

# Keeping Lakes in the Family

## Children's Books Help Us Share the Magic of Lakes



Fall is a time for reflection and witnessing the changes in nature. As we sit back and prepare for the holidays, here are some lake-related books to share with that special child in your life. Curl up to read some of these wonderful stories together and reveal your own lake experiences. While these books may have been designed for children, they're a great fit for anyone who enjoys wonderful illustrations and fun stories. These fun, educational options also make great gifts for your local library or school, where many people can enjoy the magic of lakes.

For readers ages 4-8:

### Granddad's Fishing Buddy

Written by Mary Quigley and illustrated by Stephane Jorisch

Dotted with childlike details, such as baiting a hook with a length of red licorice rather than a worm, the story unfolds in a quiet but absorbing way. This picture book celebrates the comfortable companionship of a girl and her grandfather, while also depicting the appeal of fishing.

### The Web at Dragonfly Pond

Written by Brian "Fox" Ellis and illustrated by Michael S. Maydak

This book provides a substantial amount of information embedded in a story that is fun to read. The illustrations powerfully show the reality of the food web and the interconnectedness of life.

### Pond Year

Written by Kathryn Lasky and illustrated by Mike Bostock

Two six-year-old "scum chums" fashion miniature rafts from twigs with leaves for sails, gather frogs' egg jelly and watch as tadpoles form, construct mud slides for racing crawdads, examine salamanders, damselfly wings, etc. This book is both a comical salute to friendship and a field guide.

### Beaver Pond Moose Pond

Written and illustrated by Jim Arnosky

A pond is the watery home of a beaver, whose industriousness has made way for other animals. When daylight comes, a heron, a moose, and ducks visit the pond: it's their territory while the beaver sleeps. But sunset brings the master builder back to claim his home and complete a link in nature's scheme. Also see Otters under Water and All Night Near the Water by Jim Arnosky.

### Loon Lake

Written by Jonathon London and illustrated by Susan Ford

A girl and her father, camping out beside a lake, hear a loon at sunset. Papa tells his daughter a tale of how the loon got his "necklace," the white feathers that encircle his neck. Written from the girl's point of view, this story creates a mood of quiet delight in the observation of nature. The clean lines of the richly colored pictures sensitively depict the child's experience as they focus on the wildlife and the lake itself.

### By Lakes & Rivers

Edited by Tessa Paul

A factual book gives children interesting facts and lavish illustrations about otters, beavers, frogs, herons, loons and more. This book describes the homes that different creatures live in, and the clues they leave behind.



*Books to the ceiling  
Books to the sky  
My piles of books are  
a mile high  
How I love them  
How I need them  
I'll have a long beard by  
the time I read them*

by Arnold Lobel

**For readers ages 8-12:**

### Pond

*Written and illustrated by Gordon Morrison*  
A delightful sketchbook beginning with the appearance of red-winged blackbirds in early spring, Morrison documents in text and art the myriad plant and animal life that flourishes in and around the waters of a healthy pond. The detailed watercolor illustrations are outstanding. Further information is presented in small ink drawings and tiny text tucked in below the main narrative.

### Watching Water Birds

*Written and illustrated by Jim Arnosky*  
Personal observations accompany magnificent up-close views of these water birds as they wade, dive, swim, or fly. Life-sized paintings show the birds' true colors in this introduction to the joys of watching wildlife.

*If you are looking to satisfy your own lake interests, go to the UWEX Lakes web site at [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes) for these next three titles.*

**For readers ages 12 and up:**

### How's the Water

This volume provides planning tips for recreational use on Wisconsin's lakes and rivers.

### Through the Looking Glass

This delightful, large-format field guide to aquatic plants in North America is accessible and inviting to general readers, yet detailed enough for use by botanists and natural resource managers.

### Life on the Edge...Owning Waterfront Property

This refreshingly practical and easily understood publication is about what local homeowners can do to protect and enhance their lakes.

*By Lynn Markham, Land Use Specialist  
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Descriptions adapted from existing reviews.*



# CALENDAR

#### **December 1, 2008 – Call for Posters Deadline**

Have you been involved in any aquatic invasive species projects or research? If you would like to share your successes, conundrums and/or findings, apply today! Just go to <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/conventions> and click on "Call for Posters". More details on page 10 of this issue.

#### **Groundwater Model Workshops for Educators**

**January 21, 2009** – Eau Claire, Beaver Creek Reserve

**January 27, 2009** – West Bend, Riveredge Nature Center

**February 4, 2009** – Mount Horeb, WGHNS Core Lab

Educators from schools and nature centers that provide environmental training to students grades 6-12 are encouraged to apply for a free groundwater sand tank flow model along with training and tools that can improve their programs. **Application deadline: November 1, 2008.**

For more information: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/gw/educate.htm>

#### **January 26, 2009 – Nomination Deadline – WI Lake Stewardship Awards**

Nominate an individual or group who dedicates time and talent to Wisconsin's waters for this prestigious award (see page 10 for more details).

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#### **February 1, 2009 – Application deadline for Lake Planning and AIS Control Grants.**

For more information contact your DNR Lake Coordinator or go to [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Lakes/invasivespecies.html](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/Grants/Lakes/invasivespecies.html)

#### **March 18-20, 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention, KI Center, Green Bay.**

Agenda details and online registration will be available in January 2009. Register before the March 1<sup>st</sup> early bird deadline and save your hard-earned cash!

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