



WEEK 1 Booklist: JUST DIG IT & DIG BENEATH

The following list is divided by **Reading Grade Level** and includes Braille, Large Print, and Digital Books. Many of the books for advanced readers cross grade levels (example: “For junior and high school readers”), so be sure to look for those crossover books in “Grades 3-5”, “Grades 6-8” and “Grades 9-12”

You may request any of these titles by contacting WTBBL at 206-615-0400 or 1-800-542-0866. Some of the digital books and all braille with BRC prefix are only available via download through the BARD download system (<http://nlsbard.loc.gov/>). If you would like additional titles or suggestions on this topic, please contact Mandy Gonnsen, Youth Services Librarian at 206-615-0400 or at mandy.gonnsen@sos.wa.gov

Preschool – Grade 2



The Carrot Seed
Krauss, Ruth.

BR 17328; BRJ 0120

Despite everyone's dire predictions, a little boy has faith that the carrot seed he plants and tends will grow into a carrot. Print/Braille. For preschool-grade 2. 1945.

My Garden
Henkes, Kevin.

BR 19016

After helping her mother weed, water, and chase rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden--without weeds but with flowers and unusual things always popping up, including chocolate rabbits to eat. Print/Braille. For preschool-grade 2. 2010.

Russ and the Apple Tree Surprise
Rickert, Janet Elizabeth.

BRJ 1222

After Russ, a 5-year-old with Down syndrome, picks a basket of apples and helps bake a pie, his grandfather invites him into the backyard for a surprise. Print/Braille. For preschool-grade 2. 1999.

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Weslandia

Fleischman, Paul.

BR 12042

Wesley has a great idea for a summer project--to grow his own staple food crop and use it as the basis for his own civilization. His garden becomes a place for all kinds of changes. Print/Braille. For grades K-3.

Fluffy Grows a Garden: #18, Fluffy series

McMullan, Kate.

BR 19959

Fluffy the guinea pig learns all about growing vegetables when Ms. Day's class plants seeds. Chapter book. For grades K-3. 2001.

Apples to Oregon: Being the (Slightly) True Narrative of How a Brave Pioneer Father Brought Apples, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Grapes, and Cherries (and Children) across the Plains

Hopkinson, Deborah.

BR 16035; BRC 0947 (Braille download)

A tall tale about a pioneer family headed to Oregon. Delicious, the daughter, knows that her father loves his wagonload of fruit trees--maybe even more than he loves the family. So she does all she can to make sure the plants survive the journey. Print/Braille. For grades K-3. 2004.

Xochitl and the Flowers/Xochitl, la Nina de las Flores

Argueta, Jorge.

DB 59484

After moving to San Francisco from El Salvador, Xochitl and her mother sell flowers around the neighborhood. When her father rents an apartment with a big junk-filled yard, their new friends help the family create the garden of their dreams. English and Spanish text. For grades K-3. 2003.

Grade 3 – Grade 5

Attack of the Monster Plants

Saunders, Susan.

BR 07814

You and your sister plant gardens every spring. You are tired of your sister's garden doing better than yours, so you succumb to a strange old man selling magic fertilizer. Now your plants are going bananas! You could be crushed by a huge tomato, or tied up by a crazy vine. You choose your fate in this "Choose Your Own Adventure" book. For grades 3-6. 1986.



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Jackson Jones and Mission Greentop [#2, Jackson Jones series]

Quattlebaum, Mary.

BR 17103

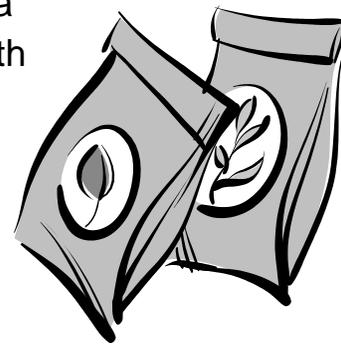
Ten-year-old Jackson Jones has grown way too much zucchini, but he still values his community garden. When a developer plans to build apartments on the land, it's up to Jackson to save the garden. Sequel to Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns (BR 10064). For grades 3-6. 2004.

