

Learning Resources

Abiyoyo

The Reading Rainbow Series

A bedtime story that has a rhythmic song, can double the nighttime fun.

Based on a South African lullaby and folk story, *Abiyoyo* is a magical storysong retold and sung by Pete Seeger. When a town is threatened by the terrible giant Abiyoyo, a little boy and his father come up with a plan to save the townspeople. Music, in its different forms, can be a very beautiful way to tell a story. Using an upbeat music video format, LeVar reveals some of the ways a story can be told. Pete Seeger talks to LeVar about his special song. A popular New York City street rapping group, Run DMC, performs its version of a rap-video, and a professional dance company tells the story of "Beauty and the Beast." State-of-the-art computer animation, accompanied by the music of Philip Glass, is an added feature to this musical program. Program Number 35.

Review Books: *Blackberry Ink* poems by Eve Merriam, pictures by Hans Wilhelm; *Ayu and the Perfect Moon* by Donald Cox; *Peter and the Wolf* adapted from the Musical Tale by Sergei Prokofiev, illustrated by Erna Voigt.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1044-IN

More than 130 video programs - loved by children, acclaimed by educators, applauded by critics. Take young viewers on adventures that encourage reading. Each inspired by an outstanding children's book

The Adventures Of Taxi Dog

The Reading Rainbow Series

People have special relationships with their pets...they really are loyal friends!

The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra and Sal Barracca, illustrated by Mark Buehner and narrated by Vincent Gardenia, follows a day in the life of a dog befriended by a New York City "cabby". Grab a seat next to LeVar as he gets behind the wheel of a New York City taxi cab. Laugh as you watch the many interesting and unusual ways that people "hail" taxi cabs. Viewers will also find out how a dog can be not only a best friend, but for a young girl in Colorado a vital necessity for everyday life. Program Number 72.

Review Books: *Taxi: A Book of City Words* by Betsy and Giulio Maestro; *I Want a Dog* by Dayal Kaur Khalsa; *The First Dog* by Jan Brett.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2333-IN

Alejandro's Gift

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4: Habitats and Communities. Basic Concepts: Recognize that animals and plants live in specific habitats; Describe structural adaptations of plants and animals that demonstrate a response to their environment.

The lush oasis of California's Indian Canyon desert provide the setting for this book written by Richard E Albert, illustrated by Sylvia Long and narrated by Francisco Rivela.

Discover the vast importance of water, and demonstrates how the "gift" of water can be the most important gift of all.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 6 to 8
30 minutes, order 5-4395-IN

Alistair In Outer Space

The Reading Rainbow Series

We can travel to far and exotic lands, meet new people, and explore wondrous adventures by discovering our neighborhood library.

Alistair In Outer Space by Marilyn Sadler, illustrated by Roger Bollen, is a close encounter of the silliest kind. Alistair, that lovable, fastidious little boy, is on his way to return his books to the library when he is captured by a spaceship and whisked into space. His captors are two colourful and outlandish creatures called Goots. LeVar visits the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and takes us on a treasure hunt through several library departments, including the division of maps and globes, book restoration, and film. As an added treat, viewers meet Conan the Librarian, who candidly illustrates that librarians may not be who or what we think they are. Program Number 27.

Review Books:

Check it Out! The Book About Libraries by Gail Gibbons; *Commander Toad Series* by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Bruce Degen; *Maps and Globes* by Jack Knowlton, illustrated by Harriet Barton.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1036-IN



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Alistair's Time Machine

The Reading Rainbow Series

Structures and Mechanisms
S- Grade 2: Movement;
*Basic Concepts: describe
 different mechanisms;
 describe characteristics and
 movement of simple
 machines; pattern of
 movement. Grade 3:
 Stability; Grade 4: Pulleys and
 Gears.*

Inventing takes
 imagination and hard work
 but most of all it takes
 determination.

Alistair's Time Machine by
 Marilyn Sadler, illustrated
 by Roger Bollen, is a
 delightful story about a
 boy who builds his own
 time machine. Meet a
 wacky woman inventor
 from the Stone Age,
 Thomas Edison and a
 clever machine from the
 future who has its own
 surprises for LeVar.
 Viewers will also discover
 some children with
 creative inventions of their
 own, and take a look at
 some amusing inventions
 from the past that never
 quite made it into today's
 lifestyle. Program Number
 71.

Review Books: *Find Waldo
 Now* by Martin Handford;
*The Many Lives of Benjamin
 Franklin* by Ailiki; *What Does
 it Do? Inventions Then and
 Now* by Daniel Jacobs.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to
 11
 30 minutes, order 5-2332-IN

Always My Dad

The Reading Rainbow Series

Examines the wonderful,
Ecomplex and multi-
 faceted relationships that
 make everyone's family
 unique.

Written by Sharon Dennis
 Wyeth and illustrated by
 Raul Colon, the story
 warmly explores a young
 girl's special relationship
 with her father, despite the
 fact that she does not see
 him frequently.

LeVar drops in on a
 neighbourhood "Family
 Day" picnic and pairs up
 with a young friend in a
 "Dad and Me" three-legged
 race. Program 121

Feature Book: *Always My
 Dad* by Sharon Dennis
 Wyeth, Illustrated by Raul
 Colon (Apple Soup/Knopf)
 HC ISBN 0-679-83447-8
 LIB ISBN 0-679-93447-2

Review Books: *Boundless
 Grace* by Mary Hoffman,
 pictures by Caroline Binch
 (Dial) HC ISBN 0-8037-
 1715-6

Taxi! Taxi! by Cari Best, illus
 by Dale Gottlieb (*Little
 Brown*) HC ISBN 0-316-
 09259-2

The Perfect Spot by Robert J
 Blake (*Philomel*) HC ISBN 0-
 399-22132-8

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
 30 minutes, order 5-4482-IN

Amazing Grace

The Reading Rainbow Series

Amazing Grace is a little
Agirl who wants to be
 Peter Pan and refuses to let
 narrow thinking stand in
 her way.

Written by Mary Hoffman,
 illustrated by Caroline
 Binch and narrated by
 Tyne Daly, this inspiring
 story takes us on a journey
 where we meet other
 amazing women who have
 reached beyond
 stereotypes to pursue their
 dreams. In a warm and
 personal interview, Oscar-
 winning actor Whoopi
 Goldberg shares her own
 aspirations and triumphs.
 Program Number 91.

Review Books: *Roses Sing
 on New Snow: A Delicious
 Tale* by Paul Yee, Illustrated
 by Harvey Chan; *Great
 Women in the Struggle* by
 Toyomi Igus, Veronica
 Freeman Ellis, Diane
 Patrick and Valerie Wilson
 Wesley; *Mirette on the High
 Wire* By Emily Arnold
 McCully

Ages 6-11
 30 minutes, order 5-4217-IN

Animal Cafe

The Reading Rainbow Series

Asneak peak at the
Aexcitement of a city
 that's "open all night,"
 shows that while some of
 us are drifting off into
 sleep, others are just
 beginning their day.

