

... with Buzz About IT!



Buzz About IT! libraries bring the latest research into your classroom!

Buzz About IT! libraries grew out of Dr. Nell K. Duke's extensive research on the use of informational texts in primary classrooms. These exciting, new classroom collections feature informational trade books chosen for their outstanding writing and graphics, strong social studies, language arts, and science content—and great appeal to the youngest readers. **Plus** every book comes with an in-depth, easy-to-implement lesson plan featuring teaching strategies and activities that build literacy and content knowledge before, during, and after reading!

About the authors:
Nell K. Duke is one of the nation's leading researchers in the field of teaching informational text and is the co-author of *Reading and Writing Informational Text in the Primary Grades: Research Based Practices* and *Literacy and The Youngest Learner: Best Practices for Educators of Children Birth to Five*.

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"Incorporating informational text in the primary grades puts children in a better position to handle reading and writing demands in the school years to follow."
 —Dr. Nell K. Duke



"Informational texts capitalize on children's interests, whet their appetites for more information, motivate them to read, and build background knowledge and language that students can draw upon when reading more complex books later on."
 —R. Yopp and H.K. Yopp
 Sharing Informational Text with Young Children



Start the "buzz" in your classroom!

Three libraries are available: for grades K, 1 and 2!

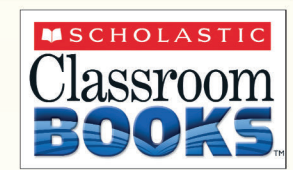
Get started today to give your students a head start on reading achievement—with informational text and **Buzz About IT!**

Buzz About IT! Grade 1
 50 Books (25 titles, 2 copies each)

Babies: All You Need to Know	The Post Office Book
Good Enough to Eat: A Kid's Guide to Food and Nutrition	Why Is Soap So Slippery? And Other Bathtime Questions
Night-Time Animals	Chameleons Are Cool
They Call Me Woolly: What Animal Names Can Tell Us	The Cloud Book
Throw Your Tooth On The Roof	Cross a Bridge
What Do Authors Do?	Dig a Tunnel
The Spice Alphabet Book	Germes Make Me Sick
You Can't Taste a Pickle With Your Ear	Giant Pandas
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Buzz About IT! Kindergarten
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Are Trees Alive?	Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs
Big & Little	From Seed to Plant
The Busy Body Book	Guess Whose Shadow?
Castles, Caves and Honeycombs	A House is a House for Me
Hello! Good-bye!	I Read Signs
Insects and Crawly Creatures	Let's Find Out About Ice Cream
Just Like You and Me	Pop! A Book About Bubbles
All Kinds of Books	The Popcorn Book
Tomorrow's Alphabet	Two Eyes, A Nose and a Mouth: A Book of Many Faces, Many Races
What Do You Do With A Tail Like This?	Who Uses This? Wonderful Worms
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Buzz About IT! Grade 2
 50 Books (25 titles, 2 copies each)

Ah, Music!	Animals Nobody Loves
Desert Giant	Machines We Use
Vote!	Bridges Are To Cross
Bicycle Book	How Is a Crayon Made?
A Cache of Jewels	All About Turtles
Everyday Mysteries	A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder
Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest	If You Lived 100 Years Ago
How Do You Know What Time It Is?	A Mink, a Fink, a Skating Rink: What Is a Noun?
Ice Cream: Including Great Moments in Ice Cream History	Many Luscious Lollipops
Chickens May Not Cross the Road and Other Crazy (But True) Laws	Oh Baby! Amazing Baby Animals
Least Things: Poems About Small Natures	Underwater Counting
The Life and Times of the Peanut	Why I Sneeze, Shiver, Hiccup and Yawn
	You're Tall in the Morning, But Shorter at Night

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NEW!
 Read-Aloud Libraries for grades K-2!

Nell K. Duke Presents



Read-aloud books buzzing with informational text

Give your students a head start on reading achievement with...
Informational Text and teaching tools based on the latest research.

