

SRC 2010: Reading Rocks!

Week One - Booklist

Theme: **Readers Roar!**

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Picture Books for Preschool – Kindergarten.

Arnold, Marsha. Roar of a snore.

Who in the Huffle house has a snore so loud it rocks the floor and shakes the doors?

Base, Graeme. Jungle drums.

Ngiri receives a magical set of drums that takes the spots from leopard and puts them on warthog. Then the drums mix up elephant's nose and giraffe's neck until all the animals are in an uproar!

Hadithi, Mwenye. Lazy Lion

Lion roars: "I am the King of the Beasts, I will order a fine house to be built" but the ants and weaver birds and honey badgers have a hard time building a house fit for a king.

Munsch, Robert. Roar!

After Isaac and Elena read a book about lions, they ROAR at their mom, they ROAR at their teacher but they meet their match in a little tiny mouse.

Ormerod, Jan Lion fables

This story is available in many bilingual editions and includes the Lion and the Mouse and The Hare's Revenge

Pinkney, Jerry. The Lion and the Mouse.

This is one of many versions, but this brilliant wordless retelling of the Aesop fable is the winner of the 2009 Caldecott award for Illustration.

Books for Primary School: Ages 6-9

Knudson, Michelle. Library Lion. When a lion walks into the local library he's allowed to stay as long as he doesn't break any of the rules, but sometimes a lion just has to ROAR!

Lester, Julius. Sam and the Tigers.

Like the retelling of Little Babaji, Sam tricks the tigers who threaten to eat him up!

Lottridge, Celia. The Name of the Tree

Only the Lion knows the secret name of the tree that bears all the fruit in the world, and can save the starving animals.

McCall Smith, Alexander. Akimbo and the Lions.

Akimbo accompanies his father on mission to capture a lion that is attacking a farmer's herd of cattle – but they end up catching a lion cub instead.

Yaccarino, Dan. Deep in the jungle.

Lured by fame and fortune, Lion joins the circus. When he realizes it's all about the lion tamer and not the lion he changes his mind quickly!

Books for 9 – 12 year olds.

Corder, Zizou. Lion boy (series)

Charlie Ashanti is a 'catspeaker' and helps a pride of lions escape a circus ship and travel through Europe back to Africa.

Hiaasen, Carl. Scat

Whether you call it a cougar, puma or Florida panther – there's a big cat in the Black Vine Swamp.

Kipling, Rudyard. The Jungle Book

Mowgli, the bear Baloo, Shere Khan the tiger and the black panther Bagheera are well known characters – but have you read the original stories?

Lawson, Julie. Cougar Cove.

Sam becomes obsessed with 'cougarology' when she spots a wild cougar and her kittens in the wild.

St. John, Lauren. The Last Leopard (series)

Set in Zimbabwe, Martine uncovers a plot that threatens a magnificent leopard. The series includes the White Giraffe, Dolphin song and The Elephant's song.

Smith, Roland. Jaguar (series)

Jacob travels to a jaguar preserve in the Amazon in a series which includes Thunder Cave and The Last Lobo

Walters, Eric. Tiger by the tail. (series)

Sarah and Nicholas find themselves surrounded by exotic animals – including tigers, lions and leopards – in this quartet by Canadian author Walters.

Yohalem, Eve. Escape under the forever sky

Lucy, the daughter of the American ambassador to Ethiopia, is kidnapped – but escapes only to find herself in the African wilderness – and surrounded by a pride of lions.

Informational Books

Amazing animal adventures around the world by Brian Keating

The previous nominee for the Red Cedar awards introduces us to animals from Penguins in Antarctica to Lions in Zimbabwe with Keating, a zookeeper from Calgary.

Christian the Lion by Anthony Burke and John Rendall.

Adopted and raised as a pet, Christian is released into the wild as a full grown male Lion. Will he remember his human family when they return to visit?

Face to face with lions by Beverly and Dereck Joubert (series)

The "Face to face with animals" series includes fascinating facts with fabulous photography.