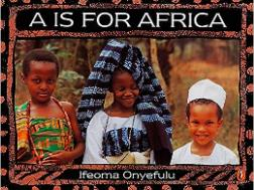
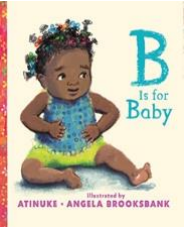
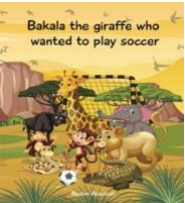
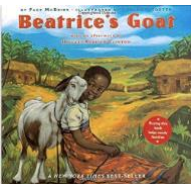
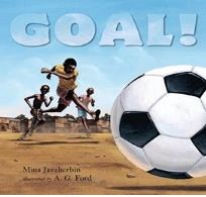
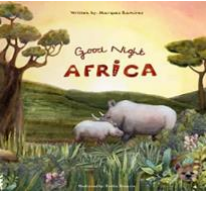
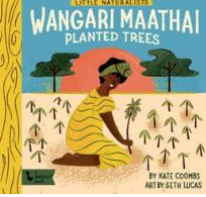
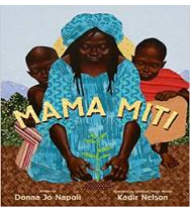


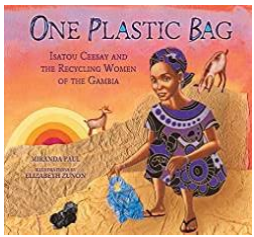
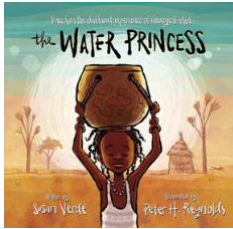


Children's books with themes about Africa and African wildlife

The following list briefly describes some of the books [Engage Globally](http://www.engageglobally.com) uses in our community learning centers and literacy programs in rural Northern Ghana. We hope this list will be useful to teachers, families, and others who are interested in sharing more about African culture and wildlife with children.

Title	Author	Key themes	Publication date	Summary	Cover	Amazon website
A is for Africa	Ifeoma Onyefulu	West African Culture	July 1, 1997	Written by a Nigerian author, this book features photos of West African children and communities while creatively teaching the alphabet.		https://www.amazon.com/dp/0140562222/?coliid=I3PLX3YD6FM5W9&colid=15E9WME2OY7U1&psc=1&ref=lv_ov_lig_dp_it
B is for Baby (Board Book)	Atinuke and Angela Broksbank	African villages, alphabet	March 9, 2021	When an older sibling travels to take bananas to the next village, his baby sibling stows away, leading to a surprising journey in West Africa.		https://www.amazon.com/B-Baby-Atinuke/dp/1536217948/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3FUO3E9WQAXTE&keywords=B+is+for+Baby+book&qid=1654889255&srefix=b+is+for+baby+book%2Caps%2C194&sr=8-1
Bakala the giraffe who wanted to play soccer	Nadim Aswissri and Jonny Hossain	Wildlife and soccer	February 27, 2022	The story of a giraffe wanting to play soccer with their friends, the authors convey the connections everyone has around them. Teaches teamwork.		https://www.amazon.com/Bakala-giraffe-wanted-play-soccer/dp/B09TGT5CWH/ref=sr_1_1?crid=MHTT701JG02S&keywords=bakala+the+giraffe&qid=1691509577&srefix=bakala+the+giraffe%2Caps%2C162&sr=8-1

Beatrice's Goat	Page McBrier, Lori Lohstoeter	Uganda, girls	July 1, 2004	Tells the story of how raising a goat makes a difference for a girl and her family in rural Uganda. Based on the Heifer Project.		https://www.amazon.com/dp/0689869908/?coliid=15QK2671ALD33&colid=15E9WME2OY7U1&psc=1&ref=lv_ov_lig_dp_it
Goal!	Mina Javaherbin and A.G. Ford	Soccer in Africa	April 10, 2012	About boys playing soccer and the importance of teamwork and fair play.		https://www.amazon.com/Goal-Mina-Javaherbin/dp/0763658227/ref=sr_1_4?crid=YVTCO7TNO4K&keywords=goal%21&qid=1692817186&sprefix=goal+%2Caps%2C274&sr=8-4
Goodnight Africa	Marquez Rey Ramirez	Wildlife, Africa, beautiful art	October 6, 2021	This book introduces young readers to animals in Africa through detailed illustrations and story.		https://www.amazon.com/Goodnight-Africa-Marquez-Rey-Ramirez/dp/1737726602/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1Y7VRA61PZ71L&keywords=good+night+africa&qid=1691509531&sprefix=good%2Caps%2C855&sr=8-1
Little Naturalists: Wangari Maathai Planted Trees	Kate Coombs	Wangari Maathai, Kenya, trees	August 24, 2021	This book introduces young children to Wangari Maathai, a famous Kenyan women's rights activist, environmentalist, and conservationist.		https://www.amazon.com/Little-Naturalists-Wangari-Maathai-Planted/dp/142365840X
Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya	Donna Jo Napoli	Wangari Maathai	January 5th, 2010	Story of Wangari Maathai who was the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Features her story of restoring trees to Kenya.		https://www.amazon.com/Mama-Miti-Wangari-Maathai-Trees/dp/1416935053

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia	Miranda Paul	Gambia, basket-weaving, plastic waste	February 1st, 2015	When Isatou notices that plastic bags do not degrade like traditional baskets, she comes up with a plan to return beauty to her home and help the economic situation of her neighbors. Together, the women crochet plastic strips into small purses to sell at the market.		https://www.amazon.com/One-Plastic-Bag-Recycling-Millbrook/dp/1467716081
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Picture Book Edition	William Kamkwamba	Malawi, child innovation, alternative energy	Jan 19, 2012	This book follows William Kamkwamba's true story while living in a Malawi village facing drought. William was determined to learn how he could help his village and eventually created a windmill from scraps to become a local and global hero.		https://www.amazon.com/Boy-Who-Harnessed-Wind-Readers/dp/0803735111/ref=pd_lpo_2?pd_rd_i=0803735111&psc=1
The Water Princess	Susan Verde and Georgie Badiel	Water, girls, Africa	September 13, 2016	Inspired by the life of Georgie Badiel, this book follows Gie Gie as she takes the long daily journey to get water for her and her family. As she retrieves it and boils it to be used, she dreams of a day when the water won't be so far away and will be clean.		https://www.amazon.com/Water-Princess-Susan-Verde/dp/0399172580
We All Went on Safari	Laurie Krebs, Julie Cairns	African wildlife, Tanzania	Sept. 1, 2004	This fun book teaches numbers while featuring drawings of African families on safari in Tanzania.		https://www.amazon.com/dp/184148119X/?coliid=I3A0890TDDE4OV&colid=15E9WME2OY7U1&psc=1&ref=lv_ov_lig_dp_it
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale	Verna Aardema, Leo Dillon, and Diane Dillon	West African culture and conservation	August 15, 2004	An adaptation of a traditional African tale, the story shows how any drastic change to the environment can have dire consequences. It also shares the importance of telling the truth.		https://www.amazon.com/Why-Mosquitoes-Buzz-Peoples-Ears/dp/0140549056/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3TR4MIRT567H5&keywords=why+mosquitos+buzz+in+people+s+ears+book&qid=1654889503&sprefix=books+Why+Mosquitos+%2Caps%2C173&sr=8-1

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