The Secret Garden

Burnett, Frances Hodgson.

BR 10102; LP 15498; DB 23638 (Audio Download)

After becoming an orphan, Mary--ill-tempered and neglected--is sent to live on an uncle's huge estate where she meets an equally wretched cousin who is an invalid. Together they conspire to restore a locked, secret garden while the boy regains his health and his father's affection. For grades 4-7 and older readers.



Seedfolks

Fleischman, Paul.

BR 11416; BR 12259 (uncontracted braille)

Transforming a trash-filled vacant lot into a community garden began with one Vietnamese girl planting lima beans. People of different nationalities tell how they became involved in the effort and how friendships developed among the gardeners. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1997.

Brooklyn Bridge

Curlee, Lynn.

BR 14028

Describes the planning, construction difficulties, and history of the Brooklyn Bridge. When it was completed in 1883, it was considered a marvel of steel technology. It remains "the grandest, perhaps most important, structure built in America during the nineteenth century." PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades 3-6. 2001.

A Tree is a Plant

Bulla, Clyde Robert.

BR 15347; DB 57883

Follows an apple plant from seed to sprout to tree, explaining the functions of roots, trunk, branches, leaves, and blossoms that lead to fruit. Also describes the cycle of seasonal changes. Includes two simple science projects. For grades 2-4. 1960.

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Kids' Container Gardening: Year-Round Projects for Inside and Out
Krezel, Cindy.

DB 63530

Author provides an overview of plants and garden requirements. Presents a variety of projects and craft ideas organized by season, including a worm bin, a Venus flytrap terrarium, clay-pot people, and Halloween hats. Some adult assistance recommended. For grades 3-6. 2005.

A Backyard Vegetable Garden for Kids

Leavitt, Amie Jane.

DB 68370



Covers the basics of vegetable gardening, from planning what to plant--and when--through harvesting a crop. Discusses tools needed for soil preparation, step-by-step instructions for sowing seeds, and general garden-care information. Includes directions for crafting a hummingbird bath from a carrot. For grades 3-6. 2009.

First Look At Growing Food

Llewellyn, Claire.

LP 08771

Introduces the activities of gardening and farming and discusses what is involved in growing fruits and vegetables. Color photos with large print text. Glossary and index are in smaller print. Grades 2-4. 1991.

Construction: Building the Impossible

Aaseng, Nathan.

DB 52503

Profiles seven structures of engineering genius and their builders: Imhotep's Step Pyramid, Marc Brunel's Thames Tunnel, John and Washington Roebling's Brooklyn Bridge, Alexandre Gustave's Eiffel Tower, George W. Goethals's Panama Canal, Frank Crowe's Hoover Dam, and William Lamb's Empire State Building. For grades 5-8. 2000. For grades 5-8. 2000.

The Brooklyn Bridge: They Said It Couldn't Be Built

St. George, Judith.

BR 07823

The remarkable story of a determined, nineteenth-century family who built the bridge they said couldn't be built--a suspension bridge connecting Brooklyn with New York City. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

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Grade 6 – Grade 8

Planting the Seed: A Guide to Gardening

Winckler, Suzanne.

BR 14612

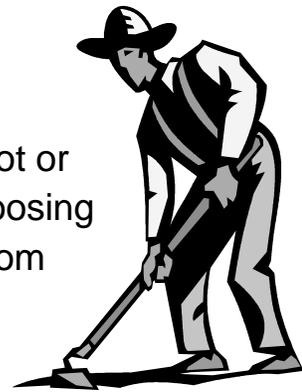
Organic gardening at home: how to grow fruits and vegetables that are free of chemicals and pesticides. Discusses determining location and soil conditions, choosing the right seeds and plants, caring for plants, and harvesting food. Includes a few recipes and recommendations for further reading. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2002.

Essential Gardening for Teens

Chasek, Ruth

BR 14942

Beginners' guide to planning and planting an outdoor plot or container garden. Provides advice on site selection, choosing plants, soil preparation, space design, growing plants from seeds, and garden care. For junior and senior high readers. 2000.



