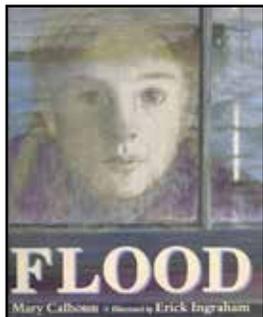


Keeping Lakes in the Family

Sharing the Magic Through Stories

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High Water Levels and Flooding

Our recommended books and videos this year focus on high water levels, flooding, and the stories of families affected by floods. They provide steps we can take to limit damage to our homes and communities from high-water levels – actions like minimizing structures near the shoreline, protecting and restoring wetlands, keeping trees and planting more, minimizing impervious surfaces, and creating rain gardens.

Flood

Ages 5 and up

Written by Mary Calhoun

Illustrated by Erick Ingraham

Set against the backdrop of the devastating Midwest floods of 1993, this book follows a family as they try to protect their home from the flooding Mississippi River. Times get even more stressful when the levee breaks and more water rushes in.

Flood Readiness

Ages 10 and up

By Natalie Hyde

Flooding from torrential rain and melting snows can devastate areas where people live. This book examines what scientists know about flooding, whether we can predict floods, and how we learn from each event. By studying the destruction they cause, scientists and engineers continue to come up with new and improved technologies to predict severe weather and better protect cities, buildings, and people. Great information about how forests and wetlands limit flooding.

Floods

Ages 6-9

By Martha London

This book's vivid photographs and easy-to-read text explore the science behind how floods form, where they most commonly occur, and how people can best stay safe during one. It describes how intact wetlands and floodplains help reduce flooding.

The Great Midwest Flood

Ages 9 and up

By Carole G. Vogel

This is another book that captures the drama and tension of the summer of 1993 when the Mississippi River basin was flooded to record levels. Through both words and full-color photographs, the book describes the battles from city to city as each struggled to contain the Mississippi or its tributaries. The author notes both financial and personal losses when the waters finally receded and cleanup began. She stresses that major floodplain management and restoration of the wetlands around the Mississippi can help prevent such disasters in the future.

Wetlands: Soggy Habitat

Ages 5-9

Written by Laura Purdie Salas

Illustrated by Jeffrey Joseph Yesh

This story focuses on many of the benefits that wetlands provide, including the reduction of flooding. The delightful illustrations reveal how wetlands are one of Earth's treasures.

Iowa Darter

Ages 8 and up

Written by Elie Hart, Lynn Markham, Justin Sipiorski, and Jonathan Stoffregren

Illustrated by Justin Sipiorski

This book isn't exactly about flooding, but we are super-excited to announce the newest addition to the *Freshwater Fish Series*! Find out how these tiny native fish grow from eggs to adults, where they like to hang out, and what you can do to keep their waters healthy. Available at uwsp.edu/uwexlakes.

