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Summer 2024

CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM TO READ!

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LIBRARY UPDATE

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Ventura County Library is pleased to announce the addition of a new School Mobile Library in July 2024. This second mobile library in the growing library fleet will serve schools through a partnership with the Ventura County Office of Education.



The School Mobile Library will offer a full range of library services to students, particularly those in the underserved areas of Ventura County and where schools do not have credentialed librarians on staff. The School Mobile Library will offer books for students in multiple formats and languages, STEAM instruction and programs, homework support in alignment with current school curriculum and instruction, and access to technology and online resources.

The School Mobile Library is possible by a generous donation of \$50,000 from the Ventura County Library Foundation and Premier America Credit Union, CBC Federal Credit Union, County Schools Federal Credit Union, and Ventura County Credit Union as Primary Sponsors. This funding is in addition to a \$250,000 Stronger Together: Improving Library Access Grant received by the library through the California State Library.

With this donation, these local credit unions are giving back to the communities they serve. They recognize the importance of education and the need to provide equitable services to underserved and vulnerable students. Their generosity will change lives. To learn more about the Ventura County Library Foundation visit www.vclibraryfoundation.org.

LUNCH

at the LIBRARY

Ventura County Library

offers free lunches for kids up to 18 years old this summer
See library calendar of events for dates

Lunch is served:

AVENUE LIBRARY

606 North Ventura Avenue
Ventura, CA 93001
Monday - Thursday, 11am - 12pm

OAK VIEW LIBRARY

555 Mahoney Avenue
Oak View, CA 93022
Monday - Thursday, 12pm - 1pm



Lunch at the Library - Farm to Summer program will include daily fun activities, book giveaways, performers, and speakers to encourage children to come to the library and eat lunch all while learning about planting, composting, and the science behind growing food.

For more information, please contact:
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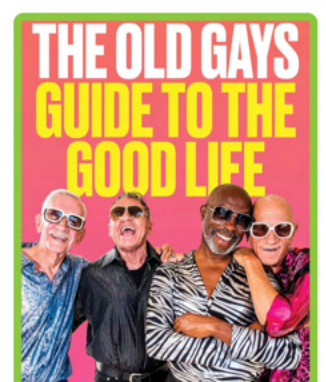
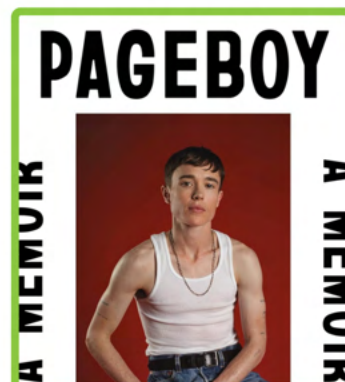
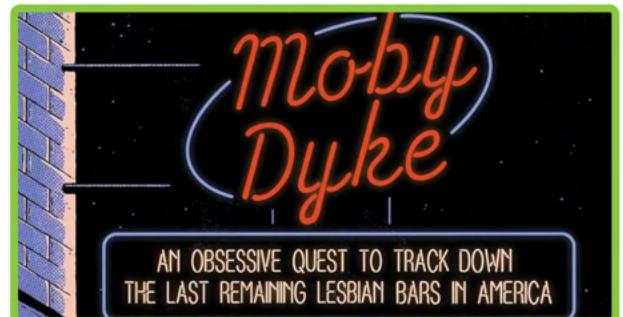
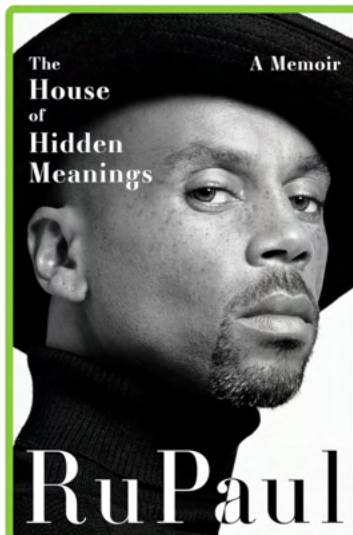
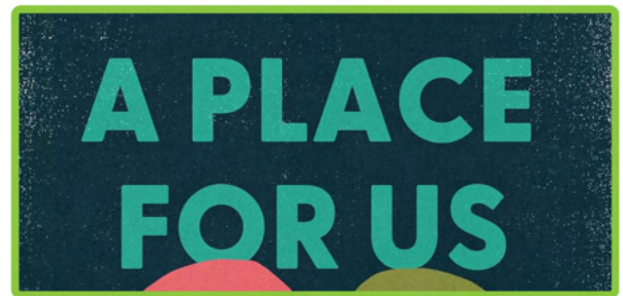
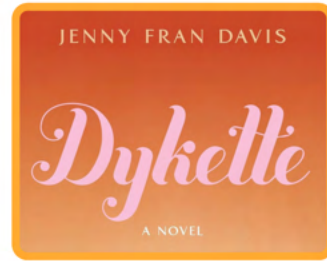
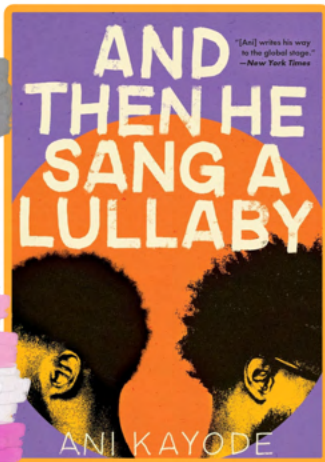


