

Festival du livre de jeunesse

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Thème : en forêt

Proposition de livres suite à :

- la réunion de l'équipe de sélection du 11 juillet 2025 ;
- un échange avec Mélanie McGilloway, school librarian en Angleterre qui a participé à la journée professionnelle du Festival du Livre en 2022 (site web et réseaux sociaux « Library Mice »).

Tap the magic tree by Christie Matheson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcNuZGpT8hI>

Cycle 1 – dispo Fnac (13,26€)

Livre interactif sur le changement des saisons.

Little Fox in the Forest by Stephanie Graegin

Cycle 1 – dispo Fnac (15,64€)

Album sans texte.

Shhh... Good Night by Nicky Benson and illustrated by Thomas Elliott (2021)

<https://youtu.be/p9YvAMq-RpQ>

Cycles 1 et 2 – dispo Amazon (21,98€)

This enchanting tale of animals settling down to sleep has a lyrical rhyming text and peek-through pages, making it the perfect bedtime story. (*Source: Goodreads*)

Peep inside the forest by Anna Milbourne and illustrated by Simona Dimitri

<https://youtu.be/IJrv0WS7P5U>

Cycles 1 et 2 – dispo Amazon (9,75€)

Peep inside a forest to discover what lives there and how the forest changes through the year. Peep into tree hollows, between ferns and under branches to find fawns, wolves, bears and squirrels in the scenes gorgeously illustrated by Simona Dimitri. (*Source: Goodreads*)

Little Owl's Night by Divya Srinivasan

<https://youtu.be/uWp-mrMkqA4>

Cycle 2 – dispo Fnac (6,04€)

It's evening in the forest and Little Owl wakes up from his day-long sleep to watch his friends enjoying the night. Hedgehog sniffs for mushrooms, Skunk nibbles at berries, Frog croaks, and Cricket sings. A full moon rises and Little Owl can't understand why anyone would want to miss it. Could the daytime be nearly as wonderful? Mama Owl begins to describe it to him, but as the sun comes up, Little Owl falls fast asleep. *(Source: Goodreads)*

Tree : a peek-through picture book by Britta Teckentrup

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sS8OTIbRW0>

Cycle 2 – dispo Fnac (9,13€)

La vie dans et autour d'un arbre au fil des saisons

The Busy Tree by Jennifer Ward and illustrated by Lisa Falkenstern

<https://youtu.be/9x5azSCgKS8>

Cycle 2 – dispo Fnac (20,20€)

Spectacular illustrations rendered in oil paint, and a rhyming text that describes a tree's activities from its roots to its branches, introduce young readers to the amazing activities that go on in a tree. Acorns nibbled by chipmunks, ants scurrying across a trunk, a spider spinning a web, leaves "breathing out air for all to breathe in"—everything adds up to a "busy tree" for all to "come and see." *(Source: Goodreads)*

We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger and illustrated by Miki Sakamoto

<https://youtu.be/Yt7NoxVXWls>

Cycle 2 – dispo Amazon (7,98€)

Join three friends on a fun leaf-finding adventure! This bouncy new version of the popular song begs to be read out loud. There are lots of beautiful fall leaves to find! Three friends have a big adventure hiking over a mountain and through a forest to collect leaves of all kinds and colors. What will they do with all their leaves at the end of the story? Jump and play in them, of course! With easy rhyming text and fun sound effects, children will delight in this rollicking autumn story. *(Source: Goodreads)*

I Hear you, Forest by Kallie George and Carmen Mok

<https://youtu.be/zmo3aaaXJjU>

Cycle 2 – dispo Fnac (16,37€)

When a child steps into the forest, her ears are open and her heart is too. She listens carefully and hears marvelous things. She hears the rustling of leaves sharing their secrets. She hears a beetle balancing on a branch. And the more she listens, the more she learns. (*Source: Goodreads*)

Once I was a Tree by Eoin McLaughlin and illustrated by Guilherme Karsten

Cycle 3 – dispo Amazon (9,67€)

The picture book was written from the point of view of a tree. It is about the power of books and stories, and the journey from seed to tree to book.

Greta and the Giants by Zoë Tucker and illustrated by Zoë Persico

<https://youtu.be/HFI0XNM7Pzg>

Cycle 3 – dispo Fnac (7,73€)

This picture book tells the story of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greta Thunberg—the Swedish teenager who has led a global movement to raise awareness about the world’s climate crisis—using allegory to make this important topic accessible to young children. (*Source: Goodreads*)

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler (1999)

https://youtu.be/X_EM-iZNguo

Cycle 3 – dispo Amazon (9,75€)

Un classique de la littérature jeunesse.

