



Week 8:

Mapping Out Your Dreams!

This week, we are thinking about our dreams and the steps we can take to make them come true. Thinking about your dream in smaller, manageable chunks can help you stay on track in achieving your dream and will help you not to be frustrated by a seemingly enormous idea. By setting goals, we are mapping out the path to achieve our dreams! Map and compass skills are essential in navigating our way around this world, as well as in learning more about the places where we live. In this list, you will find many imaginative stories about accomplishing goals and achieving dreams. These stories include adventure stories featuring unlikely heroes navigating with a secret map, true stories about preparing for the future, and even real stories about people overcoming obstacles to reach their goals.

The following list is divided by grade level and includes Braille, Large Print, and Digital Books. Many of the books for older readers cross grade levels (example: “ For junior and high school readers”), so be sure to look for those crossover books on both “Grades 4-8” and “Grades 9-12” lists.

Some of the Digital Books are only available via download through the BARD download system (<http://nlsbard.loc.gov/>). You may request any of these titles by contacting WTBBL at 206-615-0400 or 1-800-242-0866. If you would like additional titles or suggestions, please contact Mandy Gonnsen, Youth Services Librarian at 206-615-0400 or at mandy.gonnsen@sos.wa.gov

Grades PreK – 3

BR 08922 Ragtime Tumpie by Alan Schroeder & Bernie Fuchs

Tumpie, a young African-American girl, lives in the poorest section of St. Louis. But the year is 1915 and St. Louis is jumping. Ragtime music, a happy piano music, is everywhere. Tumpie loves to listen and dance to ragtime. She dreams of becoming a rich and famous honky-tonk dancer. And that's exactly what she does. A fictionalized account of the childhood of Josephine Baker. Print/Braille. For grades K-3 to share with older readers. 1989.

BR 13082 Peg and The Whale by Kenneth Oppel

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Peg has caught pretty much everything that swims. Now almost seven, she wants to go fishing for a whale--even though her father points out it is a mammal. She packs up her rod and reel and signs onto a whaling ship. Print/Braille. For grades K-3. 2000.

BR 19092 Andy Shane, Hero at Last [#6, Andy Shane series] by Jennifer Jacobson

Andy Shane wants two things: to win the best-decorated-bike contest in the Home Sweet Home Parade and, more important, to be a hero. The parade provides Andy an unexpected opportunity to prove himself. Braille. For grades K-3. 2010.

BR 14050 New York's Bravest by Mary Pope Osborne

Tells of the heroic deeds of the New York City firefighter Mose Humphreys during the 1840s. The book explains how the real-life fireman became a legend. Print/Braille. For grades K-3. 2002.

BR 16997; LP 22923; DBW 7341 The New Kid at School [#1, Dragon Slayers' Academy] by Kate McMullan

Although small and tenderhearted, Wiglaf's destiny is to become a hero. So he heads off to the Dragon Slayers' Academy not expecting to be sent out to slay the dragon Gorzil on the very first day of school. Braille. Large print. Digital download. For grades 2-4. 1997.

DB 70296 Brenda Berman, Wedding Expert by Jane Breskin Zalben

Brenda dreams of being a flower girl dressed in gold lamé at her favorite uncle's wedding. But the bride's niece Lucy also wants to be a flower girl--in lavender taffeta. The two girls work together to try and solve their problem, becoming friends along the way. Digital. For grades 2-4. 2009.

Grades 4 – 8

BR 13682; LP 18801; DB 52436 Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
Young Jim Hawkins finds a map in a dead seaman's possessions. His friends, Squire Trelawney and Doctor Livesey, realize it's a treasure map. They hire a

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ship, unaware that the crew includes the pirate Long John Silver. Braille. Large print. Digital download. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1881.

BR 11859 Where Am I? The Story Of Maps And Navigation by A.G. Smith
A history of how people learned to identify their physical location in the world. Traces the development of maps from birch bark and clay tablets dated 2300 B.C. to the techniques of aerial photography. Follows navigational skills from Eratosthenes's astronomical experiments to the discovery of the compass and the use of satellites. Braille. For grades 5-8. 1997.

BR 15775 The Coast Mappers by Taylor Morrison
Tells how George Davidson and other scientists hired by the U.S. Coast Survey in the mid-1800s created nautical charts of California, Oregon, and Washington. Describes their hardships: perilous cliffs, harsh winters, and tense relations with local Indians. Explains surveying techniques and copperplate printing. Braille. For grades 4-7. 2004.