This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The Summer Food Service Program is a program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, administered in California by the California Department of Education. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds from the State of California.

Pride MONTH

Make a note to look for some great new Pride Month reads! Our suggestions can open readers to new viewpoints no matter gender or sexual orientation. And many of these books emphasize the importance of community. Happy rainbow reading!

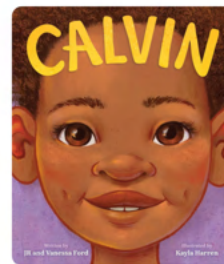
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Pride

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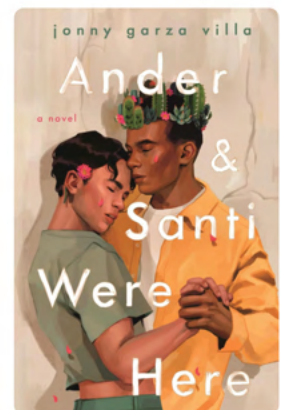
Picturebook



Children's Fiction



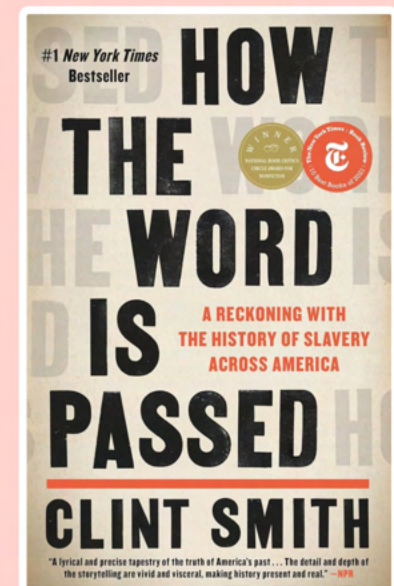
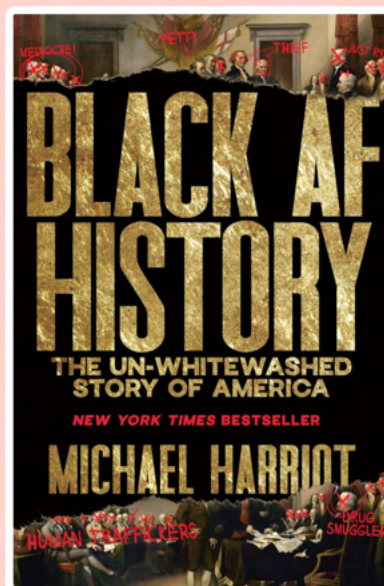
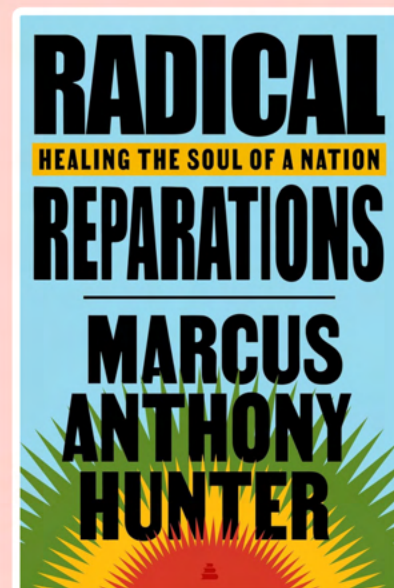
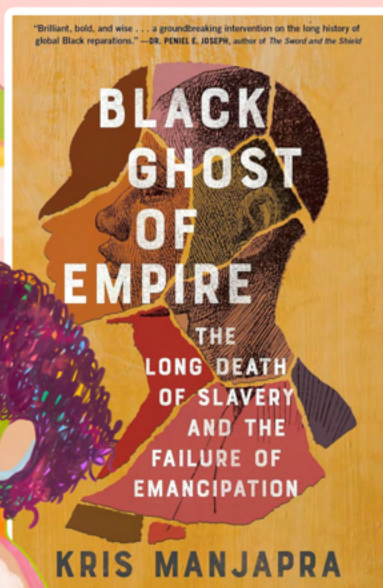
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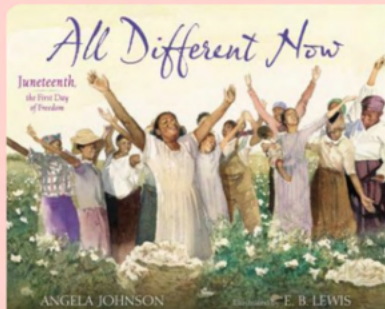
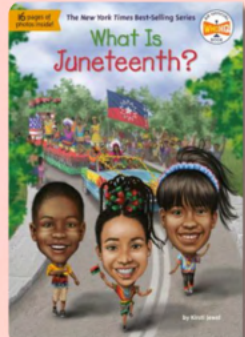


