



Take a Walk on the Woodsy Side

NRPL's Summer Reading Challenge: Tails & Tales is here, which means we're honoring awesome animals all summer long! This week at the library, we're highlighting the forest! Take a Walk on the Woodsy Side! The forest, whether it's New Rochelle's own [Nature Study Woods](#) or deep in the wilderness, is always a fascinating place to explore.

Picture Books

[Who's Hiding in the Woods](#) by Katharine McEwen

Illustrations and simple text describe a variety of animals who live in the woods during the day and at night, in a text with liftable flaps.

[After the Snowfall](#) by Rich Lo

A fox traverses a forest in winter and comes across other inhabitants there.

[Chipmunk at Hollow Tree Lane](#) by Victoria Sherrow

Describes how Chipmunk gathers and stores food to prepare for winter.

[Hello, Bear!](#) by Sam Boughton

Learn about different forest animals in this board book full of flaps and facts.

[Hello, Moon](#) by Julie Downing

An easy-to-read, rhyming text reveals the nighttime activities of forest animals that awake when the sun sets and the moon rises.

[The Hike](#) by Alison Farrell

Three friends set out on a day hike to explore their local forest, intending to climb to the top of the hill, where they will plant a flag, read a poem, and release feathers into the wind.

[If You Go Down to the Woods Today](#) by Rachel Piercey

An acclaimed poet invites readers to join Bear on his journey to meet friends and explore his woodland home during a magical year of seasons as depicted on high-detail hidden-object spreads.

[Inside the Woods: Who's Been Here?](#) by Lindsay Barrett George

A boy and girl in the autumn woods find an empty nest, a cocoon, gnawed bark, and other signs of unseen animals and their activities.

[Looking Closely Through the Forest](#) by Frank Serafini

Take a very up close and personal peek at creatures and plants inside a forest.

[We Will Live in this Forest Again](#) by Gianna Marino

When a thriving forest is swallowed by wildfire, its residents brace themselves and look to new beginnings.

[Where Once There Was a Wood](#) by Denise Fleming

Once there was a home for deer and rabbits, even fish in a creek, and now there are only houses.

But maybe there is a way people and animals can live side by side?

[Who's in the Forest?](#) by Phillis Gershator

The sounds of birds and the habits of squirrels, foxes, bear cubs, and owls living in the forest are described in this rhyming board book.

[Winter Sleep](#) by Sean Taylor

A child and his grandma explore a winter landscape to see how the earth and the animals go to sleep for the winter. Available on [Overdrive](#).

Nonfiction Choices

[A Herd of Deer: Animal Groups in the Forest](#) by Alex Kuskowski

Explores various habitats and behavior of animals that live together in the forest from a sleuth of bears to a parliament of owls.

[A Nature Walk in the Woods](#) by Louise Spilsbury

What can you spot in the woods? This book guides readers on a walk in the woods, gradually introducing clues such as hoof marks and leaf litter on a woodland floor to help them learn more about the diversity of woodland habitats

[A Year in the Forest](#) by Christina Mia Gardeski

From hibernation to baby animals and falling leaves, life in the forest changes from season to season. Discover why snow is good for trees. Learn how wildfires help the forest grow. Available on [Hoopla](#).

[Exploring the Forest](#) by Marie Roesser

Readers head into the forest and learn about just a few of the fascinating life-forms that call it home. Young forest rangers will learn to spot oak and maple seeds, how ants help forests grow, and more cool facts about this remarkable biome.

[Forest Life](#) by Barbara Taylor

Discusses the plants and animals that live in forests. Includes the weasel, giant wood wasp, and slippery jack mushroom.

[Hop, Bunny!: Explore the Forest](#) by Susan B. Neuman

Hop Bunny! uses simple vocabulary and fun pictures to capture the interest and help develop the skills of beginning readers.

[In the Woods](#) by David Elliott

Poems about the secret lives of animals who live in the dark woods, including a curious raccoon, a stealthy bobcat, and a bear just waking up from hibernation.

[Into the Forest](#) by Christiane Dorion

Each forest has something special to offer and this book is a celebration of trees and wildlife all around the world. Find out how trees change color through seasons and the importance of protecting our forests.

[Little Sap](#) by Jan Hughes

A picture book describing the symbiotic relationships of forests, describing a young tree and how she is helped by her forest family as she grows.

[Look What I Found in the Woods](#) by Moira Butterfield

Set off on an outdoor adventure and find natural treasures, from prickly pine cones to swirly snails and their shells, then learn more about the plants and creatures of the forest in this fact-filled guide to the outdoors.

[The Lost Forest](#) by Phyllis Root

A forest, of course, doesn't need a map to know where to grow. But people need a map to find it. And in 1882 when surveyors set out to map a part of Minnesota, they got

confused and somehow mapped a great swath of ancient trees as a lake. For more than seventy-five years, the mistake stayed on the map, and the forest remained safe from logging.

[Math in the Forest](#) by Elise Craver

Math is everywhere — even in the forest! From animals to count, pine cones to sort, trees to compare, see what math is hiding in the forest!

[Woodland and Forest](#) by Jamie Ambrose

Introduces the concepts of woodlands and forests, and provides related hands-on activities for young readers. Available on [Overdrive](#).