An all-time classic. Donaldson’s third book was based on the Chinese folktale The Fox that Borrows the Terror of a Tiger, and revolves around a blazingly clever structure. First, a mouse fends off advances from three hungry animals by describing an invented terrifying monster to them. Then, when he realises that the monster is real, he retraces his steps and outwits everyone in the process. But you knew that, of course, because you’ve read it a million times. (*Source: The Guardian*)

Mouse’s Wood: A Year in Nature by Alice Melvin

<https://youtu.be/NHpR1buybd0>

Cycle 3 – dispo Amazon (11€)

An exquisitely illustrated picture book with special die-cut flaps that follows the woodland ramblings of Mouse and highlights the change in seasons. Written with a gentle rhyme that reflects the slow pace of Mouse’s rambling journey, and illustrated in Alice Melvin’s inimitable style, Mouse’s Wood is a heartwarming celebration of slow living in nature. This beautifully designed book also features special die-cut flaps and includes a spread featuring a nature calendar of plants, birds, and animals for children to search for in the wild. Mouse first ventures out in wintry January to visit his friend Squirrel.

Mouse moves on to wake up Hedgehog for the arrival of spring, and as he continues along the path in the wood, Mouse's journey from friend to friend maps out the changes in seasons from January through to December. (*Source: Goodreads*)

The Magic and Mystery of Trees by Jen Green and illustrated by Claire McElfatrick

Cycle 3 et 5e – dispo Fnac (17,45€)

Livre documentaire.

A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry and illustrated by Marc Simont (1956)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqyCliPQqFs>

Cycle 3 – dispo Amazon (8,43€)

Les différentes utilités des arbres.

The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever by H. Joseph Hopkins and illustrated by Jill McElmurry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xh9S7G7sgH4>

Cycle 4 – dispo Fnac (17,67€)

Katherine Olivia Sessions never thought she'd live in a place without trees. After all, Kate grew up among the towering pines and redwoods of Northern California. But after becoming the first woman to graduate from the University of California with a degree in science, she took a job as a teacher far south in the dry desert town of San Diego. Where there were almost no trees.

Kate decided that San Diego needed trees more than anything else. So this trailblazing young woman singlehandedly started a massive movement that transformed the town into the green, garden-filled oasis it is today. Now, more than 100 years after Kate first arrived in San Diego, her gorgeous gardens and parks can be found all over the city. (*Source: Goodreads*)

What Do You See When You Look at a Tree by Emma Carlisle

https://youtu.be/xTRRwr_2N0g

Cycle 4 – dispo Amazon (10,96€)

Recommandé par Mélanie McGilloway (Library Mice)

Full of finely drawn forest scenes, this gentle picture book encourages children to explore their connections with nature. Award-winning artist Emma Carlisle asks readers to consider how each tree is different, what they have witnessed in their centuries of life, what animals they have sheltered, and who may have played under their branches. Exploring growth through the eyes of a child, this lovely picture book urges readers to

connect with the world around them, fostering a deeper appreciation for the natural environment and their place within it. (*Source: Goodreads*)

Tree Whispers: a Forest of Poems by Mandy Ross and illustrated by Juliana Oakley

Cycle 4 – dispo Amazon (9,53€)

"Our leaves rustle, Our roots whisper. If you were a tree, what would you whisper to me?" Mandy Ross has been listening closely to the trees, from the willow to the eucalyptus, and the sycamore to the oak. These fascinating poems, beautifully illustrated by Juliana Oakley, imagine the songs they are singing to us and the verses they speak. With a strong environmental message, the book awakens us to the rich, unique and irreplaceable biodiversity of tree life and the many species that depend on it - including ourselves. (*Source: Goodreads*)

What did the Tree See by Charlotte Guillain and illustrated by Sam Usher (*Wellbeck Publishing*)

<https://youtu.be/yFogQf1JPCA>

Cycle 4 – dispo Amazon (8,52€ / 3,99€ format Kindle)

Intérêt culturel: la révolution industrielle

Charlotte Guillain's gentle rhymes and Sam Usher's signature stunning watercolours come together beautifully in this tale about an oak who bears witness to the changes of the area around it and the impact of population and progress has on the local flora and fauna. Touching on historical periods such as the Middle Ages to the Industrial Revolution, and vividly depicting the gradual deforestation across the centuries, the book nevertheless ends on a note of hope, brought by the next step of the life cycle of an oak: a new acorn, a hope for new life. The viewpoint remains the same throughout the book which is particularly affective and each full-bleed double-spread partly taken up by skies, which Sam Usher is so particularly accomplished at painting. (*Source: Library Mice*)

The Wild by Yuval Zommer (*Oxford University Press*)

https://youtu.be/Xdt3Ks1J4_M (présentation par l'auteur)

Cycle 4 – dispo Amazon (9,75€ / 8,89€ format Kindle)

Recommandé par Mélanie McGilloway (Library Mice)

An exquisitely illustrated modern fable about protecting our planet, in which Earth is imagined as a beautiful, precious, and vulnerable creature called the Wild.

Once upon a time, somewhere not far away, was the Wild. The Wild was huge and giving, and everything from insects to birds to humans made their home in it. At first, people lived lightly and took only what they needed, but when they started to take more, the Wild suffered. But one day, a young child is brave enough to raise their voice

In this environmental story told as a fairy tale, author-illustrator Yuval Zommer shares a hopeful and powerful message of healing, well-being, and humanity's precious and precarious relationship with nature.

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate (MacMillan)

Roman – lycée ou cycle 4 confirmé - dispo Amazon (7,35€)

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this wishtree watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experience as a wishtree is more important than ever.