History can reveal new meanings depending on who is telling the story. The books chosen for this list aren't necessarily about the new federal holiday, but they all contain ways of looking beyond what you might think you know about Black History.

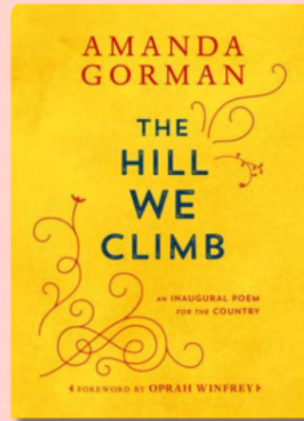
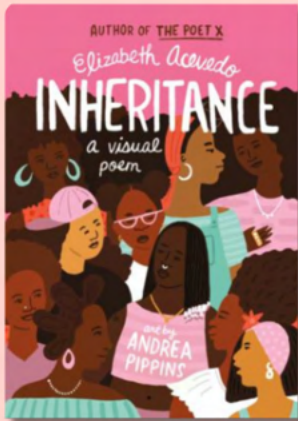


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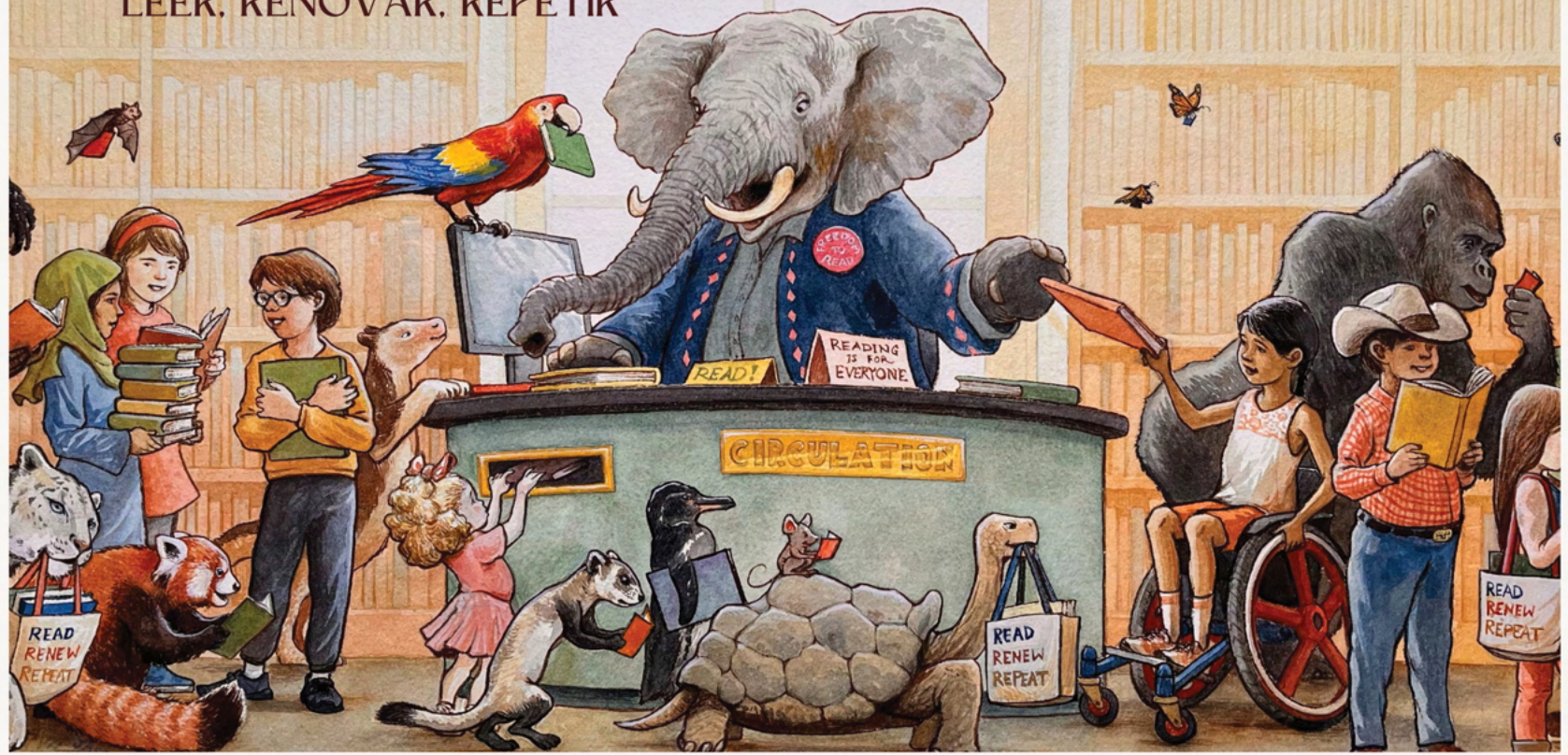
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SUMMER READING

May 15 - August 4

Lectura de Verano
15 de mayo - 4 de agosto
Biblioteca del Condado de Ventura

READ, RENEW, REPEAT LEER, RENOVAR, REPETIR