What really happens
 during the late night hours
 well into the wee hours of
 the morning? That's the
 question Maxwell
 pondered one morning
 each week when he found
 the food on his shop

shelves had vanished
 overnight, and the cash
 register stuffed full of
 money. Inspired by the
 feature book, *Animal Cafe*
 by John Stadler and
 narrated by Martin Short,
 LeVar burns the midnight
 oil in the city that never
 sleeps, New York. A visit to
 Times Square, a fish
 market, a bakery, and the
 flower market serve as
 examples of some of the
 busiest "night spots" in
 town. We also get a close-
 up look at one of the most
 fascinating and curious
 night creatures - bats - the
 masters of night flight.
 Program Number 26.

Review Books: *The Moon*
 by Robert Louis Stevenson,
 illustrated by Denise
 Saldutti; *The Dream Eater* by
 Christian Garrison,
 illustrated by Diane Goode;
*Night Markets: Bringing Food
 to a City* by Joshua Horwitz.
 Ages 6-11
 30 minutes, order 5-1035-IN

And Still The Turtle Watched

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 1: Characteristics and
GNeeds of Living Things

Grade 4: Habitats and
 Communities

This Native American tale
 by Sheila MacGill-Callahan
 recounts the timeless
 message of our
 responsibility to nature and
 our environment.

LeVar explores various
 ways that children and
 adults are working
 together to protect and
 preserve the earth.
 Program Number 99.

Ages 6-11
 30 minutes, order 5-4218-IN



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Appelmando's Dreams

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Patricia Polacco and narrated by Michael Learned, *Appelmando's Dreams* is the story of a little boy who uses his dreams to create colourful images that brighten the world for himself and his friends.

LeVar demonstrates fun and creative ways to spark the imagination and inspire the artist in all of us. Program Number 105.

Review Books: *The Little Painter of Sabana Grande* by Patricia Maloney Markun; *The Incredible Painting of Felix Clousseau* by Jon Agee; *I Am An Artist* by Pat Lowery Collins.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4327-IN

Archibald Frisby

The Reading Rainbow Series

LeVar takes viewers on a "tale-spinning" ride, when he climbs aboard the Great American Scream Machine Six Flags Great Adventure Amusement Park and explores the humorous adventures of Archibald Frisby, written by Michael Chesworth and narrated by Arnold Stang.

LeVar takes a scientific approach to winning park games, and shows that with the right questions and a little experimentation, an easy solution is sometimes close at hand.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4397-IN

Barn Dance!

The Reading Rainbow Series

Good music and great dancing make us feel happy and foot-stomping bluegrass music is an American original.

Viewers are invited to an old-fashioned hoedown when LeVar Burton travels to the hilltops of

Tennessee in search of true bluegrass music and down home dancing. The feature book *Barn Dance!* by Bill Martin Jr and John Archambault, illustrated by Ted Rand and read by Roy Clark inspires LeVar to get a lesson in clogging, and kicks up his heels at an authentic barn dance. Program Number 51.

Review Books: *Half a Moon and One Whole Star* by Crescent Dragonwagon, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney; *I Like the Music* by Leah Komaiko, illustrated by Barbara Wstman; *The Old Banjo* by Dennis Haseley, illustrated by Stephen Gammell.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1998-IN

Bea And Mr Jones

The Reading Rainbow Series

Imagining what it might be like to be someone or something else cannot only be fun, but it can also point out the importance of being ourselves. Like a vacation... it's great to go, but it's even better to come home again!

After a really rough day of taping – including flubbed lines – LeVar wearily opens the book, *Bea and Mr. Jones*, narrated by Madeline Kahn, which tells

of a kindergartner and her father who change places in life. Lots of people wish they could trade places with someone else. Jason Hardman, age 12, dreamed of running a library and became the youngest librarian in the country. For those who don't know what to dream of, Stephanie Mills may be able to help as she reads poetry of *Daydreamers* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Tom Feelings. Program Number 3.

Review Books: *Max* by Rachel Isadora; *There's a Nightmare in My Closet* by Mercer Mayer; *The Ugly Duckling* retold by Lorinda Bryan.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1012-IN

Berlioz The Bear

The Reading Rainbow Series

The rhythm and energy of music draws people.

Berlioz the Bear by Jan Brett is the amusing tale of the mishaps encountered by a band of bears who take their show on the road. The rhythm of New York City sends LeVar off on his own musical journey. Along the way, he meets musicians who call the streets their stage. And viewers go behind the scenes at The Boys Choir of Harlem. Program Number 90.

Review Books: *Georgia Music* by Helen V. Griffith, illustrated by James Stevenson; *The Science Book of Sound* by Neil Ardley, illustrated by

Dorling Kindersley Ltd; *Introduction to Musical Instruments Series: Brass/Percussion/Strings/Woodwinds* Dee Lillegard.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4057-IN

Best Friends

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 1: Basic Concepts; Identify and describe common characteristics of humans and other animals ...; describe ways in which people adapt to the loss of sensory or physical ability...

Best friends can be humans or animals, but whichever they are, it's wonderful to have them!

In this story by Steven Kellogg, two best friends learn how to share a newly born puppy and LeVar learns too, when he meets eight golden retriever puppies. There's a saying "a dog can be your best friend," and it is important to take care of that friend. But, some pets take care of people, like seeing-eye dogs. Viewers learn how these special dogs are trained to act as eyes for the blind – people who really depend on their best-friend dogs. Program Number 43.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1250-IN



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Bicycle Man

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 1: Everyday Structures. Grade 2: Movement - Basic concept: Describe the characteristics and movements of simple machines.

Grade 4: Pulleys and Gears

The world is full of wheels doing all kinds of things!

Allen Say's story inspires LeVar to explore the world of wheels and see how they keep us all rolling along. LeVar meets a freestyle bicyclist who shows him some of the fancy tricks of the trade and takes a spin on several wheels himself, including: a skateboard, a scooter, and rollerblades. Viewers also get a glimpse of some human powered vehicles that are one of a kind. Program Number 68.

Review Books: *The White Bicycle* by Rob Lewis; *Our Teacher's In a Wheelchair* by Mary Ellen Powers; *Delphine* by Molly Bang.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2262-IN

Bionic Bunny Show

The Reading Rainbow Series

Every time you pick up a good book your imagination brings the story and characters to life. In real life, Wilbur is an ordinary rabbit. But when he goes to work in the morning, he becomes TV's superhero...star of *The Bionic Bunny Show* by Marc Brown and Laurene Kransey Brown.

Viewers go behind the scenes of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" where LeVar plays Lt. Geordi LaForge and learn about making a television show in front of and behind the camera. Program Number 46.

Review Books: *Lights! Camera! Action!* by Gail Gibbons; *The Philharmonic Gets Dressed* by Karla Kuskin, illustrated by Mark Simont; *Ramona: Behind the Scenes of a Television Show* by Elaine Scott, photos by Margaret Miller.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1976-IN

Bored - Nothing To Do!

