

## Books for Kids: J-Nonfiction

**Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!**  
by Marley Dias with Siobhan McGowan  
305.23089 DIAS

**World's Coolest Jobs**  
by Anna Brett 331.702 BRET

**What Can I Do When I Grow Up?: A Young Person's Guide to Careers, Money - and the Future.**  
331.702 WHAT

**You Can Be ABCs**  
by Robert Samuel White 331.702 WHIT

**What Does It Mean to Be an Entrepreneur?**  
by Rana DiOrio 338.04 DIOR

**STEM Like a Girl: Empowering Knowledge and Confidence to Lead, Innovate, and Create**  
by Sarah Foster 500.82 FOST

**Entrepreneurship: Create Your own Business with 25 Projects**  
by Alex Kahan 658.11 KAHA

## Books for Kids: J-Biography

**Kid Trailblazers: True Tales of Childhood from Influencers and Leaders**  
by Robin Stevenson 303.34 STEV

**Never Too Young!: 50 Unstoppable Kids Who Made a Difference**  
by Aileen Weintraub 305.23092 WEIN

**Bee Fearless: Dream Like a Kid**  
by Mikaila Ulmer with Brin Stevens 338.04 ULME

**I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World**  
by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick  
371.822 YOUS

**Fantastic Failures: True Stories of People Who Changed the World by Falling Down First**  
by Luke Reynolds 920.02 REY

## Series to Search For

**Dream Jobs for Future You**  
**Jobs People Do (Pebble)**  
**Top Trade Careers**  
**World's Coolest Jobs**

## Books for Teens: Nonfiction

**Communication Skills for Teens: How to Listen, Express & Connect for Success** by Michelle Skeen  
155.5192 SKEE

**What Color Is Your Parachute? for Teens: Discover Yourself, Design Your Future, and Plan for Your Dream Job** by Carol Christen  
331.7023 CHRI 2022

**Careers: The Graphic Guide to Finding the Perfect Job for You**  
by Sarah Pawlewski 331.70235 CARE

**How to College: What to Know before You Go (and When You're There)** by Andrea Malkin Brenner  
378.198 BREN

**Undecided: Navigating Life and Learning after High School**  
by Genevieve Morgan 378.198 M848U

**The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2022: Billions of Dollars in Scholarships, Grants and Prizes** by Gen Tanabe  
378.34025 TANA 2022

## Kid's Activity: Listen to a Podcast

Podcasts are a great way to discover the day-to-day details of different jobs. You can try one of these while doing chores or riding in the car! Use these podcasts to start family discussions.

**A Real Piece of Work: A Jobs Podcast for Young People**  
(tinyurl.com/jobs-podcast)

Features interviews with people from different professions about what they do, how they got started, and how someone could follow in their footsteps.

**Kids Learn Careers**  
(kidslearncareers.com)

In each 10-to-20-minute episode, 11-year-old host (and Colorado native) Kyle Northcutt asks a different person about their job, from a nutritionist, to a project manager, to an entrepreneur.

**Dream Big Podcast**  
(tinyurl.com/dream-big-podcast)

Hosted by Eva Karpman, 13; Sophia, 7; and their mom Olga, this podcast is all about inspiring kids "to pursue their passions in life and take action to make their dreams a reality." Episodes range from personal development principles to interviews with and insights from individuals who love what they do.

## Teen Activity: Take a Career Test

Supplies: Computer with internet access, PPLD library card.

1. Navigate to [research.ppld.org/homework](https://research.ppld.org/homework)
2. Click on the first link in the "Live Tutoring" box labeled "HelpNow."
3. Enter your library card information when prompted.
4. Create a free account (store your username and password).
5. Click on the "eParachute" link.
6. Complete the career inventory and explore your results!