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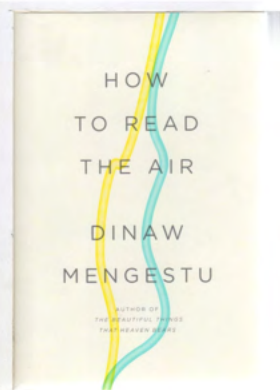
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Adult Summer Reads!

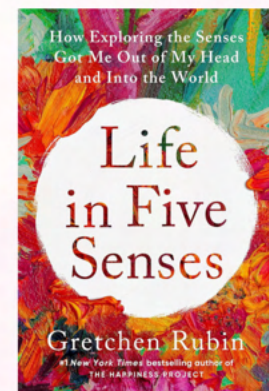
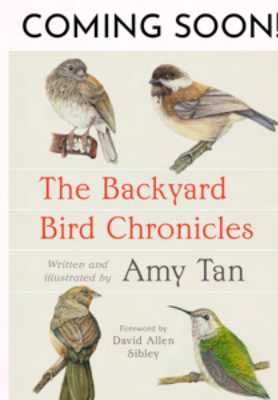
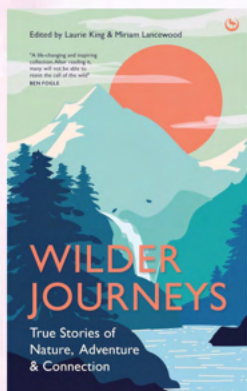
“Read, Renew, Repeat”

Here’s a great summer plan: 1) Read a book that demands your attention! 2) Renew your outlook by enjoying nature the way the writers in this category suggest! Then 3) Repeat the cycle by visiting your favorite VCL branch to take out a book set in a library! Finally, don’t forget to join our Adult Summer Reading Challenge!

