

# Book of Animal Poetry

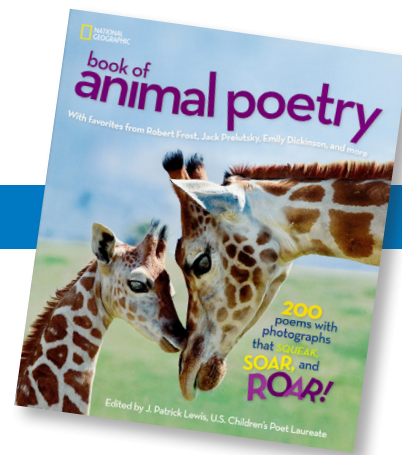
## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Animals, Habitats

**Book Brief:** Two hundred classic and contemporary poems, along with stunning pictures, gives readers insights into the world of animals large and small.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Share the different classifications the editor has chosen to use for the animals in this book. Let children decide the section from which they would like to hear a poem. This book offers many poems and new discoveries about the animals and their habitats.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### CATERPILLAR KABOBS (AGES 5-12)

Ingredients: grapes, skewers, icing, chocolate chips

Read the caterpillar poems (pp. 10, 46). Let children thread grapes onto skewers until full. Dip 2 chocolate chips in icing and place on one end grape for eyes. For a math twist, provide red and green grapes and let children make patterned caterpillars.

### PEOPLE POETRY (AGES 7-12)

Let children pair up to interview each other about their likes, dislikes, *habitat*, and favorite foods, sports, books, and movies. From that information, have them create a poem about their partner.

For help finding rhyming words, log on to [www.rhymezone.com](http://www.rhymezone.com).

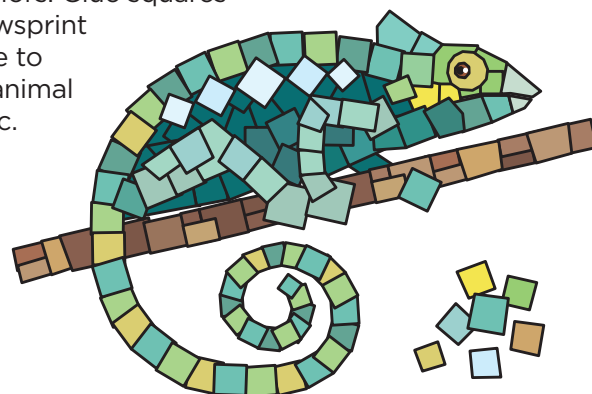
### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit [www.poetry4kids.com/cat-Animal.html](http://www.poetry4kids.com/cat-Animal.html) to find funny animal poetry and a good laugh!

### MAGAZINE MOSAICS (AGES 9-12)

Materials: magazines, scissors, glue, black paper, newsprint, pencil

Have children trace the outline of an animal of their choice on newsprint. Cut out the outline and glue onto black paper. Children should determine what color(s) make up their animal and cut out squares from magazine pages that reflect the colors. Glue squares on newsprint outline to form animal mosaic.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER POETRY BOOKS ABOUT ANIMALS

*Animal Poems*, Valerie Worth (2007)

*Around the World on Eighty Legs: Animal Poetry*, Amy Gibson (2011)

*Step Gently Out*, Helen Frost (2012)

