Hard Hat Area*. New York: Bloomsbury Children’s Books, 2004. E
R7427HAR
- Construction workers ask Kristen, a young apprentice, to bring them snacks and supplies. Provides information on the workers' jobs and equipment.
- 1 - 2 Sateren, Shelley Swanson. *Max and Zoe at the Dentist*. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2012. E
SA82M
- Zoe helps Max feel brave when he has to go to the dentist to have two teeth pulled.

2 - 3	Scarry, Richard. <i>What do People do All Day?</i> New York: Golden Books, 2015. (Also by author: <i>Richard Scarry's Smokey the Fireman</i> and <i>Richard Scarry's Busy, Busy World</i>)	E SCA77RIWH
	Shows and tells what busy people do every day to build houses, sail ships, fly planes, keep house, and grow food.	
N/A	Sirett, Dawn. <i>Visiting the Doctor.</i> New York: DK, 2007.	E SI77V
	A little girl goes to a doctor for a checkup.	
K - 2	Steffensmeier, Alexander. <i>Millie Waits for the Mail.</i> New York: Walker: Distributed to the trade by Holtzbrinck, 2007.	E ST328M W
	Millie the cow loves to scare the mailman and chase him off the farm, until the mailman comes up with a plan that ends up pleasing everyone.	
K - 2	Teague, Mark. <i>Firehouse!</i> New York: Orchard Books, 2010.	E T221FIR
	Edward and his cousin Judy visit a firehouse and learn about the work of fire fighters, especially when they participate in a fire drill.	
PreK - 2	Whiting, Sue. <i>The Firefighters.</i> Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2010.	E W5898F
	After dressing up as fire fighters, building a fire truck out of a cardboard box, and extinguishing imaginary fires on the playground, Mrs. Iverson's students are surprised by the arrival of a real fire engine with real fire fighters on board.	
PreK – K	Zimmerman, Andrea. <i>Trashy Town.</i> New York: HarperCollinsPublishers, 1999.	E Z655T
	Little by little, can by can, Mr. Gillie, the trash man, cleans up his town.	

FICTION

3 - 6	Alvarez, Julia. <i>How Tía Lola Learned to Teach.</i> New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.	F AL86HTIL
	Juanita and Miguel's great aunt, Tía Lola, comes from the Dominican Republic to help take care of them after their parents' divorce, and soon she is so involved in their small Vermont community that when her visa expires, the whole town turns out to support her.	

- 4 - 6 Brezenoff, Steve. *The Teacher Who Forgot Too Much*. Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2010. F
B759T
- Catalina 'Cat' Duran and her class are off to the recycling center for what seems like the worst field trip ever. But when they arrive, they find out that the recycling plant has been sabotaged! Only Cat and her friends can save the day (and help save the Earth, too)!
- 3 - 6 Edwards, Nancy. *Mom for Mayor*. Chicago, IL: Cricket Books, 2006. F
ED976M
- Upon learning that the city has sold his neighborhood park to developers, fifth-grader Eric Clark determines to help his community by getting his mother elected mayor.
- 9 - 12 Lynch, Chris. *Hothouse*. New York: HarperTeen, 2010. F
L9912H
- Teens D.J. and Russell, life-long friends and neighbors, had drifted apart, but when their firefighter fathers are both killed, they try to help one another come to terms with the tragedy and its aftermath.

NONFICTION

- K - 3 Adamson, Heather. *A Day in the Life of a Child Care Worker*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2004. (Other titles by author include *A Day in the Life of a Emergency Medical Technician*, *A Day in the Life of a Firefighter*, *A Day in the Life of a Police Officer*, *A Day in the Life of a Construction Worker*, and *A Day in the Life of a Veterinarian*) 362.71
AD197D
- Explains how a child care worker plans activities, prepares lunch, and plays with the children.
- 1 - 2 Kalman, Bobbie. *Emergency Workers Are on Their Way!* New York: Crabtree Pub., 2005. (Other titles by author are *Firefighters to the Rescue!* *Hospital Workers in the Emergency Room*, and *Veterinarians Help Keep Animals Healthy*) 363.348
K1265E
- Fire fighters, police officers, paramedics, doctors, and nurses are just a few of the community workers that help people in emergencies. Children will be amazed by these brave individuals - many of whom risk their lives daily to save the lives of others

- 1 - 2 Firestone, Mary. *Park Rangers*. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 2003. 363.6
F514P
- A simple introduction to the work park rangers do, discussing where they work, what tools they use, and how they are important to the communities they serve.
- K Doering, Amanda. *Whose Tools are These?* Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2012. (Other titles by author include *Whose Equipment is This? Whose Gear is This?* and *Whose Gadgets are These?*) 610
T6491W
- Simple text and full-color photographs present a mystery community helper, one clue at a time, until his or her identity is revealed.
- K Ready, Dee. *Doctors Help*. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2013. 610.69
R228DO
(Other titles by author include *Librarians Help*, *Nurses Help*, *Veterinarians Help*, *Dentists Help*, and *Firefighters Help*)
- Simple text and photographs present doctors and their role in the community.
- 1 - 2 Fluet, Connie. *A Day in the Life of a Nurse*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2005. (Other titles by author include *A Day in the Life of a Librarian*, *A Day in the Life of a Dentist*, and *A Day in the Life of a Doctor*) 610.73
F671D
- Explains what nurses do during a typical work day.
- K - 3 Gibson, Karen Bush. *Pharmacists*. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 2001. 615
G358P
(Also by author: *Emergency Medical Technicians*)
- Introduces the work pharmacists do, the equipment and clothing they use, the required education, and their importance to the communities they serve.
- K - 3 LeBoutillier, Nate. *A Day in the Life of a Garbage Collector*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2005. 628.4
L4932D
- Follows a garbage collector through his day and describes his occupation and what his job requires of him.
- K - 3 Yanuck, Debbie. *Custodians*. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 2002. 647
Y17C
(Other titles by author include *Food Service Workers* and *Carpenters*)
- A simple introduction to the work custodians do, discussing where they work, what tools they use, and how they are important to the communities they serve.
- K - 3 DeGezelle, Terri. *Couriers*. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 2012. 651.3
D363C
- Introduces what couriers do, what their jobs are, and how they serve the

community.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

Kuntz, Sherri Lynn. *Community Helpers: Preschool/Kindergarten*.
Greensboro, NC: Education Center, 2002.

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