

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOOK:

Bringing Nonfiction Alive through Hands-On Projects and Activities that Engage Readers and Make Them Want to Read More

Presentation by **Caroline Arnold** at IRA, Chicago, April 30, 2012

From learning about global warming to how earthworms help the garden, hands-on experience helps bring books to life. Caroline Arnold, author of 150 books for children, will focus on her recent books, including *A Warmer World* (Charlesbridge, 2012) to explore how nonfiction books like hers can be used to encourage children to read and learn about the world we live in.

Caroline Arnold website: www.carolinearnold.com

A Warmer World website: www.awarmerworld.com

For links to directions and more information about the projects and activities presented in Caroline Arnold's IRA session go to the following websites:

Icebergs and Sea Level: <http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/childrenprojects.htm> item 1.c
(from *The Geography Book: Activities for Exploring, Mapping and Enjoying Your World*)

Beautiful Baleen: <http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/childrenprojects.htm> item 5

Measure Your Wingspan: <http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/childrenprojects.htm> item 1.b

Stick Puppets and other wormy fun:

<http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/images/wigglewaggleactivities.pdf> (downloadable)

Sun Fun (a sun clock and other solar related projects):

<http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/sunfun.htm> e-book;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pML8sosbHsU> video of sun clock project

Pyramid Animal Poems: <http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/childrenprojects.htm> item 1.a;
for downloadable directions and example,

<http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/images/pyramidpoemproject.pdf>

Put Stripes on the Zebra: <http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/childrenprojects.htm> item 3; for
downloadable zebra outline <http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/images/zebraoutline.jpg>

Make a Life Size Model of a Killer Whale (or other animal):

<http://carolinearnoldart.blogspot.com/2011/10/author-visits-in-redwoods-humboldt.html> (photo of
life size painted killer whale)

Make a Scale Model of the Taj Mahal: <http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/childrenprojects.htm>
item 7; download the pattern here <http://www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/images/tajmodelplan.jpg>

For more projects and activities go to www.carolinearnoldbooks.com/projects or
to www.carolinearnoldart.blogspot.com and search for projects under TOPICS.