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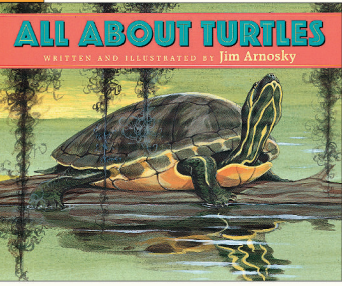
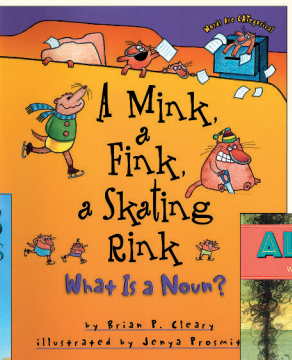
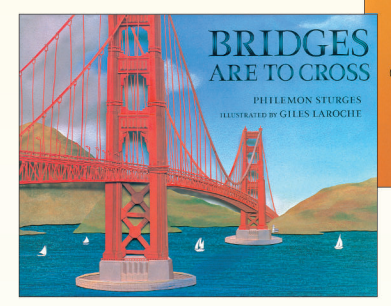
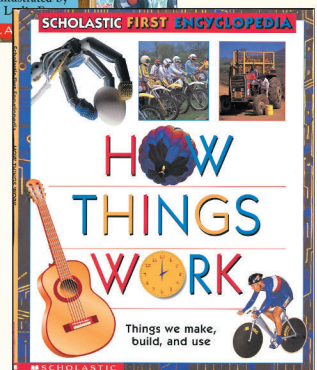
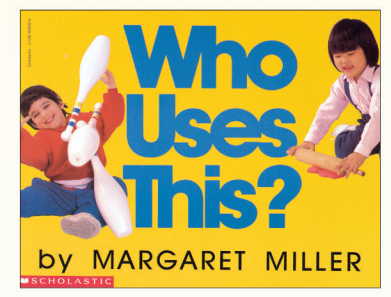
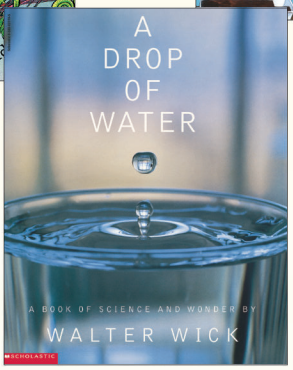
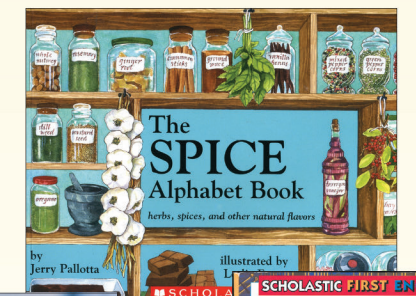
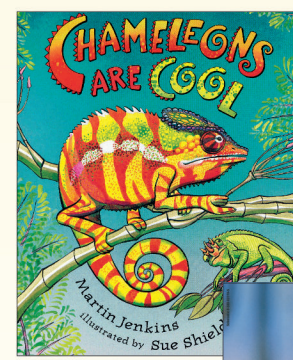
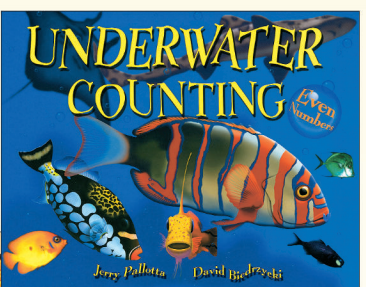
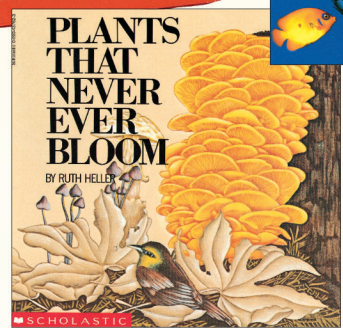


Give K-2 students an early edge on school success!



Educators agree that understanding Informational Text is a key to successful reading and writing in all grades. Now, you can start building informational reading skills as early as Kindergarten—with **Buzz About IT!**, exciting new read-aloud libraries carefully selected by renowned researcher Dr. Nell K. Duke.

- Buzz About IT!:**
- **Develops** an understanding of Informational Text features while building skills in vocabulary, comprehension, and writing.
 - **Contributes** to language development with engaging read-aloud texts.
 - **Addresses** important questions children have about the natural and social world, while building essential background knowledge.
 - **Provides** a specific lesson for each book based on the latest research.
 - **Includes** English Language Learner support in every lesson.



Build vocabulary...
expand content knowledge...

teach text features...with **Buzz About IT!**

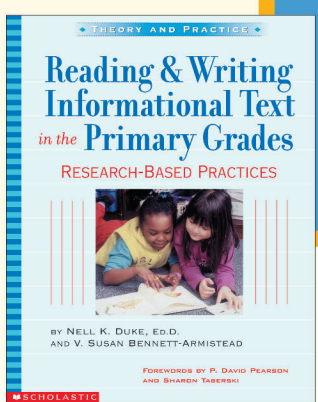
Children learn both language and content when they read informational texts. They also gain exposure to the kinds of reading materials they will encounter more and more as they advance in school.

The books in **Buzz About IT!** libraries bring a wide range of experiences into the classroom—supporting social studies, science, and language arts content, as well as children's natural curiosity about the world. The titles include a variety of formats, so students are introduced to tables of contents, maps, indices, labeled diagrams, captioned photos, and other important nonfiction features.