The Reading Rainbow Series

Structures and Mechanisms: Grade 4 - Pulleys and Gears.

Matter and Materials: Grade 6: Properties of Air and Characteristics of Flight

A wonderful adventure can cure any case of boredom.

Peter Spier's story is about two boys who build their own plane out of backyard materials, and actually fly it. This exciting book inspires LeVar to take a flight lesson, and learn all about the miraculous feat of flying. Viewers go behind the scenes at an airport, and get a glimpse of the action that takes place before a plane takes off. Program Number 64.

Review Books: *The Magic Wings: A Tale From China* by Diane Wolkstein, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker; *Redbird* by Patrick Fort; *Flying* from the "Let's Discover Library".

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2137-IN

Borreguita And The Coyote

The Reading Rainbow Series

Enter the vibrant world of Mexican-Americans in *Borreguita and the Coyote*. In Verna Aardema's charming retelling of a Mexican folk tale, beautifully illustrated by Petra Mathers, and narrated by Olga Merediz, a little lamb uses her wits to gain the upper hand and outsmart a hungry coyote.

LeVar explores the sights and sounds of his Mexican-American neighbors, and interviews the musical group Los Lobos, who invite LeVar to their home for a fun-filled fiesta. Program Number 102.

Review Books: *Coyote Dreams* by Susan Nunes; *Diego* by Johan Winter; *The Three Little Javelinas* by Susan Lowell.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4324-IN

Bread Is For Eating

The Reading Rainbow Series

Hot, delicious, home-made bread. Everyone loves it and every culture makes it. This book, written by David and Phillis Gershator and illustrated by Emma Shaw-Smith,

explores the love and warmth that goes into making every loaf of bread; from seed to supermarket.

In mouth-watering segments, LeVar tries his hand at bread making, and discusses the history of this basic, wonderful and international food. Program 122

Feature Book: *Bread is for Eating* by David and Phillis Gershator, illus by Emma Shaw-Smith (Henry Holt) HC ISBN 0-8050-3173-1

Review Books: *Walter the Baker* by Erick Carle (Simon & Schuster) HC ISBN 0-689-80078-9.

Bread Bread Bread by Ann Morris, photos by Ken Heyman (Lothrop) HC ISBN 0-688-06334-9; LIB ISBN 0-688-06335-7 (Mulberry) PB ISBN 0-688-12275-1 BIG BOOK PB ISBN 0-688-12939-0

The Tortilla Factory by Gary Paulsen, paintings by Ruth Wright Paulsen (Harcourt Brace & Co) HC ISBN 0-15-292876-6. La Tortilleria: (Spanish Vers) (Harcourt Brace & Co) HC ISBN 0-15-200237-5

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4483-IN



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Bringing The Rain To Kapiti Plain

The Reading Rainbow Series

Earth and Space Systems, *Grade 2: Air and Water in the Environment - Basic concept: identify and describe forms of moisture in the environment; identify the factors that cause things to dry quickly or slowly.*

Grade 5: Weather - Basic concept: weather and climate

A rainy day offers opportunities to explore creative pastimes and to appreciate the wonder of weather. Who says rainy days can't be fun?

LeVar plans an adventure filled day around the weather, including a look at the latest explanations for thunder and a big splash in a puddle to the tune of a lively song, "Puddle Hoppin'". The feature book, narrated by James Earl Jones, tells of a young African boy who brings rain to his dry and thirsty pastures. There's no such thing as dull weather as we share in an action-packed aerial chase for thunderstorms at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research. LeVar explores weather predictions and shows how to make your own rainbow. Program Number 4.

Review Books: *The Cloud Book* by Tomie de Paola; *Peter Spier's Rain* by Peter Spier; *A Story A Story* by Gail E Haley.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1013-IN

Brush

The Reading Rainbow Series

Sometimes "things" are not always what they seem.

Can inanimate objects really come to life? In *Brush* by Pere Calders, illustrated by Carme Sole Vendrell, a brush becomes a warm replacement for a lost dog. All may not be what it seems when LeVar takes a look at the art of 3-D animation and visits Macy's warehouse where the famous Thanksgiving Day parade balloons and floats come alive. Program Number 49.

Review Books: *Egg-Carton Zoo* by Rudi Haas and Hans Blohm with an introduction by David Suzuki; *What the Mailman Brought* by Carolyn Craven, illustrated by Tomie de Paola; *Jumanji* by Carlos Van Allsburg.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1979-IN

Bugs

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2: *Growth and Changes in Animals: Basic concept: responding and adapting to their environment.* Grade 4: *Habitats and Communities*

Insects are amazing creatures that live everywhere - so why not get to know them!

We share our world with ants, crickets, flies, centipedes and lady beetles. In *Bugs* by Nancy Winslow Parker and Joan Richards Wright, viewers learn where insects live, what they're good for, how they grow, and much more. LeVar visits Insect World at the Cincinnati Zoo for an in-depth look at some of the more fascinating members of the insect world. The incredible story of the migration to the Sierra Cinqui Mountains in Mexico of the monarch butterfly is an added highlight. Program Number 47.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1977-IN

The Carousel

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Liz Rosenberg, this is the touching story of two sisters who after the death of their mother, search for her legacy through their memories, imaginations and a magical ride on a carousel.

LeVar visits children who are working with artists and designers to build a carousel for their community park, illustrating how the power of legacies are passed on to us by special people in our lives. Program # 130

Closed Captioned, Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4523-IN

A Chair For My Mother

The Reading Rainbow Series

Working together as a team is important because a group can accomplish more than an individual. Also, things that are worth doing take time to achieve.

Yea, team! How many teams do you see in action every day? LeVar and friends are working hard as a team in this show to prepare a very exciting song and dance number called "Teamwork". He gets the idea from the feature book, *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams narrated by Amy Linker, all about a special family that works together, and little by little rebuilds their life after a fire destroys their home.

Program Number 20.

Review Books: *My Mamma Needs Me* by Mildred Pitts Walter, illustrated by Pat Cummings; *I Have a Sister, My Sister is Deaf* by Jeanne Whitehorse Petersen, illustrated by Deborah Ray, *Everett Anderson's Goodbye* by Lucille Clifton, illustrated by Ann Grifalconi.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1029-IN



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Chickens Aren't The Only Ones

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2: Basic Concepts: Identify and describe the major physical characteristics of ... Compare the appearance of young and mature animals

A look at all the different kinds of animals that hatch from eggs convinces us that "chickens aren't the only ones."

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Inspired by the feature book, *Chickens Aren't the Only Ones* by Ruth Heller and narrated by Georgia Engel, LeVar searches for the answer to this age-old question. Assuming the role of a reporter, LeVar visits a chicken farm and provides viewers with "eggsclusive" information about how baby chicks are kept safe until their final moment of hatching. LeVar also travels to the beaches of Melbourne, Florida, where he discovers majestic loggerhead turtles emerging from the ocean to lay and bury their eggs in the sand. Program Number 38.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1245-IN

Come A Tide

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 5 - Weather; Basic concept: recognize large-scale and local weather systems, e.g. storms

Weather affects all our lives; severe weather requires special precautions.

