Burbank Reads 2021 recommended reading

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for children

chapter books

The End of the Wild

by Nicole Helget

A poignant story about life on the poverty line, the environment, friendship and family--and, most of all, finding your place in the world.

Healer of the Water Monster

by Bryan Young

One night, while lost in the nearby desert, Nathan finds someone extraordinary: a Holy Being from the Navajo Creation Story —a Water Monster—in need of help.

Hoot / Hoot: la odisea de los búhos

by/por Carl Hiassen

The story of a new kid and his new bully, alligators, some burrowing owls, a renegade eco-avenger, and several extremely poisonous snakes.

One White Dolphin

by Gill Lewis

When a baby albino dolphin caught in old fishing netting washes ashore, Felix and Kara work with to save her, setting off a chain of events that might just save the reef.

Violet Mackerel's Pocket Protest

by Anna Branford

Violet and Rose have a brilliant idea, one that just might save their tree, on behalf of all the small things —and small people—who love it.

nonfiction

Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming

In the Garden by Emma Giuliani

Junkyard Science: 20 Experiments about Junk, Garbage, Waste, Things We Don't Need Any More, and Ways to Recycle or Reuse It by Karen Romano Young

Old Enough to Save the Planet by Loll Kirby

On Our NatureWalk: Our First Talk about our Impact on our Environment by Jillian Roberts

23 Ways to be an Eco Hero: A Step-by-Step Guide to Creative Ways You Can Save the World by Isabel Thomas

picture books

Does Earth Feel? by Marc Majewski

Thank You, Earth by April Pulley Sayre

The Thing about Bees: A Love Letter by Shabazz Larkin

The Tree Lady by Joseph Hopkins

We are Extremely Very Good Recyclers by Lauren Child

Zonia's Rain Forest / La selva de Zonia by/por Juana Martinez-Neal



for teens

Climated Changed:

A Personal Journey Through the Science by Philippe Squarzoni

Dry by Neal Shusterman

When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family.

Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life by Linda Sivertsen

Imaginary Borders: A Call to Action by Xiuhtezcatl Martinez

Not a Drop to Drink by Mindy McGinnis Teenage Lynn has been taught to defend her pond against every threat: drought, a snowless winter, coyotes, and most important, people looking for a drink.

Ones We're Meant to Find by Joan He This novel follows the story of two sisters, separated by an ocean, desperately trying to find each other in a climate-ravaged future.

Orleans by Sherri L. Smith

After a string of devastating hurricans and severe outbreak of Delta Fever, the Gulf Coast has been quarantined and a primitive new society has been born.

Our house Is on Fire: Scenes of a Family and a Planet in Crisis by Greta Thunberg

We Rise: The Earth Guardians Guide to Building a Movement that Restores the Planet by Xiuhtezcatl Martinez with Justin Spizman

books and DVDs for adults

fiction

Dust

by Charles Pellegrino

Paleobiologist Richard Sinclair is one of the first to suspect that the environment has begun to wage bloody, terrifying war on humanity.

How Beautiful We Were by Imbolo Mbue

A fearless young woman from a small African village starts a revolution against an American oil company.

MaddAddam Trilogy

by Margaret Atwood

Genetic engineering has run amok in this futuristic fiction series by the author of *The Handmaid's Tale*.

The New Wilderness

by Diane Cook

When pollution makes city life impossible, Bea and her daughter volunteer to be guinea pigs leading a nomadic life in the Wilderness States.

The Overstory

by Richard Powers

Connected by trees, the stories in the collection explore the human cost to nature throughout American history and from coast to coast.

Parable of the Sower

by Octavia Butler

Forced to flee an America where anarchy and violence have completely taken over, Lauren Olamina becomes a prophet of new faith christened "Earthseed."

Trail of Lightning

by Rebecca Roanhorse

While most of the world has drowned beneath the sudden rising waters of a climate apocalypse, Dinétah (formerly the Navajo reservation) has been reborn. bloody, terrifying war on humanity.

The Water Knife

by Paolo Bacigalupi

In the near future, detective Angel Velasquez tracks rumors of a new water source amid fierce fights over rights to a dwindling Colorado River.

nonfiction

All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson & Katherine K. Wilkinson

The California Native Landscape: The Homeowner's Design Guide to Restoring Its Beauty and Balance by Greg Rubin

Diet for a Hot Planet: The Climate Crisis at the End of Your Fork and What You Can Do About It by Anna Lappe

Habitat Threshold: Poems by Craig Santos Perez

Life Without Plastic: The Practical Step-by-Step Guide to Avoiding Plastic to Keep Your Family and the Planet Healthy by Chantal Plamondon

Tending the Wild:
Native American Knowledge
and Management of California's
Natural Resources
by M. Kat Anderson

A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind by Harriet A. Washington

This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate by Naomi Klein

We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast by Jonathan Foer

Where the Water Goes: Life and Death Along the Colorado River by David Owen

DVDs

Anthropocene:

The Human Epoch

A stunning sensory experience and cinematic meditation on humanity's massive reengineering of the planet.

Can We Cool the Planet?

A NOVA documentary on geoengineering

– massive schemes to stop global warming by
blocking sunlight or sucking carbon from the air.

Fire in Paradise

An investigation into the deadliest and most destructive fire in California's history, the Camp Fire.

Gather

Native Americans on the front lines of a growing movement reconnect with spiritual and cultural identities that were devastated by genocide.

An Inconvenient Truth Al Gore's classic call to action to save the environment.

Our Planet: The Past, Present and Future of Earth

This epic-scale compilation consists of three History Channel productions: How the Earth Was Made, A Global Warning? and Life After People.

This Changes Everything
The video companion to Naomi Klein's book.