BR 17770; LP 16022; DB 46839 Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

DB 61062 La Telarana de Carlota [Spanish]

Fern, a young girl with a unique understanding of animals, shares a special friendship with Wilbur, a foolish little pig, and Charlotte, a beautiful gray spider who weaves encouraging words in her web. Braille. Large print. Digital. Spanish: Digital download. For grades 3-6. 1952.

DB 61978 Replay by Sharon Creech

Twelve-year-old Leo, called fog boy by his large Italian family, dreams of starring in the school play or becoming a hero. When he finds a journal written by his father at age thirteen, Leo wonders why people change as they grow up. Digital download. For grades 5-8. 2005.

BR 19109; DB 72844 Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm

In 1935, when money is scarce during the Great Depression, ten-year-old Turtle goes to Key West, Florida, to live with relatives she's never met. Her adventures with her cousins involve a treasure map, a hurricane, and an ornery grandmother. Braille. Digital. For grades 4-7. Newbery Honor. 2010.

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DB 72722 Lincoln's Flying Spies: Thaddeus Lowe and the Civil War Balloon Corps by Gail Jarrow

Discusses the feats of the hot-air balloonists who provided information on the Confederate army to Union generals during the Civil War. Explains how Thaddeus Lowe and his fellow aeronauts counted troops and artillery and created maps while being shot at from the ground. Digital. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2010.

DB 59076 The Road to There: Mapmakers and Their Stories by Val Ross

Biographies of cartographers seeking to map the world from ancient times to the invention of aerial photography, among them China's Cheng Ho, Belgium's Gerard Mercator, and America's explorers Lewis and Clark. Includes tales of forgery, undersea adventure, and secret maps. Digital download. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2003.

DB 57290 The Wind Singer: An Adventure [#1, The Wind on Fire] by William Nicholson

In the stifled society of Aramant, rebellious youngsters Kestrel, her twin brother, Bowman, and schoolmate Mumpo, escape the city walls in quest of the wind singer's legendary voice. They follow an ancient map, confront monsters, and restore harmony at home. Digital download. For grades 6-9. 2000.

BR 15321 The Dream Keeper and Other Poems by Langston Hughes

Langston Hughes was known as "The poet laureate of Black America." This collection, selected for young people by Hughes himself, includes "Dreams," "The Negro Speaks of Rivers," "Mother to Son," and "I, Too." Braille. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1994.

Grades 9 – 12

DB 62321 What Color Is Your Parachute? For Teens: Discovering Yourself, Defining Your Future by Richard Nelson Bolles

Career guide helps adolescents assess personal abilities, interests, and long-term goals and land their dream job. Offers tips on employment searches and interviews. Examines the option of continuing education after high school or not.

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Includes resources and profiles of successful young adults. Digital download. For senior high and older readers. 2006.

DB 71964 Culinary Careers: How to Get Your Dream Job in Food, with Advice from Top Culinary Professionals by Rick Smilow

Guide to working in the food industry presented by Smilow, president of the Institute of Culinary Education, and McBride, a professor of food studies.

Covers education, apprenticeships, first jobs, and entrepreneurship. Features interviews with eighty-nine professionals in various vocations, including chefs, food editors, dietitians, sommeliers, and cooking-school owners. Digital. For senior high and older readers. 2010.

BR 18780; DB 70346 Preparing for College: Practical Advice for Students and Their Families by John J. Rooney

Guide for high school students and their parents to selecting a college. Covers taking admissions tests, filling out applications and financial aid forms, understanding college costs, choosing a field of study, selecting a campus, identifying personal challenges, avoiding common mistakes, and more. Braille. Digital. For senior high and older readers. 2009.

DB 61951 Turn Your Passion into Profit: A Step-by-Step Guide for Turning Any Hobby, Talent, or New Product Idea into a Money-Making Venture! by Walt F. J. Goodridge

Civil engineer-turned-entrepreneur shares his philosophy and formula for finding a more fulfilling professional and personal life by pursuing one's true calling. Offers advice on ways to access untapped potential through self-analysis to identify a passion, create and market a service or product, start a business, and manage profit. Digital download. For senior high and older readers. 2006.