# Homeschool Connections

An Educational Resource Tool **SPRING 2023**

## LOCATION KEY

- CA Calhan Library**  
600 Bank St., Calhan  
(719) 531-6333, x7013
- CH Cheyenne Mountain Library**  
1785 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
(719) 531-6333, x7001
- EA East Library**  
5550 N. Union Blvd.  
(719) 531-6333, x7014
- eLibrary**  
ppld.org  
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- FO Fountain Library**  
230 S. Main St., Fountain  
(719) 531-6333, x7002
- HI High Prairie Library**  
7035 Old Meridian Rd., Peyton  
(719) 531-6333, x7003
- KCH Knights of Columbus Hall**  
20 W. Pikes Peak Ave.  
(719) 531-6333, x6142
- LI Library 21c**  
1175 Chapel Hills Dr.  
(719) 531-6333, x7012
- MA Manitou Springs Library**  
515 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs  
(719) 531-6333, x7004
- MLS Mobile Library Services**  
ppld.org/mobile-library-services  
(719) 531-6333, x7702
- MO Monument Library**  
1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument  
(719) 531-6333, x7005
- OL Old Colorado City Library**  
2418 W. Pikes Peak Ave.  
(719) 531-6333, x7006
- PA Palmer Lake Library**  
66 Lower Glenway St., Palmer Lake  
(719) 531-6333, x7007
- PE Penrose Library**  
20 N. Cascade Ave.  
(719) 531-6333, x7015
- RO Rockrimmon Library**  
832 Village Center Dr.  
(719) 531-6333, x7008
- RU Ruth Holley Library**  
685 N. Murraby Blvd.  
(719) 531-6333, x7009
- SA Sand Creek Library**  
1821 S. Academy Blvd.  
(719) 531-6333, x7018
- UT Ute Pass Library**  
8010 Severy Rd., Cascade  
(719) 531-6333, x7011



**Homeschool Hub** | [ppld.org/homeschool-hub](https://ppld.org/homeschool-hub)

Whether you are a veteran homeschooling family or just getting started, visit the PPLD Homeschool Hub to find Library events and sign up for eNewsletters. Click on the "Resources" tab to link to information about getting started, Colorado homeschool law, local enrichment programs, tutoring, extracurricular activities, and more.

## Careers

Are you thinking about your future? How will you match your skills, talents, interests, and passions to a career? This issue is packed with resources to help you get started on your path! Need some inspiration? Meet some kids who have accomplished amazing things:

### Young Entrepreneurs

Kids sell everything from homemade bath and beauty products to handmade jewelry, baked goods, and even lemonade from roadside stands. Lily Born designed a cup her grandfather, who has Parkinson's disease, could use without spilling — it has three legs and can't be tipped. Kamaria Warren did not find herself represented when she went shopping for birthday invitations — so she started her own business, Brown Girls Stationary. Ryan Hickman began picking up plastic bottles to recycle when he was 3.5 years old. Now 12, Ryan's Recycling Company has since raised thousands of dollars to support recycling efforts worldwide.

### Young Activists

After growing a 40-pound cabbage in her backyard, then third-grader Katie Stagliano donated it to a local soup kitchen and then launched a nonprofit to build vegetable gardens to grow food for people in need. When then fifth-grader Cassandra Lin learned that cooking oil could be turned into biofuel, she convinced local restaurants to donate their cooking oil waste to be recycled, then expanded her efforts into Project TGIF (Turn Grease Into Fuel).

### Young Scientists

At age 14, Easton LaChappelle constructed a robotic hand prototype from LEGOs and fishing wire, earning him third place at the 2011 Colorado State Science Fair and leading to a startup that uses 3D printing to build affordable prosthetic limbs. Ann Makosinski, then 15, invented a flashlight powered by body heat for the 2013 Google Science Fair, reducing waste from single-use batteries and providing an option for people who can't afford electricity in their homes.

All of these kids saw a problem and worked to create a solution. How cool!

**HOMESCHOOL Resource Fair**

**FRI., APRIL 14**  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Library 21c

[tinyurl.com/homeschool-fair](https://tinyurl.com/homeschool-fair)

**Homeschool Art Show**

Submissions open  
March 20 - 30

[ppld.org/HomeschoolArtShow](https://ppld.org/HomeschoolArtShow)

## The New Bookshelf

### **Surviving the Wild: Star the Elephant**

by Remy Lai

In this gripping graphic novel, Star's herd splits up to search for ever-dwindling food, and the elephant finds himself in a world impacted by humans. Kids read about Star's perceptions of terrain, food resources, and family structure before seeing how inappropriately animals and humans sometimes interact (the herd is eventually rescued and relocated by trained professionals).

**Ages 6 - 9**  
Graphic Novels  
J-741.5994 SURVIVIN LAI

### **Fossil Hunter: How Mary Anning Changed the Science of Prehistoric Life**

by Cheryl Blackford

Anning was educated by her father, at home, and learned more by borrowing books and studying. Her family could barely afford food and shelter, and if it were not for her abilities to find fossils to sell to collectors, things would have been far worse. Blackford describes life during this period: rigid class boundaries impacted Anning's earnings, as her spectacular finds were rarely accredited to her.

**Ages 8 - 12**  
Biography  
J-560.92 ANNI

### **What Do You Do If You Work at the Zoo?**

by Steven Jenkins

This book is perfect for children who dream of working at the zoo! Simple tasks - easy for preschoolers to perform - are presented. In addition to zoo basics, this volume talks about the ways zoos have changed over the years, includes a map of the world's top zoos, and offers additional information about highlighted species.