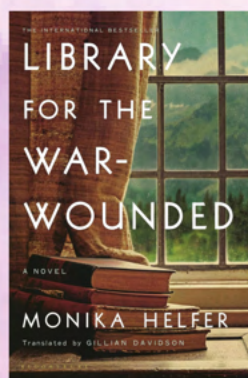
Read - Fiction Book Titles That Literally Say “Read”



Renew - Nonfiction

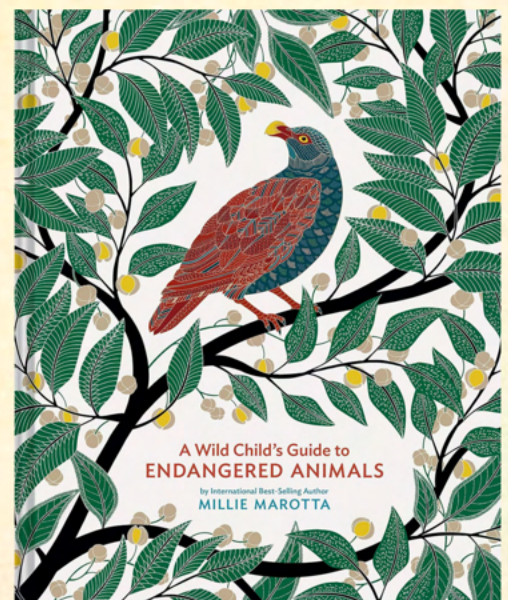
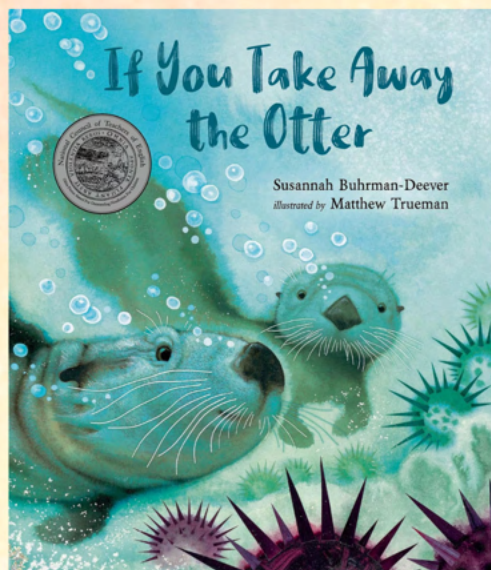
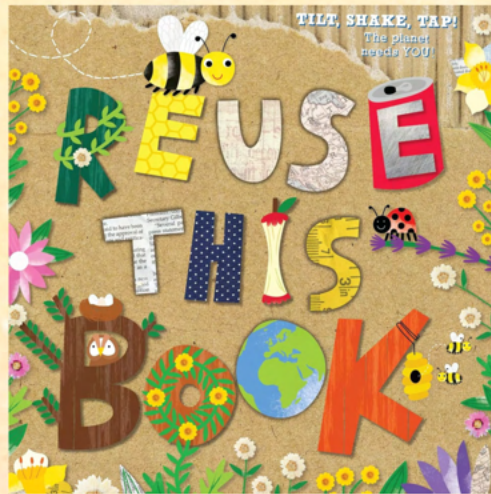
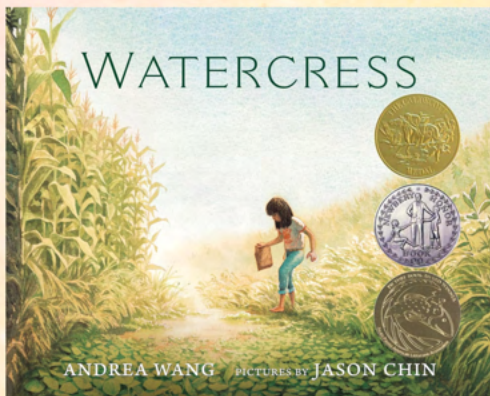


Repeat - Fiction About Libraries



Youth Summer Reads!

