

# NYPL After School Activity Guide


Kindergarten–3rd Grade



## EXPLORE

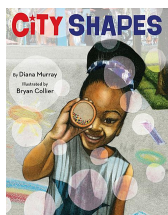
In this packet you'll find tips, books we love, and activities all about how to explore. Exploring is a journey of discovery to new places and to find new information. If you create something you love, submit a picture of your work to our virtual gallery at [nypl.org/afterschool](https://nypl.org/afterschool).

## BOOKS WE LOVE

These books are some of our favorites about exploring close to home and further away. To check them out, place a hold online at [nypl.org](https://nypl.org) or call Ask NYPL (917-275-6975). If you are at a branch, ask a librarian how to place a hold. Books marked with a  are available as e-books.



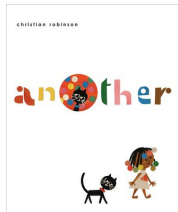
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Pete Oswald



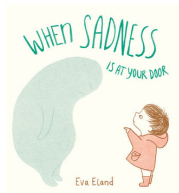
**City Shapes**  
Diana Murray



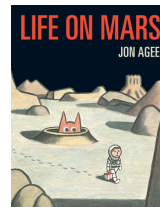
**Off I Go! (Princess Truly series)**  
Kelly Greenawalt