This delightful book by George Ella Lyon, read by Dixie Carter, tells the story of one quirky family's adventure during a spring flood. LeVar takes a look at dramatic weather ... from blizzards to tornadoes, and everything in between. A news reporter gives an eyewitness account of Hurricane Hugo and the courageous people who weathered the storm. Program Number 86.

Review Books: *Storms* by Seymour Simon; *Tornado Alert* by Franklyn M. Branley, illustrated by Guilio Maestro; *Weather* by Rena K. Kirkpatrick, illustrated by Janetta Lewin.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4053-IN

The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate The Wash

The Reading Rainbow Series

A little girl's version of an unusual class outing becomes a lesson on appreciating and having fun with different kinds of animals.

Kaleena Kiff narrates the tale of a school trip to a peaceful farm - turned wild when Jimmy's pet boa constrictor escapes. LeVar visits an exotic pet shop where he meets a tarantula and a boa constrictor. Then we're off to a livestock show where LeVar learns some surprising facts about barnyard animals. Program Number 14.

Review Books: *Crictor* by Tom Ungerer; *Could be Worse!* by James Stevenson; *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst, illustrated by Ray Cruz.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1023-IN

Desert Giant: The World Of The Saguaro Cactus

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4 - Habitats and Communities. Basic Concept: Identify various factors that affect plants and animals in a specific habitat; Describe structural adaptations of plants and animals that demonstrate a response to their environment.

Grade 3: Growth and Changes in Plants: Basic concept: Describe how the growth of plants is affected by changes in environmental conditions.

The desert is a magical place with more plants and animals than you may think, and one very important cactus – the saguaro.

This story by Barbara Bash takes viewers to the beautiful landscape of Arizona's Sonoran Desert to discover the mysteries of the majestic saguaro cactus. The life and seasons of the desert are explored with an introduction to a variety of the desert's inhabitants including bobcats, gila monsters, and a javelina pig. Viewers will also meet a real life "snake man" who gives them a close-up look at the amazing rattlesnake. Program Number 62.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2135-IN



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Digging Up Dinosaurs

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4: *Rocks, Minerals and Erosion*; *Basic concepts - identify and describe rocks that contain records of the earth's history, and explain how they were formed*

The great mystery surrounding the dinosaurs continues to fascinate; how the giant creatures evolved, lived and disappeared over 65 million years ago are questions that are still intriguing scientists.

There's a great deal of mystery surrounding the life and death of dinosaurs, but sleuth LeVar is just the leader for a fact-finding expedition. Inspired by the book which tells how dinosaur bones are uncovered and reassembled, LeVar decides to go on a fossil hunt of his own. With his trusty "Jeeposaurus Wreck," he takes us to Dinosaur National Park, where expert Linda West digs up some dinosaur secrets. The program is punctuated with dinosaur jokes told by a pretty saury comic (the voice of Jerry Stiller), from the book *Tyrannosaurus Wrecks: A Book of Dinosaur Riddles* by Noelle Sterne, illustrated by Victoria Chess. Program Number 6.

Ages 6-11

30 minutes, order 5-1015-IN

Dinosaur Bob And His Adventures

The Reading Rainbow Series

All across Canada and America, spring means the return of something we all love...baseball.

While on safari in Africa with his family, Scotty Lizardo befriends a dinosaur he names Bob. Dinosaur Bob is a real pal with a hidden talent....he plays baseball! The book *Dinosaur Bob and his Adventures with the Family Lizardo* by William Joyce, and read by Ed Asner, takes LeVar to spring training in Phoenix, Arizona, with the American League Champions, the Oakland Athletics, where he gets baseball tips from the pros. Program Number 60.

Review Books: *Casey at the Bat* by Ernest Thayer, illustrated by Ken Bachaus; *Old Turtle's Baseball Stories* by Leonard Kessler; *Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat* by Patricia Reilly Giff, illustrated by Susanna Natti.

Ages 6-11

30 minutes, order 5-2007-IN

Dive To The Coral Reefs

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - *Growth and Changes in Animals*; *Basic concept: describe ways in which animals respond and adapt to their environment.*

Grade 4 - Habitats and Communities; *Basic concept: identify various factors that affect plants and animals in specific habitats.*

There's a whole different world beneath the sea, especially where there's a coral reef.

Explores the strange and beautiful world that lies beneath the surface of the sea...the living coral reef. Inspired by this remarkable book, LeVar scuba dives in the coral reefs off the Florida Keys where he encounters tropical fish and a variety of fascinating coral. Viewers will also meet a "reef doctor" who restores life to damaged reefs by transplanting living coral. Program Number 61.

Ages 6-11

30 minutes, order 5-2134-IN

Duncan And Dolores

The Reading Rainbow Series

Pets and people can have very special relationships, but they have to work at it.

Duncan and Dolores, by Barbara Samuels and read by Jane Curtin, is a story about a little girl's attempts to win a cat's affection. LeVar Burton travels to Marine World Africa U.S.A. in Vellejo, California, and learns how to befriend the king of the beasts. Viewers also get a glimpse at how humans turn into cats when Reading Rainbow goes behind the scenes of the popular Broadway musical "Cats". Program Number 52.

Review Books: *Puss in Boots* by Charles Perrault, retold and illustrated by Lorinda Bryan Cauley; *Cat and Canary* by Michale Foreman; *Moon Tiger* by Phyllis Root, illustrated by Ed Young.

Ages 6-11

30 minutes, order 5-1999-IN



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Feelings

The Reading Rainbow Series

Even though we can't touch or smell feelings, everybody has them.

Happiness, loneliness, embarrassment, jealousy and excitement are just some of the feeling people experience, and that's what the feature book, *Feelings*, by Alikei, is all about. The sights and sounds of New York City's Central Park provide the backdrop for LeVar's probe into the world of feelings and how they affect us and those around us. Whether it be the up-and-down sensation of a carousel, or the tranquility of a rowboat, the variety of feelings we experience every day is endless. The highlighted book, *Koko's Kitten*, by Dr. Francine Patterson with photos by Ronald H. Cohen, and a visit to the Gorilla Foundation in Woodslide, California, grants viewers the unusual privilege of meeting Koko, the gorilla, and her kitten, whose relationship typifies the idea that feelings do not only occur between humans, but between other animals as well. Program Number 28.

Review Books: *Honey, I Love and Other Poems* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Diane and Leo Dillon; *Fireflies!* by Julie Brincklow; *Loudmouth George and the Sixth-Grade Bully* by Nancy Carlson.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1037-IN

Florence And Eric Take The Cake

The Reading Rainbow Series

Sometimes your eyes can fool you and things are not what they seem to be.

