

	<b>Activities and Engaging Readers Guide</b>
	<b>Book Title: Rivers of Sunlight by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm</b>
	<b>Source: National Education Association</b>

**Rivers of Sunlight:  
How the Sun Moves Water Around the Earth  
by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm**

**Engaging Readers:**

Use reading to explore ways to live responsibly and as a way for kids to learn about and get close to nature. Head outside with other titles in Molly Bang’s *Sunlight* series and get a conversation going with kids about ways they can help care for the Earth. Start with talking about small efforts, like picking up trash in your school yard, and build up to investigating needs in your community and issues kids are passionate about.

**Community Connection:**

Grow outdoor opportunities in your community with a reading garden! A reading garden can be a special school space for reading, literary activities, and community engagement. Reach out to service clubs, garden clubs, nurseries, local businesses, and parents to work with students to research and design a garden to fit whatever space you have, from a cozy seat by an indoor window sill filled with potted plants to a quiet corner on the playground with plants and benches for reading.

**Ready Resources:**

Through **Authors for Earth Day**, award-winning children’s authors and illustrators promote environmental awareness and give young readers an authentic research project with real-world impact. Prior to a school visit, students research five conservation organizations selected by their author and vote for their favorite. The author writes a check to the winning organization, donating at least 30% of that day’s speaking fees. Authors for Earth Day also offers original environment-focused content for librarians, teachers, kids and parents.

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