The 2024 Summer theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat" and features artwork from Jason Chin, Zoe Persico, Holly Bradley, and James Stanley. Designed for all ages, our summer reading program will feature the idea of conservation. Conservation as a movement focuses on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. iREAD 2024: Read, Renew, Repeat makes for a wonderfully diversified summer reading program that encourages reading as a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation.





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12
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save the date

Join us for this year's

Ventura County **CELEBRATION OF BOOKS**

On the beautiful campus of
CSU Channel Islands

Saturday, October 12, 2024

1 University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

Come hear Dr. Jim O'Connell speak at 2pm!
**Dr. O'Connell is the subject of the 2024 One
County, One Book title selection,**
***Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder**

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SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION NATURE JOURNALING

Introduction

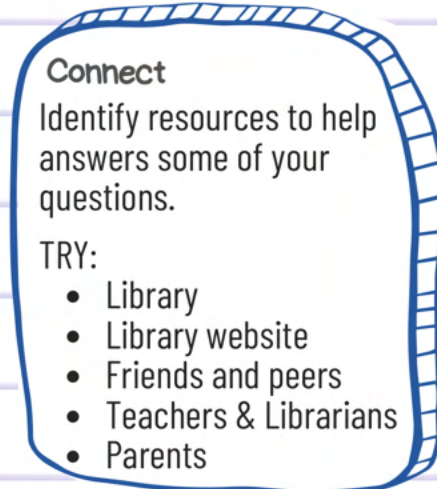
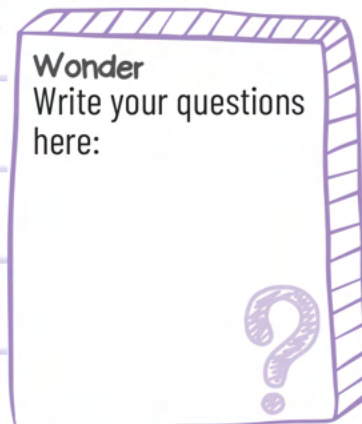
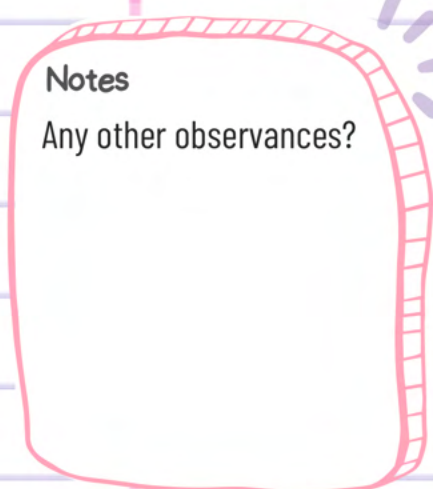
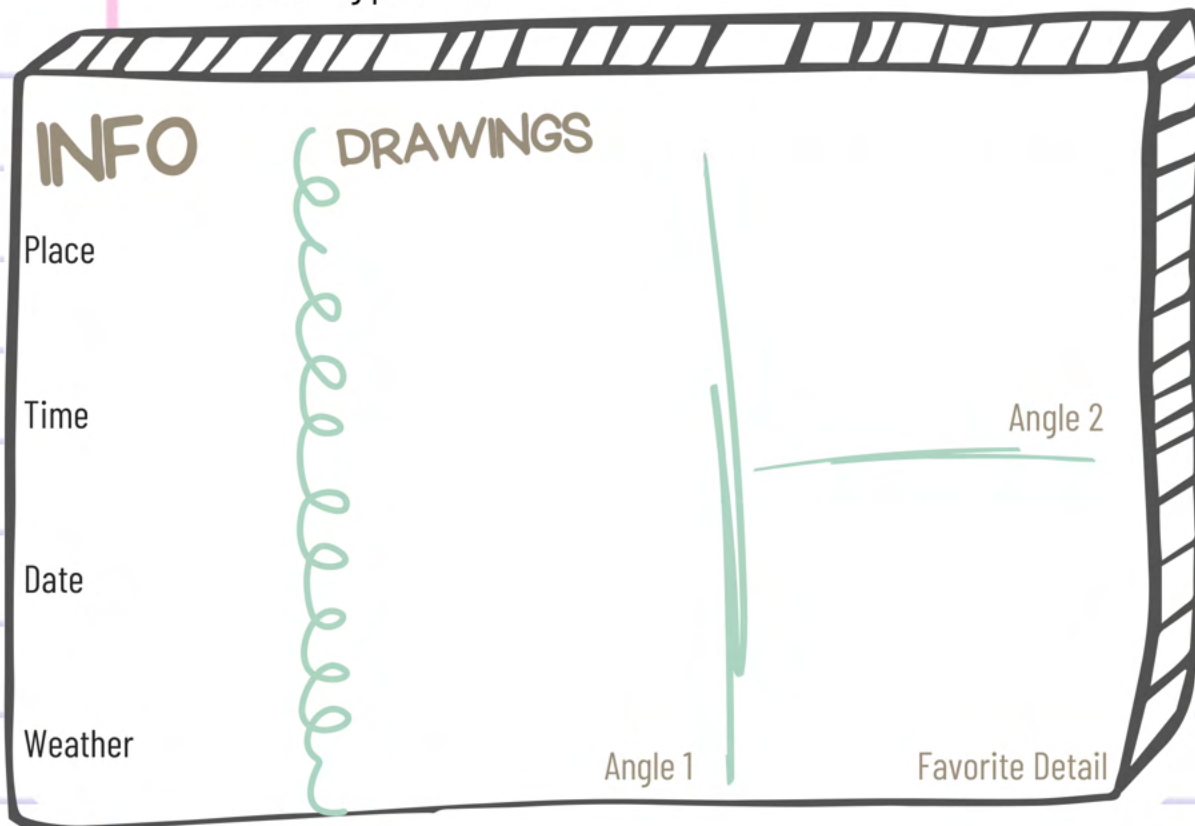
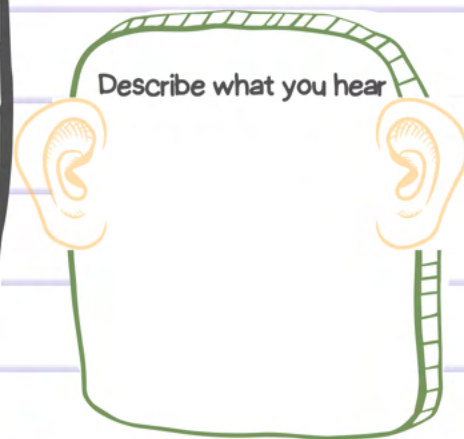
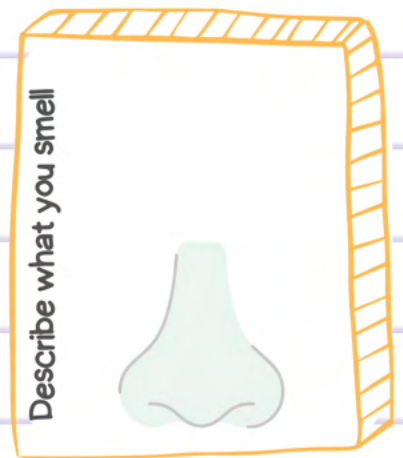
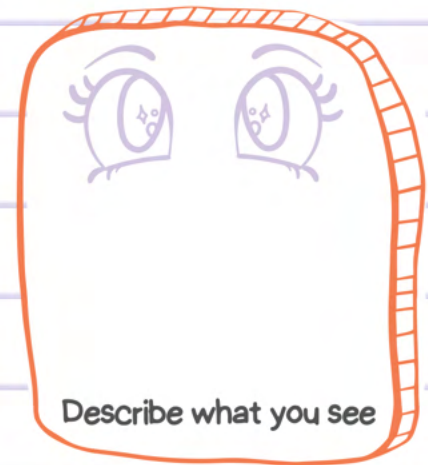
- Observing nature is a great way to learn more about where you live and to strengthen your critical thinking and observation skills.

Materials:

- Paper (keep papers together in a binder or folder) or use a notebook
- pen or pencil
- colors

Directions:

- Begin your nature journaling journey by organizing observations, questions, and connections in a notebook using words, pictures, and numbers. Regardless of artistic ability or naturalist expertise, knowing that these skills can be learned and developed over time for a creative and fulfilling practice.



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