

University of  
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Faculty of Education

## **Literature Fair 2012**

### Reading the Word: *Reading the World*

**SESSION:** *Physical Education Literature:  
Exploring the Opportunities*

**PRESENTER:** *Danny Balderson*

*Locate the following in the Curriculum Lab (Call #'s are included).*

*Titles not found at U of L can be found at Lethbridge Public Library or through Interlibrary Loan.*

#### **Grades K - 3**

Allard, Harry. **Miss Nelson Has a Field Day**. The notorious Miss Swamp reappears at the Horace B. Smedley School, this time to shape up the football team and make them win at least one game. 1985 32 p. F All.



Axelrod, Amy. **Pigs on the Ball: Fun with Math and Sports**. The Pig family visits a miniature golf course and learns about shapes, angles, and geometry. 2000 34 p. F Axe.

Bellingham, Brenda. **Lilly Makes a Friend**. A sight-impaired boy asks Lily to help him play soccer with the "big boys". 2004 62 p. F Bel.

Bouchard, Dave. **That's Hockey**. 2002 32 p. Etienne introduces his city cousin to the joys and eccentricities of "real" hockey, street hockey that is. Translated from French. 2003 31 p. 843 Bou.

Chartrand, Jane. **I want to be in the Show**. A young boy with a disfigured foot dreams of being a hockey champion despite his disability. 2009, 24 p. F Cha

Cooper, Susan. **Frog**. A young boy learns how to swim by watching a small frog that makes its way into the family swimming pool. 2002 32 p. F Co

Doray, Maya B. **J is for Jump: Moving into Language Skills**. Cross-curricular approach to teaching the alphabet for preschool-gr. 2. 372.6 Dor

Farell, Sue. **To the Pool with Mama**. With its sensory images, this detailed description of a visit to a public pool could accompany a class trip to the pool 2000 24 p. F Far.

Graham, Bob. **Tales from the Waterhole**. During the dry season, Morris the crocodile and his animal friends enjoy playing in and near the water hole. Four short stories including "The Soccer Match". 2004 62 p. **F Gra**.

Jam, Teddy and Zahng, Ange. **The Kid Line**. Set at Maple Leaf Gardens in the 1930's, when 3 young NHL players were dubbed "The Kid Line". All 3 are now in the Hockey Hall of Fame. 2001 32 p. F Jam.

Keats, Ezra Jack. **The Snowy Day**. The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day. 1962 32 p. **F Kea**

Kusugak, Michael. **Baseball Bats for Christmas**. A Repulse Bay community who has never seen Christmas Trees turns a gift of the "Stand-ups" into baseball bats and has fun all year. 1990 24 p. **F Kus**.

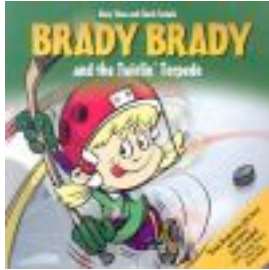


Lakin, Patricia. **Dad and Me in the Morning**. The joys of a brisk morning walk take on new meaning in this gentle story about a hearing impaired boy's daily walks with his father. 1994 32 p.

Leonetti, Mike. Number Four, Bobby Orr! When a young hockey fan breaks his leg, he has to watch his favourite player from a hospital bed. 2003 32p. F Leo

Powell, Jillian. Exercise and Your Health. Introduces simple conditioning exercises. 1998. 32 p. 613.71 Pow.

Prelutsky, Jack. Good Sports: Poems About Running, Jumping, Throwing and More. 2007 34 p. 811.54 Pre.



Mizzoni, Chris. Clancy with the Puck. The story is a twist on the classic "Casey at the Bat" but with Clancy being the best hockey player in town in a game for the Stanley Cup. 2007 32 p. **F Miz**

**Sharmat, Mitchell. Gregory the Terrible Eater.** A very picky eater, Gregory the goat refuses the usual goat diet staples of shoes and tin cans in favor of fruits, vegetables, eggs, and orange juice. 32 p. 1980 32 p. **(LPL)**

Shaw, Mary. **Brady Brady and the Singing Tree.** Popular Canadian series about a sports-crazed boy. Built on themes such as sportsmanship and aims to get early readers excited about reading. More at <http://bradybrady.com>. 2002 32p. **F Sha**

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## Grades 4 - 6

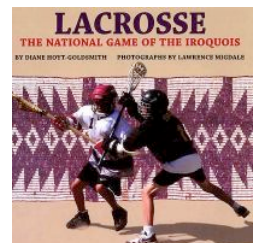
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Carroll, Lewis. Jabberwocky / the classic poem from Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking glass, and What Alice Found There* ; reimagined and illustrated by Chistopher Myers Brilliant illustrations reimagine the classic poem as a face off on the basketball court. 2007 32 p. 821.8 Car.

Christopher, Matt. Little Lefty. The smallest member of his team, Bill can throw harder than anyone else, including the regular pitcher. Inspired by stories of a pint-sized pitcher who made the big leagues, he's determined to earn some playing time. 1993 (LPL).

Cone, Theresa Purcell et. al. Interdisciplinary Teaching Through Physical Education. 267 p. 1998. 796 Int. Gr. EC-6.

Goldsmith, Diane Hoyt. **Lacrosse: The National Game of the Iroquois.** The sport that still plays a part in the spiritual lives of the Iroquois people. 1998 32 p. (LPL).



