



One of my favorite parts of being the Library Media Specialist here at Hubbard Woods is ordering new books. I do it several times a year and each time there is a slightly different focus. With Common Core, there is a shift from fiction to nonfiction:

“In grades 3–5, literacy programs shift the balance of texts and instructional time to include equal measures of literary and informational texts. The standards call for elementary curriculum materials to be recalibrated to reflect a mix of 50 percent literary and 50 percent informational text, including reading in ELA, science, social studies, and the arts....”¹

The good news is that publishers are out in front of this and have been working to develop phenomenal nonfiction or instructional texts. The HWS RC recently added over 175 titles to the library collection and they were all nonfiction! [Reading Rockets has a fantastic resource to help parents navigate the changing waters of nonfiction.](#)

Children are naturally fascinated by the lives of real people and the world around them. And building background knowledge is key to children's academic success. Our resources can help you find great nonfiction picture books and offer tips on how to get

¹ "Common Core State Standards: Nonfiction Versus Fiction ..." 2013. 10 Nov. 2014
<http://www.nas.org/articles/common_core_state_standards_nonfiction_versus_fiction>

the most out of reading nonfiction. Nonfiction can sometimes turn a reluctant reader into an enthusiastic one!

Click [HERE](#) to see a few of the titles by grade and subject level area. When you click on the title, you will be taken to a wide variety of resources from reader's guides to book trailers. We hope that these previews encourage you and your child to explore!