As the spring season approaches, now is a perfect time to talk about gardens, nature, and the outdoors. One of the new children’s titles that is available in the library is about nature and gardening. In addition to this new title, the library has several other books about gardening and the outdoors, and a few of them are listed below for you. Some of these titles have facts in them, and some of them are just made up stories for children to enjoy. In the teaching resources section, you’ll find titles that have lesson plans and activities related to spring and gardening. *Remember that there are more titles related to the topic of gardens and spring here in the library.* As always, feel free to ask one of the librarians if you need help finding one of these titles or anything else.

**Gardening Titles for Children-March 2012**

**New Children’s Book**

*Secrets of the Garden: Food Chains and the Food Web in Our Backyard*

By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld; illus. by Priscilla Lamont

Call #: JF Z

A family plants a garden and learns about how the vegetables and fruits they plant affect them and the other animals.
*Related Children’s Books*

**Grimy, Grubby Gardening: Kentucky Kids Dig It!**
Written by Karen Angelucci; illus. by James Asher
Call #: JF A

Ms. Angelucci teaches children how to plant a seed and get their hands dirty in this title.

**Growing Colors**
Written and photographed by Bruce McMillan
Call #: JF M

The author uses fruits and vegetables to teach children about colors.
**Jack’s Garden**
Written and illus. by Henry Cole
Call # JF C

After Jack plants seeds in his garden he learns about what happens when those seeds start to grow.

**Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!**
Written by Candace Fleming; illus. by G. Brian Karas
Call #: JF F

A farmer fights to keep the bunnies out of his garden in this humorous tale.
Planting a Rainbow
Written and illus. by Lois Ehlert
Call #: JF E

Ehlert tells the story of a mother and daughter who plant a flower garden.

Strega Nona’s Harvest
Written and illus. by Tomie DePaola
Call #: JF D

Big Anthony learns the consequences of haphazardly planting seeds in a garden.
In this picture book that is based on a folk tale, a rabbit and a bear strike a
deal that involves gardening. This is a Caldecott honor-winning book.

**Teaching Materials Related to Gardens and Spring**

**Environment: Grades 1-3**
Edited by Thad McLaurin
Call #: 372.21 M647e

**Incredible Edible Science: Recipes for Developing Science and Literacy Skills**
By Liz Plaster and Rick Krustchinsky
Call #: 372.35 P715i
**Plants: Grades 1-3, Investigating Science**  
Edited by Thad McLaurin  
Call #: 372.21 B838p

**Ready Set Grow!**  
By the editors at Dorling Kindersley  
Call #: 635 R287

**Rethinking Nutrition: Connecting Science and Practice in Early Childhood Settings**  
Edited by Susan Nitzke  
Call #: 618.9239 N733r

**Science Activities from A-Z**  
By Joanne Matricardi and Jeanne McLarty  
Call #: 372.35 M433s