The Winter Room

Paulsen, Gary.

BR 08380

Young Eldon describes his farm as it passes through the four seasons, plunging the reader into the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and textures of his rural experience. Although set in the thirties, this view of life on a remote northern Minnesota farm bears the flavor of a much older era because of the folk tales and memories shared by the two elderly men who live and work with Eldon and his family. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1989.

Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered

Paulsen, Gary.

BR 10574; DB 45249

In the 1950s, two boys on a farm find all kinds of trouble and adventure. Told by one boy, whose parents are drunk a lot, the story begins when he goes to stay with his cousin Harris's family. The first day, he gets kicked in the groin and head by a demonic cow, battles a manic rooster, wrestles a pig in manure, rides monstrous horses, loses a bout with a lynx, and eats around twenty meals. Some strong language. For grades 6-9. 1993.

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Green Angel
Hoffman, Alice.
DB 56667

Called Green because of her talent for gardening, this fifteen-year-old changes her name to Ash after she loses her family to a disaster in a nearby city. She covers her body with dark tattoos that begin turning green as she responds to others' needs. For junior and senior high readers. 2003.

The Case of the Bizarre Bouquets: An Enola Holmes Mystery
Springer, Nancy.
DB 66881

While still hiding from her older brothers, Enola investigates the disappearance of Dr. Watson. A bouquet of flowers symbolizing death, delivered to Dr. Watson's home, is her first clue. For grades 6-9. 2008.

Grade 9 – Grade 12

Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science

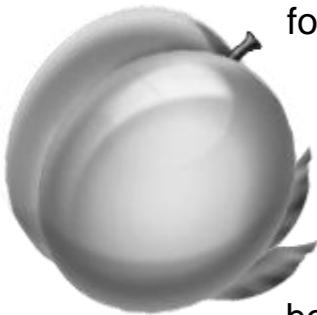
Aronson, Marc.
DB 72618

Covers the history of sugar from ancient to modern times across the globe. Discusses slavery on sugarcane plantations. Includes songs, oral histories, and more. For junior and senior high readers. 2010.

O Pioneers!
Cather, Willa.

DB 47646; LP 08937; BR 09404

Hanover, Nebraska. Since her Swedish father's early death, Alexandra Bergson has been in charge of the homestead as well as her younger brothers. Their fortunes rise and fall with the weather and the crops. Under Alexandra's guidance, the family eventually prospers. In middle age, when her old flame, Carl Linstrum, returns to Hanover, Alexandra has a chance for personal happiness. For senior high and older readers.



Peaches, (#1, Peaches series)

Anderson, Jodi Lynn.

BR 17608

Three teenage girls become friends when homeschooled Birdie's wealthy cousin Leeda begins a summer job in Birdie's dad's peach orchard. Joining them is Murphy, who's been assigned community service. The three bond over chores and boys, even when they don't see eye to eye. For senior high readers. 2005.

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Land Girls

Huth, Angela.

DB 45776

British urban residents Prue, Agatha, and Stella sign up to be "land girls"-- substitute farm workers--during World War II. They work long hours learning animal husbandry and crop cultivation from farmers John and Faith Lawrence and their ailing son, Joe. The three women become lifelong friends but resume very different lives after the war. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

The American Horticultural Society Gardening Manual

American Horticultural Society.

DB 54756

Practical, hands-on advice on every aspect of gardening from design and planning to planting and maintenance. Discusses flowers, lawns, and vegetables. Includes information on constructing decks, patios, fences, ponds, and other yard features. 2000. Adult level.



This Common Ground: Seasons on an Organic Farm

Chaskey, Scott.

DB 61755

Poet and educator describes one year at a community-supported agriculture project on New York's Long Island. Season by season, Chaskey describes the daily toils of planting, cultivating, and harvesting while reflecting on land stewardship, challenges facing small farms, and the connection between earth and the human family. 2005. Adult level.