- Each Buzz About IT! library includes:**
- **50 books** (25 titles, 2 copies each)
 - **25 lesson cards** (specific to the titles in the library)
 - **Professional book** (*Reading and Writing Informational Text in the Primary Grades: Research-Based Practices*)
 - **Program overview**
 - **Display box**



BONUS PROFESSIONAL BOOK!
Every **Buzz About IT!** library includes a FREE copy of the acclaimed book *Reading and Writing Informational Text in the Primary Grades*, by Nell K. Duke and V. Susan Bennett-Armstead



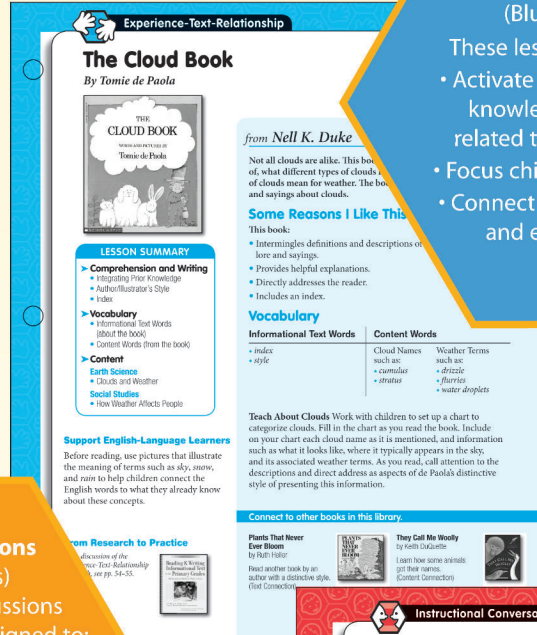
Lesson plans get kids buzzing about books!

Great materials for reading instruction put effective research into practice to engage young readers, build vocabulary and comprehension skills, and expand content knowledge.

That's why each **Buzz About IT!** title is accompanied by an easy-to-use lesson in one of the following three formats:

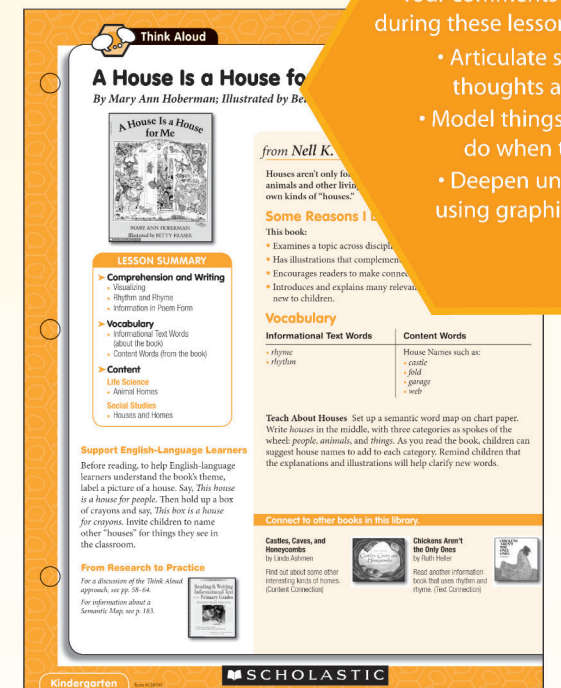
- Instructional Conversation
- Experience-Text-Relationship
- Think Aloud

All the lessons include vocabulary, comprehension, and writing/composing components, and each provides ways to teach with the book before, during, and after the reading.



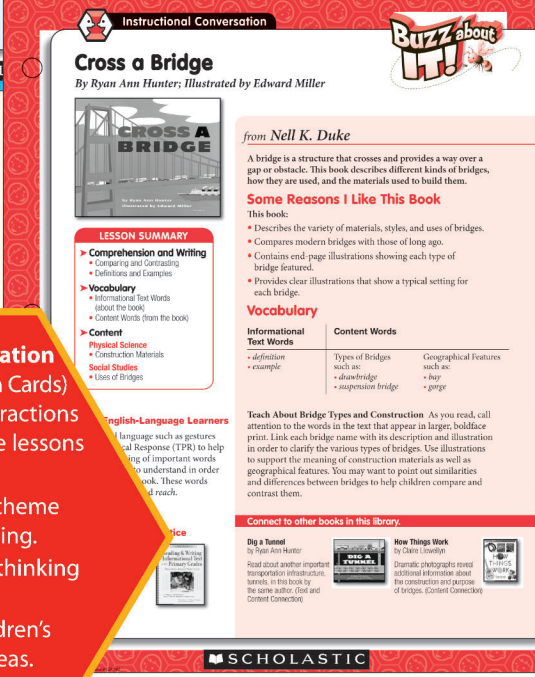
Experience-Text-Relationship (ETR) Lessons (Blue Lesson Cards)
These lessons are designed to:

- Activate children's background knowledge or experiences related to the text to be read.
- Focus children on text meaning.
- Connect children's background and experiences to the text itself.



Think Aloud (TA) Lessons (Yellow Lesson Cards)
Your comments and discussions during these lessons are designed to:

- Articulate some of your thoughts as you read.
- Model things good readers do when they read.
- Deepen understanding using graphic organizers.



Instructional Conversation (IC) Lessons (Red Lesson Cards)
Your discussions and interactions with children during these lessons are designed to:

- Explain an important theme or idea from the reading.
- Encourage higher-level thinking and learning.
- Be responsive to children's contributions and ideas.
- Develop more complex language and expression.

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