Korman, Gordon. The Chicken Doesn't Skate. Wild things happen at the South Middle School when Milo's science project, Henrietta the chicken, becomes the hockey team's mascot and their only chance for a winning season. 1996 197 p. **F Kor.**

MCKinley, Michael. **The Magnificent One: The Story of Mario Lemieux.** Engaging account of his journey: skating at two, heavily recruited NHL player, survivor of Hodgkins disease. 2002 112 p.

Thayer, Ernest. **Casey at the Bat.** A narrative poem about the celebrated baseball player who struck out at the crucial moment in the game. 2006 48 p. **811.52 Tha.**

## Grade 6 - 8

Burleigh, Robert. **Hoops**. Illustrations and poetic text describe the movement and feel of the game of basketball 811.54 Bur.

Creech, Sharon. **Heartbeat**. Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant. 2004, 180 p. **F Cre.**



Crutcher, Chris. **Whale Talk**. Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students. **F Cru.**

DeMeulemeester, Linda. **The Secret of Grim Hill**. Cat tries desperately to win a scholarship to a private school by playing soccer. When terrible things start happening at the school, she learns of dark secrets based on a book of ancient Celtic myth and fairy lore. 2007 187 p. **F Dem.**

Feinstein, John. **Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery**. Two young journalists investigate a scandal during the American College Basketball finals (March Madness). 2006 251 p. (LPL).

Guest, Jacqueline. **A Goal in Sight**. When Aiden has to perform one hundred hours of community service, he is assigned to help Eric, a blind hockey player with Seeing Ice Dogs. 2002 113 p. **F Gue.**

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Korman, Gordon. **Pop**. Marcus gets some football help from an ex-NFL player, but soon realizes he is hiding devastating secrets about his health. 2009 262 p. **F Kor**

Lupica, Mike. **Travel Team**. Unfairly cut from his team, Danny reluctantly forms a new team with his absentee Dad as coach. A great "underdog" story. 2006 274 p. (LPL)

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. **Dairy Queen**. After spending her summer training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her. 2005, 275 p. **F Mur.**

Poulsen, David A. **Wild Thing**. With his long hair and sandals, W.T. Zahara doesn't look or act like a typical jock student at the city's sport school, but when trouble comes to the schoolyard and the football field, the students learn a few things about W.T. 2007 96 p. **F Pou.**

Powell, Randy. **Three Clams and an Oyster**. During their humorous search to find a fourth player for their flag football team, three high school juniors are forced to examine their long friendship, their individual flaws, and their inability to try new experiences. 2002 216 p. **F Pow.**

Schilling, Vincent. **Great Athletes From our First Nations**. 2007 125 p. **796.092 Sch.**

Yee, Lisa. **Stanford Wong flunks Big-Time**. After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father 2005 276 p. **F Yee.**

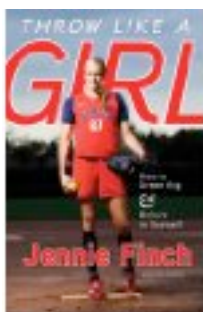
Wilson, Michael R. **Frequently Asked Questions About Staying Fit**. 2008 64 p (LPL).

## Grades 9 - 12

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Kretch, Bob. **Rebound**. Determined to make the varsity basketball team, seventeen-year-old Ray finds his efforts to play both hindered and helped by the atmosphere of racism in his town (Graphic Novel) F Kre. 2006 271 p.

Crutcher, Chris. **Whale Talk**. Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students. 2001 220 p.



Finch, Jennie and Anne Killon. **Throw like a Girl: How to Dream Big and Believe in Yourself**. NCAA softball champion, two-time Olympian, and sports icon Jennie Finch offers sound advice on how to translate the lessons she learned from sports into everyday life. 2011 356 p.

Heitzmann, William Ray. **Opportunities in Sports and Fitness Careers**. 2003 176 p. **GV 734.3 H44 2003** (Main Library)



Jenkins, J.A. **Damage**. Seventeen-year-old football hero Austin, trying to understand the inexplicable depression that has drained his interest in life, thinks that he has found relief in a girl who seems very special. 2001 186 p. **F Jen**

**Seventeen Presents...500 Health and Fitness Tips** for girls. 2011 528 p (LPL)

Tharp, Tim. **Knights of the Hill Country**. In his senior year, high school star linebacker Hampton Greene finally begins to think for himself and discovers that he might be interested in more than just football. 2006, 233 p. Fic Tha

**High Interest Low Vocabulary Series: For Struggling Readers Gr.5 and up** (Gr. 2-4 reading level)

- Orca Sports/ Orca Soundings (Authors vary- search catalogue for "orca sports")
- Penguin Readers 428.64 Pen (various subjects including some sports)
- Sports Stories, published by Lorimer (Search *Sports Stories* as a title search)

## Sources

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"Anyone Can Play" **Popular Paperback Titles, 2008**. YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association)  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/popularpaperback/popularpaperbacks.cfm>

Annotations are from the **U of L library catalogue**. Useful keyword searches include:

[name of sport] fiction	sports fiction
sports stories	[name of sport] biography
	[name of sport] poetry

### Want more non-fiction?

Browse the shelves in the 796 section: specific numbers are listed in the Physical Education Subject Handout <http://www.uleth.ca/education/currlab/handouts.cfm#school>