**Ages 2 - 6**  
Zookeeping; Zoology  
J-590.73 JENK

### **National Parks: Preserving America's Wild Places**

by Falynn Koch

Ever think about working in a national park? This graphic novel describes the founding of the park service, the reasons for different types of parks, and how many of these sites were nearly destroyed. National Parks have repeatedly needed protection from commercial ventures and this detailed history explains some of the conflicts that arise in running them.

**Ages 8 - 12**  
National Park Service  
J-917.3 AMER

### **Parks for the People: How Frederick Law Olmsted Designed America**

by Elizabeth Patridge

Here is another piece of the same "parks for all" story, introducing the man who envisioned and designed parks for the rich and poor living in big cities across America. This picture book describes the discouragement Olmsted faced and the changes he brought to the country.

**Ages 5 - 8**  
Park Design  
J-712.092 OLMS

## Other Cool Resources: Career Exploration Websites

Curious about how your special interests and skills can turn into the perfect career? Take a career quiz! There are many available online. The Princeton Review offers a quick 24 question survey to narrow down a field that could be well suited to you ([princetonreview.com/quiz/career-quiz](http://princetonreview.com/quiz/career-quiz)).

It's hard to know what you want to do if you're not even sure what the options are. Check out the **U.S. Department of Labor's** website ([careeronestop.org](http://careeronestop.org)) to explore jobs in America. Then go the next step to learn about the training required for different careers.

The **Workforce Asset Map** is a unique career exploration tool designed specifically for students and job seekers in the Colorado Springs area. Check out [coswam.com](http://coswam.com) to find different local resources to help you on your career or education path.

## The Pikes Peak Business and Education Alliance (PPBEA)

This community organization brings together students and teachers with business partners in Colorado Springs to explore, navigate, and gain experience in various career fields. PPBEA is committed to "connecting students' talents, interests, and aptitudes to the world of work." Affiliated business partners and organizations are eager to help students learn about careers, ask questions about specific jobs, get some training in jobs or fields, and potentially help find a job after graduation.

PPBEA's "MARKETPLACE" is the primary tool for students in middle school and high school to explore and find opportunities they are interested in. It was modeled after other websites like [Indeed.com](http://Indeed.com) to provide a user-friendly interface for applying to, communicating about, and following through with Work-Based Learning opportunities with local businesses. To access hundreds of opportunities, create your online account at [ppbea.org/register](http://ppbea.org/register). Homeschool students that attend a local public homeschool program should select the appropriate district and program. Other homeschoolers should select Homeschool as your district and indicate middle school or high school level.

If you have any other questions, contact [info@ppbea.org](mailto:info@ppbea.org) for more information.

## Educator Card

Homeschool parents can apply for PPLD's new Educator Card! Simply bring a copy of your Notice of Intent letter with your child's name and address plus school district involved to any PPLD location. The card is valid for one year before requiring renewal and allows for 50 check outs at a time, with a loan period of six weeks and one renewal (if item is not on hold).



## Did You Know?

### Here are the Top 10 Jobs for the Future (College Foundation of North Carolina, January 12, 2021)

1. Registered Nurses and Medical Professionals
2. Data Analysis
3. Plumbers and Electricians
4. Dentists and Dental Hygienists
5. Software Developers
6. Cybersecurity Experts
7. Alternative Energy Installers and Technicians
8. Mental Health Professionals
9. Veterinarians
10. Artificial Intelligence

## PPLD Resources: Career Development

### Career Pathway Guide | [research.ppld.org/careerpathways](http://research.ppld.org/careerpathways)

Intended as a starting point for teens who are uncertain about their future after high school, this guide provides information on college alternatives, including service and volunteer opportunities, military service, and trade and technical school information. The "Job Search Help" page lists resources on searching for jobs, the application process, and best practices for becoming a successful applicant.

### Workforce Readiness Training | [ppld.org/workforce-readiness-training](http://ppld.org/workforce-readiness-training)

Get ready to get a job or go to college! Work your way through modules focused on professionalism, communication, social skills, and goal setting to prepare yourself for the next big step in your life. Folks below age 15 should focus on the "basic" training while older youth might find the "intermediate" training more appropriate. Complete the training and pass an assessment to earn 10 hours of volunteer credit!

### HelpNow | [ppld.org/databases/helpnow](http://ppld.org/databases/helpnow)

In addition to offering no cost live tutoring and practice in nearly every subject, HelpNow provides career inventories incorporating content and methods from the popular "What Color Is Your Parachute?" series; their eParachute section helps users discover college majors and careers to match their skills and interests.