Florence and Eric Take The Cake by Jocelyn Wild, read by Julia Child, is a delightful tale of good intentions gone wrong, or, quite simply, a case of mistaken identity. This spirited, tongue-in-cheek story sets the stage for LeVar's own case of mistaken identity. LeVar takes a trip behind the scenes of the MovieLand Wax Museum and gets a close-up look at how a wax figure is made – and not just any wax figure at that! Viewers also get a glimpse of how some very talented bakers can make a cake look like just about anything. Program Number 69.

Review Books: *Uncle Nacho's Hat* adapted by Harriet Rohmer, illustrated by Veg Reisberg; *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi* by Chris Van Allsburg; *My First Cook Book* by Angela Wilkes.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2263-IN

Fly Away Home

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Eve Bunting and illustrated by Ronald Himler, this is the touching story of a young, homeless boy who longs for the day when he can "fly away" to a home of his own, and away from the airport where he lives with his father.

Revealing interviews with children and their families explore the plight of the homeless, and highlights young people who are working to better the lives of homeless families. Program Nbr 116

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4491-IN

Follow The Drinking Gourd

The Reading Rainbow Series

Based on the song *Follow the Drinking Gourd*, with story and pictures by Jeanette Winter and narration by Keith David, this show explores an infamous chapter in America's history.

As he celebrates the road to freedom to Canada paved by the Underground Railroad, LeVar introduces viewers to the history, heroes, stories and music of the African-American culture which emerged from slavery. Program Number 96.

Review Books: *Shake it to The One That You Love the Best: Play Songs and Lullabies From Black Musical Traditions* collected and adapted by Cheryl Warren Mattox, illustrated from the works of Varnette P Honeywood and Brenda Joysmith; *A Picture of Harriet Tubman* by David A Adler, illustrated by Samuel Byrd; *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by James Ransome.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4219-IN

Fox On The Job

The Reading Rainbow Series

There are many jobs in the world and you have to try to find the one that's right for you.

The perfect job is hard to come by and in *Fox on the Job* by James Marshall, lazy Fox has an amusing time looking for one. Inspired by this delightful tale, LeVar goes to work on some household chores. Viewers will meet a young entrepreneur who turns bright colours into big business and they'll also encounter a unique twist on walking the family dog. Program Number 75.

Review Books: *Pig Pig Gets a Job* by David McPhail; *Music, Music for Everyone* by Vera B Williams; *Helping Out* by George Ancona.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2336-IN



Learning Resources

The Furry News: How To Make A Newspaper

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written and illustrated by Loreen Leedy and delightfully narrated by the cast of "Forbidden Broadway," *The Furry News* is an entertaining look at the ins and outs of creating a newspaper.

Nationally syndicated cartoonist Ray Billingsley shares his inspirations with viewers and demonstrates the process involved in creating his cartoon strip "Curtis". Program Number 92.

Review Books: *Great Newspaper Crafts* by F Virginia Walter, illustrated by Teddy Cameron Long; *Newspapers* by David Petersen; *What it's Like to be a...Newspaper Reporter* by Janet Craig, illustrated by Richard Max Kolding.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4220-IN

Galimoto

The Reading Rainbow Series

It's amazing how something as common and uncomplicated as wire can be used to create complicated and interesting things.

Galimoto by Karen Lynn Williams and illustrated by Catherine Stock, tells the story of a young African boy who uses his wits to search for scraps of wire to make his very own "Galimoto." You'll meet an artist who lets her imagination run free while creating objects made of wire.

Viewers learn the many practical uses for wire, from transporting people on the longest tramway in the world, to playing an integral part in a circus act that requires balance, concentration and talent. Program Number 74.

Review Books: *The Little Pigs' Puppet Book* by N Cameron Watson; *Look at This* by Harlow Rockwell; *My First Activity Book* by Angela Wilkes.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2335-IN

Germs Make Me Sick!

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 1 - Characteristics and Needs of Living Things: Relating Science and Technology ...: Identify ways in which individuals can maintain a healthy environment for our themselves and for other living things.

Staying healthy by learning good health habits is an important part of growing up.

Our world is shared with millions of microorganisms, and although most of them are harmless, some make people sick. Using the world's best private eye, a microscope, LeVar examines pond water and discovers what germs really look like. Then, in the featured book, we find out what germs are, what they look like, how they are caught, and how the human body fights against them. While visiting a microbiology laboratory LeVar learns about how scientists grow different

kinds of germs to study them. Viewers will also examine different kinds of microorganisms including mold that feeds on some of the same foods we eat. A visit to an organic farm illustrates how microorganisms also help keep the world alive. Program Number 34.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1043-IN

Gift Of The Sacred Dog

The Reading Rainbow Series

The Native American culture holds a deep, abiding respect for the earth, animals and people, especially children, and we clearly see this interrelationship at work.

The First Americans, misnamed Indians by Columbus, had a very special relationship with the world around them.

The feature book, *The Gift of the Sacred Dog*, a powerful, strikingly illustrated folktale brought to life by Michael Ansara, tells a Native Indian legend about the arrival of the horse and its significance to the Plains Indian.

On location at the Crow Fair in Crow Agency, Montana, contemporary and traditional Native American life and traditions meet. Program Number 10.

Review Books: *Moonsong Lullaby* by Jamake Highwater, photos by Marcia Keegan; *Suho and the White Horse* retold by Yuzo Otsuko, illustrated by

Suekishi Akaba; *Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears* by Verna Aardema, illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1019-IN

Gila Monsters Meet You At The Airport

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - Growth and Changes in Animals: Basic concept: describe ways in which animals respond and adapt to their environment.

The best way to dispel fears about the unknown is to find out the truth about someone or something.

Moving can give a person the jitters, whether it's from one part of the country to another, or even from one grade to another. In the feature book, a little boy has some pretty unusual ideas about the life he'll lead when he moves to the left of the map – "Out West". LeVar takes an inquiring look at these myths with the help of a biologist in Arizona who shows us an amazing foot-long lizard, a Gila (heela) monster. Program Number 8.

Review Books: *Peter's Chair* by Ezra Jack Keats; *Mitchell is Moving* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, illustrated by Byron Barton; *The Big Hello* by Janet Schulman, illustrated by Illian Hoban.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1017-IN



Learning Resources

Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 3 - *Growth and Changes in Plants: Relating Science and Technology ...: describe ways in which humans can protect natural areas to maintain native plant species.*

Written by Chief Jake Swamp and illustrated by Erwin Printup, Jr, this title celebrates the beauty, bounty and resources of the earth.

The First Nations' belief that the natural world is a precious and rare gift leads viewers to a family harvesting cranberries and to city kids planting trees in their neighbourhood, reinforcing the message of responsibility that we all share in caring for our environment. Program # 129.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4522-IN

Gregory The Terrible Eater

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 1 - *Characteristics and Needs of Living Things: Relating to the world outside the school - eating a balanced diet.*

A look at the specially prepared diets of the animals at the zoo shows the importance of a nutritionally balanced diet for people, too.

