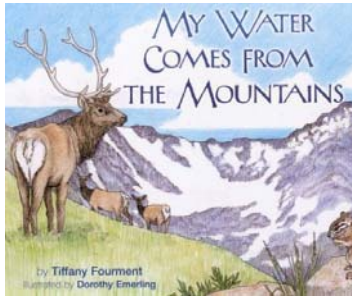


Water Resources for Teachers

Lending Library

The WASH Lending Library collection features over 125 water related children's literature, educational videos and CDs, adult non fiction, field guides and teacher resources. These materials are available on loan to BVSD teachers via the Media Booking Center. Please call 303-447-5189 or check with your school librarian. SVVSD teachers please contact the WASH office at 303-413-7365. Please visit the annotated bibliography on our web site at www.basin.org/wash.



My H2O Comes From the Mountains Curriculum

Investigate Boulder County watersheds using a teacher-friendly and easily accessible educational resource! With "MY H2O," a 4th/5th grade Colorado State Standards-based curriculum, all supplies and instruction tools are included to assist teachers when implementing each activity. Teachers can check out kits and curriculum guides just as BVSD would FOSS materials or SVSD STG Totes.

Funded by the EPA, Schoolyard-Long Term Ecological Research program, CU-Boulder Outreach Committee, WASH, and City of Boulder, with activities from Project WET, Watershed, and Project WILD, "MY H2O" supplements the children's book *My Water Comes from the Mountains* by Tiffany Fourment. Over 2,000 copies of the book were distributed throughout BVSD and SVSD in May, 2004. While the book promotes awareness and attention to Boulder County water resources, "MY H2O" includes a variety of hands-on activities encompassing the book's four main themes: The Water Cycle, Our Watersheds, Boulder County's Flora, Fauna and Life Zones, and Human Impact on Water. The curriculum can be used as a stand-alone unit or to augment currently used units on water, ecosystems, outdoor education, or the 5th grade Water Festival. Look for "MY H2O" at the FOSS Center, STG Center, or area private schools. For more information, please call 303-492-1867.

Teaching the Poetry of Rivers

River of Words Poetry Contest

<http://cfwe.org/row.asp>

An internationally renowned poetry contest conducted in affiliation with the Library of Congress, "River of Words" is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express what they discover through poetry and art. The Colorado Center for the Book, and the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities, coordinate the poetry contest for K-12 students in Colorado. For more information see the [River of Words website](http://cfwe.org/row.asp).

The Thirsty Lizard Project

Presents middle school teachers with the materials to teach their students about water use in America and about how to substitute good water management habits for bad. At the same time, the materials provide a review of graphing and math-in-science techniques geared to CSAP testing. Classroom package for 30 students includes student readers, conservation packets with a shower timer, shower flow gauge and toilet leak tabs, overhead transparencies, and a teacher's guide. Cost: \$125 per classroom set. For more information, contact Gentle Earth Educational Resources, 2301 W. Vermijo Ave, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904. Phone and fax: 719-575-0442. FREE for City of Boulder schools. Contact Curry Rosato at 303-413-7365.

Colorado River Watch

The River Watch Program is a statewide volunteer water quality-monitoring program co-sponsored by the Colorado Watershed Network and the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The mission of the program is to work with voluntary stewards to monitor water quality and other indicators of watershed health, and utilize this high quality data to educate citizens and inform decision makers about the condition of Colorado's waters.

River Watch is comprised primarily of Middle and High School students, but also includes citizen groups, individuals, private schools, colleges, children's homes, youth programs and nature centers. Currently there are 120-140 different organizations participating in the program, with new groups being added each year.

Each volunteer group receives the training, support and supplies needed to monitor their respective rivers and provide consistent and accurate data. Data collected is used by federal, state and local agencies to make decisions about river/water management.

For more information, contact the WASH Education Program at 303-413-7365 or check out their Web site at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/riverwatch>.