

Outdoor Learning Resource Suggestions

Strong Science – Animals Series

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=3&cat=5670

- Strong Science - Animals is a language-based science series for primary students featuring animals that all Canadian students will recognize. Photographs and Indigenous artwork illustrate the series. Common learning objectives in science curricula are addressed, and suggestions for extending the learning to other curriculum areas, including Indigenous cultural awareness, language arts, math, and art, are included in the teacher's guide. The sixteen books in this series are grouped into four levels that increase in complexity, designed to accommodate students with various reading abilities within a classroom. This feature facilitates the use of this series in literacy programs along with the **Strong Readers series**:
https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=3&p1=1755&p2=5626&cat=4033
- Besides black-tailed deer, which I don't believe are in Idaho, the other animals are all found in Idaho.
- **The accompanying teacher's guide that is jam-packed with lesson plans, activities, and more for each of the animals:** https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=10551&f=5670

A Spring Adventure Series

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=3&cat=5036

- Some of the books in this series may be of interest, such as the robin and beaver books.

By Day and By Night Nature Series

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=3&cat=5442

- This series is Pacific Northwest Coast-based, but may be of interest to educators teaching about this area.

I Am the Elwha

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=8720&f=

- About the Elwha River in Washington (so, not in Idaho, but has environmental themes and information about salmon)
- Winner of the Riverby Award for Young Readers for excellent natural history books for children.

Isla's New Drum

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=8847&f=

- Environmental themes; but not Idaho-based.

Animals Care for Mother Earth: A Teaching Resource for Personal Development

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=9848&f=

- *Animals Care for Mother Earth* comprises six contemporary, interrelated stories and supporting resources for teachers. In the first story, animals cooperate to clean up a polluted pond. In subsequent stories, they care for each other in the aftermath of the pollution problem, demonstrating strength of character and social responsibility. This book can be used in elementary schools to teach—through storytelling—the value of personal strengths and community supports while incorporating Tsimshian language and knowledge into classroom lessons. It also provides many opportunities to extend the learning to other curriculum areas, including science, math, reading, writing, social studies, and art.
- Not Idaho-based, but could be useful for its teachings about caring for Mother Earth, some of the animals and plants addressed may be in Idaho too.

Groundswell: Indigenous Knowledge and a Call to Action for Climate Change

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=7483

- An anthology with many contributors, including Mary Roessel (Navajo), Karennia Gore, Larry Emerson (Navajo, who are from the United States).
- This book isn't about Idaho specifically; however, it's a wonderful anthology for older students in grades 11 and 12 that presents a collection of stirring and passionate essays from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous writers that discuss how traditional Indigenous knowledge and practices can and must be used to address climate change.
- There is an accompanying website with a documentary that is lovely: <https://www.envisionthebigpicture.com/>

S'TENISTOLW: Moving Indigenous Education Forward

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=9099&f=

- "S'TENISTOLW is a wonderful feast of stories, experiences, teachings, and approaches of educational and community leaders involved in Indigenous post-secondary education. Practitioners-scholars-leaders receive gifts of hope, inspiration, and transforming potential to live Indigenous education in good ways through innovative Indigenous pedagogies, relational theories, authentic community and land-based programs, and critical engagement." — Jo-Ann Archibald, PhD, Professor of Educational Studies, University of British Columbia

The Big Book of Nature Activities: A Year-Round Guide to Outdoor Learning

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=6096&f=

Outdoor Math Fun Activities for Every Season

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=6918&f=

Use the search bar on our homepage (www.strongnations.com) to look for books on different outdoor learning topics, themes, etc.

For example, we have lots of books on animals, such as grizzly bears, caribou, coyotes, etc.

Grizzly Bears: Guardians of the Wilderness

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=10455&f=

Exploring the World of Coyotes

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=3998&f=

Home Is Calling: The Journey of the Monarch

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=10392&f=

Humongous Fungus

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=9266&f=

What Can Bald Eagles Do?

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=4039&f=

Bald Eagles

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=4365&f=

Wilderness Ridge Series

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=3&cat=5237

- This is an American-based series and we carry the titles from the Indigenous author Art Coulson. They take place in other places like Minnesota, but some of the animals in the series may be in Idaho too.
- This series features authentic stories about hunting and fishing activities. Readers will experience the highs and lows of outdoor adventures -- from the thrill of a young hunter's first deer camp to the disappointment of missing a big fish. No matter the outcome, these stories demonstrate essential skills young sportsmen and sportswomen need, including teamwork, respect, personal responsibility, and positive thinking.

Nature resources category for kids has many wonderful outdoor learning resources

here: https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=&cat=4139

Teens Nature category here: https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=&cat=3789

Here is a link to our Native American books for

Kids: https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=&cat=3816

- Use the subcategories in the lefthand menu to narrow down books by, from, or about Native Americans from specific territories or Nations.
- You'll find many resources that will still relate to animals, natural elements, etc. in your area.

Here is a bundle that features some of our favourite and bestselling Outdoor Learning

resources: https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=9587&f=

We also offer many animal

puppets: https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=60&cat=3291

Some that may be of interest include:

Finger Puppet: Rainbow Trout

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=9433&f=

Finger Puppet: Rattlesnack

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=9902&f=3291

First Nations Finger Puppet: Beaver

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=8251&f=3291

Great Horned Owl

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=8272&f=

We also offer many animal stamps from Indigenous artist Bill Helin:

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=60&p1=3424&cat=3323

Strong Learners Cards may be of interest, although not all animals/plants will be found in Idaho:

https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_list.php?it=60&p1=3424&p2=3297&cat=3375