Is there anything goats won't eat? LeVar journeys to the San Diego Zoo to find out. In the feature book, narrated by Marilyn Michaels, a young goat named Gregory has an abnormal penchant for "revolting" foods like eggs, vegetables, fruit and milk. His distraught parents must teach him to enjoy such delicacies as cans, cardboard and wide, striped ties. LeVar samples haute cuisine a la goat when he happens upon Nanny and Billy's cafe, a small, intimate eatery run by and for the four-legged. Back at the San Diego Zoo kitchen, we find out about diets of a variety of animals. Program Number 11.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1020-IN

Hail To Mail

The Reading Rainbow Series

In *Hail To Mail*, written by Samuel Marshak, humorously illustrated by Vladimir Radunsky and narrated by Al Roker, the seemingly simple act of mailing a letter is revealed as a journey through an intricate network, sometimes spanning the world in an effort to get the mail delivered on time.

LeVar takes viewers behind the scenes of the postal service and introduces some of the dedicated staff who bring us closer to the people we care about, no matter how far away they are. Program Number 107.

Review Books: *Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea* by Vera B Williams and Jennifer Williams; *Messages in the Mailbox: How to Write a Letter* by Loreen Leedy; *The Jolly Postman* by Janet & Allan Ahlberg.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4329-IN

Hill Of Fire

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4 - *Earth and Space Systems: Basic concept: identify natural phenomena that causes rapid and significant changes in the landscape*

An exploration of one of Mother Nature's most awesome spectacles, the volcano, reveals how the Earth was created.

Rumbling earthquakes, molten lava, fountains of fire - a volcano is born in a poor farmer's cornfield in the feature book by Thomas P. Lewis. Based on the true story of the eruption of Paricutin volcano in Mexico. Host LeVar Burton travels to Hawaii, home of one of the most active volcanoes in the world. At Volcanoes National Park, LeVar is perched 2,000 feet from a major eruption of Kilauea volcano! For this show, Reading Rainbow's crew captures spectacular original footage of Kilauea's eruption in March, 1985. Visiting other parts of the Big Island of Hawaii, LeVar discovers that the Earth itself is a living thing creating land through volcanoes. Destructive yet creative,

the fiery beauty of an eruption also inspires artists to create beautiful raku pottery. Program Number 23.

Review Books: *Emma's Dragon Hunt* by Catherine Stock; *Ed Emberley's Science Flip Books* by Ed Emberley; *The Ramarindo Puppy and Other Poems* by Charlotte Pomerantz, illustrated by Byron Barton.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1032-IN

Hip Cat

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Jonathan London and illustrated by Woodleigh Hubbard, this book explores a most original music form - Jazz!

LeVar becomes a "hip cat", hanging out with musicians while they experiment with the cool, melodic sounds of jazz.

Highlighted is jazz saxophonist, Joshua Redman, who discusses the influence that music has had on his life and how he uses music to communicate with the world. Program # 127

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4520-IN



Learning Resources

Hot Air Henry

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2: Air and Water in the Environment

Rising above the clouds in hot-air balloons, airplanes, helicopters and spaceships can provide a whole new perspective on the world.

A colourful and exciting expedition for LeVar and our audience in a hot-air balloon! LeVar enjoys the feature book, *Hot-Air Henry*, all about a very clever Siamese cat named Henry who has a riotous adventure with ballooning. LeVar takes us to a great ballooning event in Camden, South Carolina where aeronauts from all over the country meet and compete for prizes and pride. We travel into the past for a comical look at flying machines that never made it off the ground. Program Number 16.

Review Books:

Easy-to-Make Spaceships That Really Fly by Mary Blocksma and Dewey Blocksma, illustrated by Marisabina Russo; *The Big Balloon Race* by Eleanor Coerr, illustrated by Carolyn Croll; *Just Us Women* by Jeannette Caines, illustrated by Pat Cummings.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1025-IN

Hotel Animal

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Keith Duquette, this program explores math from an amusingly tiny point of view. The story examines

the humorous adventures experienced by a pair of petite chameleons who check-in to the amply sized Hotel Animal.

In equally amusing segments, LeVar's imagination takes him on a topsy-turvy ride when he shrinks to the size of a pencil and grows as large as a giant as he explores size relationships and proportions. Program 123.

Feature Book *Hotel Animal* by Keith Duquette (Viking) HC ISBN 0-670-85056-X

Review Books: *Mr Tall and Mr Small* Mike Shanon (Henry Holt) HC ISBN 0-8050-2757-2 *The Three Bears* by Paul Galdone (Clarion Books) HC ISBN 0-395-28811-8 PA ISBN 0-89910-40x-X *Zoom* by Istvan Banyai (Viking) HC ISBN 0-670-85804-8 *The Three Bears*

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4484-IN

How Much Is A Million?

The Reading Rainbow Series

Reading Rainbow ventures into the magical world of math in this story written by David M. Schwartz and illustrated by Steven Kellogg.

LeVar explores creative ways of counting to a million, and uses simple techniques of grouping and estimating to solve everyday problems.

In fun segments, viewers visit the Crayola factory in Pennsylvania to see how millions of crayons are made, and Giants Stadium to see how the stadium crew and concession vendors prepare for the giant crowd on game day.

Program 120

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 6 to 8
30 minutes, order 5-4495-IN

How To Make An Apple Pie And See The World

The Reading Rainbow Series

Marjorie Priceman's book, narrated by Helen Mirren, tells the whimsical story of a young girl whose desire to make a simple apple pie results in an exotic global jaunt, as she gathers ingredients for her pie.

Viewers also visit LeVar in his kitchen as he whips up some of his own goodies and gets fun cooking tips from chef Curtis Aikens, who uses science to unravel some of the tricks and reasoning behind everyday cooking. Program Nbr 118

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 6 to 8
30 minutes, order 5-4493-IN

Humphrey The Lost Whale

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - *Growth and Changes in Animals*; Basic concept: identify and describe behavioural characteristics that enable animals to survive.

Grade 4 - *Habitats and Communities*.

Learning about whales enables us to help them survive in our environment.

Based on a real story of a California humpback whale that gets lost, by Wendy Tokuda and Richard Hall. Follow the amazing journey of "wrong-way" Humphrey as he finds his way back to the sea with the help of some friends. Humphrey's story, read by Jane Pauley, inspires LeVar to spend a day at sea on a whale-watching adventure where he uncovers some of the mysteries of the majestic whale. Program Number 56.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2003-IN

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 3: *Forces and Movement*. Basic concept: identify force as a push or pull by one body or another; distinguish between kinds of motion; investigate the effects of directional forces and how unbalanced forces cause visible motion in objects that are capable of movement.

Explores the delightful chain reaction set in motion when a little boy offers a cookie to a visiting mouse.

LeVar takes viewers to a bowling centre where he tries to master the chain reactions involved in the game of bowling. Program Number 97.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4221-IN



Learning Resources

Imogene's Antlers

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - *Growth and Changes in Animals*; *Basic concept: describe ways in which animals respond and adapt to their environment.*

Creating wonderful stories and tales stretches the imagination and is fun too!

