

**BC SRC 2021: Crack the Case!**

**Booklists – Nonfiction**

**Prepared by: Alicia Dobbs, New Westminster Public Library**

***Accidental Archaeologists*, Sarah Albee, 2020 (CE)**

A look at chance archaeological discoveries made by ordinary people, with information about each artifact and treasure. Ages 9-12

**Theme 2, 4, 6**

***Monster Science*, Helaine Becker, 2016**

Could monsters from fantasy and folklore actually survive in the real world? This book examines the science behind Frankenstein, vampires, zombies, and more. Ages 8-12

**Theme 2, 7**

***Caught! Nabbing history's most wanted*, Georgia Bragg, 2019 (CE)**

A humorous book about fourteen famous troublemakers, their lives, and how they were caught, including Blackbeard and Al Capone. Ages 10+

**Theme 1, 5, 6**

***Titanosaur*, Jose Luis Carballido, 2019**

The story of the newest dinosaur to be discovered – so new that it doesn't even have an official name yet! Ages 6-8

**Theme 2, 6**

***Fierce: Women who shaped Canada*, Lisa Dalrymple, 2019 (CA)**

A collection of stories about Canadian women from a wide variety of backgrounds who changed history, but whom you probably didn't learn about in school! Ages 9-12

**Theme 5, 6**

***Out of the Ice: How Climate Change is Revealing the Past*, Claire Eamer, 2018 (BC) (CE)**

This book introduces glacial archaeology, a fascinating new field of science emerging as melting glaciers and permafrost reveal artifacts that have long been hidden. Ages 8-12

**Theme 2, 3, 6**

***When Planet Earth Was New*, James Gladstone, 2017 (CA) (CE)**

A picture book look at the origins of Earth and its billions-year-long history, from a ball of hot lava to the evolution of humans. Ages 6-8

**Theme 2, 3, 6**

***How to Build a Hug*, Amy Guglielmo, 2018**

A picture book story about Temple Grandin and how her childhood love of building and design, coupled with her sensitivity to sounds, smells, and touch, led her to create her own "hug machine". Ages 5-8

**Theme 2, 5**

***De-Extinction*, Rebecca Hirsch, 2017**

Explores the pros and cons of bringing lost species back to life, and how science might make it possible. Ages 8-12

**Theme 2, 3, 6**

***The Monarchs are Missing, Rebecca Hirsch, 2018***

The population of monarch butterflies has been declining, and scientists don't know exactly what's causing it. This book investigates reasons why this might be happening. Ages 8-12  
**Theme 3**

***Sockeye Mother, Brett Huson/Gyetxw, 2017 (BC) (NN)***

The life cycle of a salmon is described, along with its connection to the people and other animals along the Xsan. Ages 9-12  
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***City Across Time, Peter Kent, 2019***

A cross-section look at the archaeology of an imaginary Western city as it evolves from ancient to modern times. Ages 8-12  
**Theme 2, 4, 6**

***Go Show the World, Wab Kinew, 2018 (CA) (CE) (NN)***

Spotlights 14 Indigenous heroes from history and the modern day, both well-known and less recognized. Ages 6-8  
**Theme 5**

***Innovation Nation, David Johnston, 2017 (CA) (CE)***

A biography book featuring 50 Canadian inventions and achievement, from early history to modern times. Ages 8-12  
**Theme 2, 5**

***Meet Viola Desmond, Elizabeth MacLeod, 2018 (CA) (CE)***

A picture book illustrating the true story of Nova Scotia civil rights trailblazer Viola Desmond, who was arrested for sitting in the whites-only section of a movie theatre. Ages 6-10  
**Theme 5, 6**

***Wolf Island, Ian McAllister, 2017 (BC) (AUD) (NN)***

A true story in photos of a lone wolf who lived alone on an island in the Great Bear Rainforest. Ages 6-9  
**Theme 3**

***Digging Deep: How Science Unearths Puzzles from the Past, Laura Scandiffio, 2019 (CA)***

Six discoveries in archaeology that were made with the help of technology, like DNA testing and radiocarbon dating. Ages 10+  
**Theme 2, 3, 6**

***Dinosaurs are Not Extinct, Drew Sheneman, 2020***

The facts and history behind dinosaurs and their modern relatives: birds! Ages 5-8  
**Theme 2, 6**

***Scaly Spotted Feathered Frilled, Catherine Thimmesh, 2013***

What did dinosaurs really look like? Did some really have feathers? This book explores this question and describes how we can find out what dinosaurs might have looked like when all we have are bones to look at now. Ages 8-12  
**Theme 2, 6**

***Poop Detectives, Ginger Wadsworth, 2016***

Describes how dogs are trained to help scientists and conservation officers learn about endangered animals by sniffing out – poop! Ages 8-12

**Theme 2, 3**

*BC = British Columbian author or  
illustrator  
CA = Canadian author or illustrator  
AUD = Audiobook  
CE = CELA  
NN = NNELS*

*Theme 1 – Super Sleuths  
Theme 2 – Crack the Code  
Theme 3 – Hot on the Trail  
Theme 4 – Secret Missions  
Theme 5 – Whodunnit?  
Theme 6 – History's Mysteries  
Theme 7 – Is it Real?*