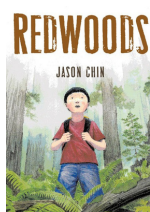
**Another**  
Christian Robinson



**When Sadness Is at Your Door**  
Eva Eland



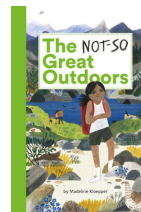
**Life on Mars**  
Jon Agee



**Redwoods**  
Jason Chin



**My Papi Has a Motorcycle**  
Isabel Quintero



**The Not-So Great Outdoors**  
Madeline Kloepper

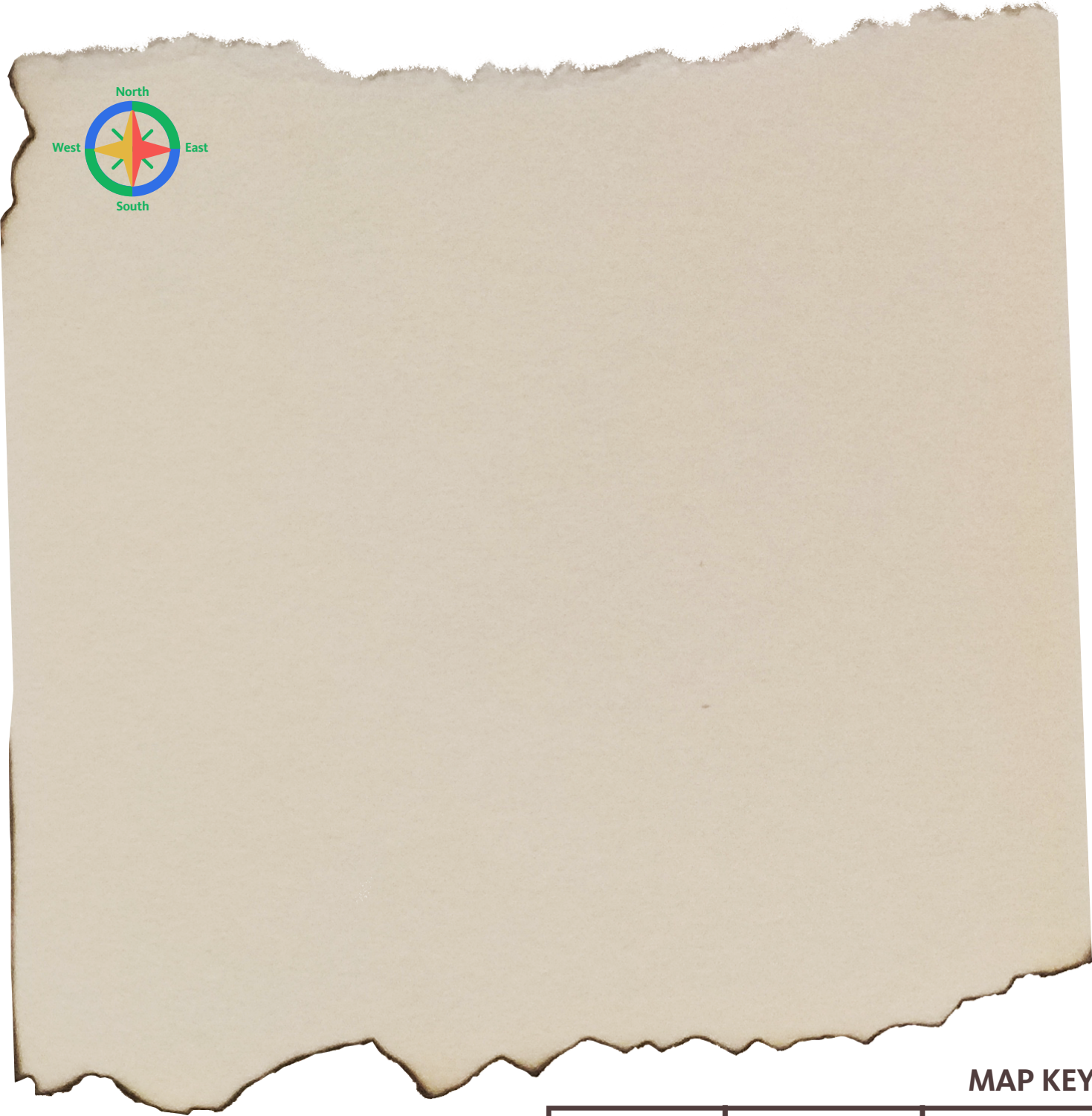


## QUICK TIPS

- When taking a walk, instead of looking straight ahead, look up, down, or side to side. What do you see that you wouldn't normally notice?
- With your family, take a trip to a neighborhood that you have never visited before!
- Use your five senses to explore the world. Find objects that feel soft, fuzzy, or smooth. Taste foods that are sweet, sour, or salty. Listen for different sounds outside your window.

# EXPLORE BY DRAWING A MAP

Draw a map below! You can draw a map of a made-up world or you can draw a map of your neighborhood. Your map key should include pictures or symbols that show important places or details on your map. For example, triangles on your map could mean mountains.



MAP KEY

PICTURE OR  
SYMBOL

WHAT IT  
MEANS


## EXPLORE BY TAKING A MINDFUL WALK IN THE PARK

Moving slowly through nature can teach us new things about our environment and our senses. EXPLORE your neighborhood park with your family, and see what leaves of different shapes and colors you can collect and take home.

**Trace one of the leaves here.**

### CHALLENGE

Can you sort your leaves by size? Can you sort your leaves by color?

Leaves come in all colors! Fill in the boxes below with all the colors you see.

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What does your leaf feel like? Check the boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/> Smooth	<input type="checkbox"/> Crunchy
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough	<input type="checkbox"/> Soft

What other words would you use to describe your leaves? Write on the lines below.

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### LOOK CLOSER

Compare the traced leaf and the rubbing. How are they the same? How are they different?



## EXPLORE BY GOING ON A SCAVENGER HUNT

Take this scavenger hunt on your next walk to school or trip around your neighborhood! How many can you find? See if you can complete an entire vertical, horizontal, or diagonal row.

<p>Pigeon</p> 	<p>Fire Hydrant</p> 	<p>Mailbox</p> 	<p>Apartment</p> 	<p>Pizza Place</p> 
<p>Playground</p> 	<p>Squirrel</p> 	<p>Fire Truck</p> 	<p>Bus Stop</p> 	<p>Food Truck</p> 
<p>Skateboard</p> 	<p>Garbage Truck</p> 	<p>Free Space!</p> 	<p>Bicycle</p> 	<p>Leaves</p> 
<p>Dog</p> 	<p>Library</p> 	<p>Train Station</p> 	<p>Basketball</p> 	<p>Statue</p> 
<p>Fountain</p> 	<p>Tall Tree</p> 	<p>Bridge</p> 	<p>Taxi</p> 	<p>Traffic Light</p> 

**What were you surprised to see on your scavenger hunt today?**

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