Animals, like people, come in different sizes, shapes and colours; and all these differences make each of them unique. In David Small's story, a young girl who wakes up one morning to find she has grown antlers overnight! What transpires is an hilarious adventure illustrating how Imogene's antlers can be put to practical use. LeVar takes a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo and gets a close-up look at various animals strutting their horns, antlers, feathers, colours, stripes and a multitude of animal fashions. Also included is an introduction to a tradition held in the city of brotherly love - the Mummer's Parade, whose participants display of choreography, music and ornate costumes illustrate an extraordinary way people can disguise themselves in their version of "animal fashion". Program Number 33.

Ages 6-11

30 minutes, order 5-1042-IN

Is This A House For Hermit Crab?

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4 - *Habitats and Communities*; *Basic concept: recognize that animals live in specific habitats because they are dependent on those habitats and have adapted to them.*

Grade 2 - Growth and Change in Animals; *Basic concept: classify a variety of animals using observable characteristics.*

Finding the right home becomes particularly important when that home is carried around on your back. Written by Megan McDonald, this story takes a lighthearted look at animal habitats and shows LeVar building a house for his favourite flying friends in his own backyard. Program Number 98.

Ages 6-11

30 minutes, order 5-4222-IN

Jack, The Seal And The Sea

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4 - *Habitats and Communities*; *Basic concept: dependency on a specific habitat; identify factors that affect animals in a specific habitat.*

It's up to each of us to keep the ocean clean and free from pollution.

The heartfelt story of a man who, after finding an ailing seal, can no longer ignore the sorry state of our world's seas. Inspired by this moving book, LeVar goes on a Discovery Voyage in San Francisco Bay to learn more about the preservation of our water and ways we can preserve the oceans. On this floating laboratory, he looks at a variety of marine life from the smallest the eye can see, to an amazing leopard shark. Viewers also get a first-hand look at the cleanup effort after a disastrous oil spill in Alaska. Program Number 67.

Ages 6-11

30 minutes, order 5-2261-IN

June 29, 1999

The Reading Rainbow Series

Far-fetched fact and fiction are explored in *June 29, 1999*, written by David Wiesner and narrated by Charles Kimbrough.

A science project apparently gone awry propels viewers into a whimsical world of science fiction...or is it fact? LeVar takes viewers on a trip to Nova Scotia to visit with Howard Dill, world-famous pumpkin grower. Mr Dill shows how he grows the world's largest pumpkins. A segment discussing "unidentified flying objects" asks children to determine if the story is fact or fiction. Program Number 100.

Review Books: *Time Train* by Paul Fleischman, illustrated by Claire Ewart; *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert; *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett, illustrated by Ron Barrett.

Ages 6-11

30 minutes, order 5-4223-IN

Kate Shelley And The Midnight Express

The Reading Rainbow Series

Trains transport people and goods from one place to another.

All Aboard! Join LeVar on Amtrak's Coast Starlight train as he travels up the California coastline.

Inspired by the heroic true story *Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express* by Margaret K Wetterer and read by Brian Dennehy, viewers will tour the engineer's cab and take a trip back in train history. Program Number 79.

Review Books: *The Train to Lulu's* by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard, illustrated by Robert Casilla; *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper, illustrated by George and Doris Haufman; *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11

30 minutes, order 5-2340-IN



Learning Resources

Keep The Lights Burning, Abbie

The Reading Rainbow Series

A young girl's bravery in a dangerous and trying situation shows how people can excel beyond their expectations.

The true story of a brave young girl who kept her lighthouse burning during a tremendous storm, is told in *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie* written by Peter and Connie Roup, illustrated by Peter E Hanson and narrated by Sada Thompson. LeVar travels to the rocky mid-coast of Maine for a tour through a modern-day lighthouse. He also takes a trip on a one hundred foot Maine coasting schooner and joins and authentic sailing family for a day at sea. As an added treat, viewers will meet a skillful craftsman who reveals the mystery of putting a ship in a bottle. Program Number 37.

Review Books: *Very Last First Time* by Jan Andrews, illustrated by Ian Wallace; *The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge* by Hildegard H Swift and Lynd Ward; *Sailing With the Wind* by Thomas Locker.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1244-IN

Knots On A Counting Rope

The Reading Rainbow Series

With courage we can face what frightens us.

It's a test of LeVar's courage when he chooses to camp out all night alone in the wilderness. He is inspired by the book *Knots On a Counting Rope* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, illustrated by Ted Rand. It's a Native American tale about a young boy's emerging confidence as he faces his greatest challenge – his blindness. Viewers will also be inspired by a segment featuring Bree Walker, a TV reporter who overcame the obstacle of his physical deformity. Program Number 53.

Review Books: *Harriet's Recital* by Nancy Carlson; *Let's Go Swimming with Mr Sillypants* by M K Brown; *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen, illustrated by John Schoenherr.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2000-IN

The Lady With The Ship On Her Head

The Reading Rainbow Series

Silly situations are entertaining and fun.

Join LeVar as anchor of a wild and wacky news report, *Headline News...all the news from the neck up!* Inspired by *The Lady With the Ship on Her Head* by Deborah Nourse Lattimore, viewers will visit

the biggest barbershop in the world and get a sneak preview of a hot new music video. Program Number 78.

Review Books: *The Flyaway Pantaloons* by Joseph Sharples, illustrated by Sue Scullard; *An Enchanted Hair Tale* by Alexis De Veaux, illustrated by Cheryl Hanna; *Moog-Moog, Space Barber* by Mark Teague.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2339-IN

The Legend Of The Indian Paintbrush

The Reading Rainbow Series

Like Little Gopher, we all possess gifts and talents that make us special to the people around us.

The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush, retold and illustrated by Tomie dePaola, follows the journey of a young Indian boy as he follows his vision quest to find the special gift that he can give his people. For the Pueblo Indian People of New Mexico, Mother Earth plays a crucial role in their art. They use natural materials in their pottery, buckskin painting and dance. A visit to the Taos Pueblo in Taos, New Mexico, provides a beautiful backdrop for LeVar and three Pueblo artists. Program Number 73.

Review Books: *Rainbow Crow* retold by Nancy Van Laan, illustrated by Beatriz Vidal; *Indians of the Americas* From the New True Book series; *The Mud Pony* retold by Caron Lee Cohen, illustrated by Shonto Begay.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2334-IN

Liang And The Magic Paintbrush

The Reading Rainbow Series

Exploring how art is integrated into many aspects of Chinese-American culture shows us that art is an important part of everyone's life.

The richness of that culture is explored on location in New York City's Chinatown where LeVar Burton encounters the famous lion dancers, who for thousands of years, have celebrated happiness and brought good fortune. The feature book, *Liang and the Magic Paintbrush*, taken from an old Chinese legend, tells of a boy who finds a magic paintbrush that brings everything he paints to life. This legend seems alive today as a computer magically creates the latest in technological art. Program Number 7.

