Suggested Reading List for Young Readers

**Non-Fiction**

**Face to Face with Polar Bears** by Norbert Rosing with Elizabeth Carney, National Geographic for Kids, 2009. Part of the Face to Face with Animals series, this engaging book features interesting facts and gorgeous photographs. Grade level 2-5.

**Polar Bear: Shrinking Ice** by Stephen Person, Bearport Publishing, 2011. Built for Cold: Arctic Animals Series. Readers go on a real-life adventure with BJ Kirschhoffer of Polar Bears International as he solves the mystery of the skinny polar bears. Large, full-color photos and the narrative format will keep readers turning the pages for more. Grade level 2 and up.

**The Polar Bear Scientists** by Peter Lourie, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012. Scientists in the Field Series. Go on a real-life adventure with scientists as they study polar bears in the Alaskan wilderness. Learn how they collect and analyze data. What does this information tell them about polar bears and global warming? Find out! Grade level 5-9. *Paperback available in 2015!*

**Fiction**


**Little Polar Bear** by Hans de Beer, NorthSouth. Classic series of beautifully illustrated children’s books featuring Lars the polar bear. Grade level preschool-3.

**Polar Polka** by Cherie Stihler, Sasquatch Books, 2008. Playful words, fun illustrations, and a bouncing rhythm help young readers learn to
count. The story includes a gentle conservation message. Grade level preschool and up.

**Portia Polar Bear’s Birthday Wish** by Margie K. Carroll with photos by Daniel J. Cox, Natural Exposures, 2010. The heartwarming story of a polar bear cub who comes to realize she isn’t like everybody else. Children meet one of nature’s most charismatic animals and learn to accept those who are different. Splendid photography. Grade level preschool and up.

**Santa Goes Green** by Anne Margaret Lewis, Mackinac Island Press, 2008. Travel with Finn, a red-headed boy, as he enlists Santa’s help on a journey to save a polar bear and his arctic home. A gentle, engaging story that makes the point that each of us can make a difference. Grade level preschool and up.
