

# Kindergarten: Labs Recommended Story Time and Research Book List

The recommended book list is designed to use in Labs for story time or research to enhance student understanding of module content or habits of character. Teachers may choose to use these or similar books.

## Module 4:

Title	Author (Last Name, First Name)	Description	Text Type	Lexile
<i>A Leaf Can Be</i>	Salas, Laura Purdie	From a shade giver to a snake concealer, discover all the wonderful things a single leaf can be! Use the last few pages of the text as a resource for learning more about the importance of leaves in nature.	Literary	170
<i>As An Oak Tree Grows</i>	Karas, G. Brian	An oak tree is planted long ago; it stands tall and grows as the world around it changes from a sprawling rural setting to an urban slice of yard.	Literary	
<i>Because of an Acorn</i>	Schaefer, Adam and Schaefer, Lola M.	Follow the circle of life to see how because of one acorn a forest is created. Learn about the trees, acorns, and animals featured in the text by using the last two pages for research.	Informational	BR
<i>Celebritrees: Historic &amp; Famous Trees Of The World</i>	Preus, Margi	Read about fourteen historic trees from around the world and what made them famous. With one page of text and one detailed illustration devoted to each tree, this text may either be read tree by tree or all at once.	Informational	
<i>Luna and Me: The True Story of a Girl Who Lived in a Tree to Save a Forest</i>	Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue	Based on the true story of Julia “Butterfly” Hill, read how one girl’s devotion and persistence saved a tree and a whole forest.	Informational	
<i>Out of the Way! Out of the Way!</i>	Krishnaswami, Uma	A young boy in India spends his life protecting a tree growing in the middle of the street. Even as the street becomes busier and busier, it is protected as the young boy grows up to have a family and eventually becomes an old man.	Literary	960
<i>Picture a Tree</i>	Reid, Barbara	From a skeleton to a pirate ship, use your imagination to picture all the different things a tree can be seen as.	Literary	

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### Module 4, continued:

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<i>Poetrees</i>	Florian, Douglas	Learn about the characteristics of trees from all over the world through delightful poems and artwork. Read in small portions paired with other read aloud texts to focus on a particular type of tree or as a warm up to Story Time. A helpful "Glossatree" is provided for more interesting facts about each tree featured in the collection of poems.	Poetry	
<i>Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors</i>	Sidman, Joyce	Discover a year of seasons through vibrant colors in this whimsical story sure to appeal to all the senses.	Poetry	
<i>Tap the Magic Tree</i>	Matheson, Christie	Engage students in this interactive book about how a tree changes with each season.	Literary	
<i>The Great Paper Caper</i>	Jeffers, Oliver	When the animals of the forest discover that the branches from the trees keep disappearing, they set out to lay a trap in order to find the culprit.	Literary	
<i>The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-loving Woman Changed A City Forever</i>	Hopkins, H. Joseph	Read the inspiring story of Kate Sessions, who defied cultural norms and believed in herself... and trees. When Kate moved to San Diego it was a desert town. Through her vision and hard work, she transformed the city with trees and convinced others who were skeptical that the desert could grow trees.	Informational	760
<i>Tree of Cranes</i>	Say, Allen	A young boy in Japan celebrates his first Christmas when his American-born mother tells him of the peace and joy this holiday brings.	Literary	470
<i>Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book</i>	Teckentrup, Britta	Read about the different animals that inhabit trees with this engaging picture book featuring peak-a-boo illustrations.	Literary	
<i>Trout Are Made of Trees</i>	Sayre, April Pulley	How can fish be made of trees? Read about the life cycle of trout and how you can keep streams clean.	Informational	450
<i>Wangari's Trees Of Peace</i>	Winter, Jeanette	When the trees of Kenya are cut down and leave the land barren, Wangari has a vision and a plan to restore the land. When she and the women of Kenya plant trees, millions of them, the land is restored and healed.	Informational	730