

Community Clean-up

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney, 1982

Picture Book Cooney

As a child Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful--and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.

City green by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan, 1994

Picture Book DiSalvo

Marcy and Miss Rosa start a campaign to clean up an empty lot and turn it into a community garden.

The curious garden by Peter Brown, 2009

Picture Book Brown

Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.

Home by Jeannie Baker, 2004

Picture Book Baker

A wordless picture book that observes the changes in a neighborhood from before a girl is born until she is an adult, as it first decays and then is renewed by the efforts of the residents.

NONFICTION

True green kids : 100 things you can do to save the planet by Kim McKay, 2008

j363

A collection of fun and practical ways to help kids become agents for environmental change in their world.

What's the point of being green? by Jacqui Bailey, 2012

j333.72

Covers the basics on major environmental issues and suggests steps that governments, organizations and ordinary citizens can take to help keep the planet green.

How community gardens work by Louise Spilsbury, 2013

j635

Presents information about community gardens, looking at what they are, their history, reasons why people create them, how people use them, and how they are organized.

Community Gardens: grow your own vegetables and herbs by Susan Burns Chong, 2014

j635

Describes how to plan and create a community garden, discussing where to plant, healthy soil, seeds and seedlings, watering, maintenance, pests, and harvesting.

There is magic in the Blackberry Patch by S. Yolanda Robinson, 2011

j977.13

Chad and Jerrod were good friends, but when Jerrod's parents find out that Chad lives in the Blackberry Patch, they won't let him visit Chad, telling him that nothing good will ever come out of there. Chad knows that in that neighborhood, there are no flowers and a lot of litter, but Chad thinks there is still something magical about the Blackberry Patch. Can he figure out what?

FICTION

Grow by Juanita Havill, 2008

Fiction Havill

Two misfit children and other members of a Minneapolis, Minnesota, neighborhood are brought together by a woman creating a community garden.

Digging up trouble by Kim Wayans & Kevin Knotts

Fiction Wayans

When Amy's fourth-grade class must come up with a "green" project, they learn about community activism and fund-raising from Amy's visiting Grandmother Hodges as they raise money to help revitalize a community garden.