Review Books: *Emma* by Wendy Kesselman, illustrated by Barbara Cooney; *Ben's Trumpet* by Rachel Isadora; *If You Take A Pencil* by Fulvio Testa.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1016-IN



Learning Resources

The Life Cycle Of The Honey Bee

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - *Growth and Changes in Animals*; describe changes ... complete life cycle; compare life cycles

Learning about honeybees shows how important working together in a community can be.

Where does honey come from? And how is it made? These are just some of the questions explored here. LeVar's curiosity is satisfied when he visits a real-life beekeeper and examines a beehive close up. Viewers will learn how honey is extracted from combs and how important the queen bee is to a well organized hive. Program Number 36.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1243-IN

Little Nino's Pizzeria

The Reading Rainbow Series

Working as a team, especially a family team, helps people accomplish some wonderful things.

Tony loves helping his dad make pizza at their family restaurant, until his dad decides to open up a fancy new restaurant instead. In the new place Tony seems to always be in the way, but after a while his father misses making his own pizza and goes right back to his old ways. Inspired by *Little Nino's Pizzeria* by Karen Barbour, LeVar decides to make a pizza on his own, but what he doesn't know is that his ordinary pizza pie has to feed an entire basketball team. Program Number 58.

Review Books: *Eats Poems* by Arnold Adoff, illustrated by Susan Russo; *What Happens to a Hamburger?* by Paul Showers, illustrated by Anne Rockwell; *The Popcorn Book* by Tomie de Paola.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2005-IN

The Lotus Seed

The Reading Rainbow Series

The *Lotus Seed*, written by Sherry Garland, illustrated by Tatsuro Kiuchi and narrated by Rona Figueroa, is the touching story of a young Vietnamese woman who, when forced to flee her country, takes a lotus seed with her as a warm reminder of her past.

LeVar explores how traditions and heritage are passed down through generations when he meets families who have come to the United States and embraced more than one culture. Program Number 106.

Review Books: *I'm New Here* by Bud Howlett; *Halmoni and the Picnic* by Sook Nyul Choi; *Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4328-IN

Louis The Fish

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - *Growth and Changes in Animals*; Basic concept: identify and describe major physical characteristics of divergent types of animals; behavioural characteristics that enable animals to survive.

Grade 4 - Habitats and Communities.

Pretending to be someone else can be exciting and can also be a way of discovering how wonderful it is to be yourself.

Nearly everyone has longed to be an animal or bird or even a fish at one time or another. This is a whale of a tale about a butcher who yearns to be a fish and turns into a salmon. LeVar gets along swimmingly with other creatures of the deep and the New England Aquarium and meets dolphins Dixie and Dolly of the Aquacircus in Yarmouth, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Program Number 5.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1014-IN

Ludlow Laughs

The Reading Rainbow Series

Laughter is the best medicine because it makes people feel good!

In *Ludlow Laughs* by Jon Agee, and read by Phyllis Diller, Ludlow is a big grump who never laughs or smiles, but one night he has the funniest dream ever, and the whole world laughs with him. Influenced by Ludlow, LeVar learns how to be

funny from a comedy make-over specialist. Viewers will also take a peek behind the scenes of a comedy club, and meet a real-life stand-up comic. Program Number 59.

Review Books: *Pig William* by Arlene Dubanevich; *Shake My Sillies Out, A Raffie Song to Read*, illustrated by David Allender; *The Make Me Laugh Joke Books*, a series illustrated by Joan Hanson.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2006-IN

Mama Don't Allow

The Reading Rainbow Series

Sometimes "Mama do Sallow"... and sometimes "Mama don't", but the real key to success is dependent on the amount of time and effort we invest in pursuing a chosen interest.

When Miles gets a saxophone for his birthday, neither his parents nor his neighbourhood can stand the racket! However, when Miles and his Swamp Band receive an invitation to play at the Alligator Ball, no one guesses what's in store for them. LeVar travels deep into the swamps of Louisiana to visit an alligator farm, journeys down the Mississippi in a riverboat, and meets one of New Orleans' hottest jazz saxophonists. Program Number 30.

Review Books: *Miranda* by Tricia Tusa; *Apt. 3* by Ezra Jack Keats; *Alligator Shows* by Arthur Dorros.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1039-IN



Learning Resources

Martha Speaks

The Reading Rainbow Series

Reading Rainbow goes to the dogs as LeVar's favourite pooch, Luke, steps to the forefront and takes over the show in this book written by Susan Meddaugh and narrated by Jo Hayden.

Viewers get a dog's eye view of life, and get to meet some incredible canine daredevils who prove that a dog is truly a kids best friend - no bones about it!

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4394-IN

Math Cure

The Reading Rainbow Series

Based on the book *Math Curse* by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by Lane Smith and narrated by actor Michelle Trachtenberg (from the movie *Harriet the Spy*), is a zany and hilarious look at how most everything in our lives is math related.

LeVar tracks down, scouts out and sneaks up on math in action, and he finds out first hand that a factory - and life - can't run without it.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4742-IN

Meanwhile, Back At The Ranch

The Reading Rainbow Series

A tall tale and a visit to the Old West provide a laugh and a chance to see the "olden days".

"Home, home on the range..." While Rancher Hicks drives to Sleepy Gulch in *Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch* by Trinka Hakes Noble, illustrated by Tony Ross and narrated by Hoyt Axton, he misses a very eventful surprise-filled day back home. LeVar experiences the Old West as he rides a stagecoach across the Arizona desert and visits Old Tuscon, an authentic western town. He also gets a taste of life as a cowboy when he dons true western garb complete with spurs, chaps, and a ten gallon hat. As an added treat, viewers meet a talented stunt woman who demonstrates rope tricks and thrilling stunts on horseback. Program Number 44.

Review Books: *Dakota Dugout* by Ann Turner, illustrated by Ronald Himler; *Bossyboots* by Davis Cox; *Rodeo* by Cheryl Walsh Bellville.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1251-IN

The Milk Makers

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - Growth and Changes in Animals: Basic concept: identify and describe the major physical characteristics of different

types of animals; identify constant traits and compare the appearance of young and mature animals of the same species.

Learning how things, like milk, are made is an essential part of understanding how our world works.

It's fresh and cold, foamy and white and one of nature's most nutritious foods...milk! Thanks to this story by Gail Gibbons, everyone learns how this delicious liquid travels from a dairy cow to the neighbourhood supermarket. LeVar visits California's dairy country and gets a lesson on how to milk a cow by hand and an introduction on the modern way of milking and feeding six hundred cows. Viewers get an insider's tour through a cheese-making factory, and a tender glimpse of the special kind of motherly love necessary to take care of baby calves. Program Number 32.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1041-IN

Miss Nelson Is Back

The Reading Rainbow Series

Things are sometimes not what they seem, so it's important to look closely and discover the truth.

What could be more intriguing than a mysterious treasure hunt? On LeVar's birthday, a messenger delivers a clue which leads him to a bookstore. There he finds a copy of the feature book, narrated by Ruth Buzzi, about a teacher and her students who are masters

of disguise. The search unveils do-it-yourself costumes and masks and a performance by Blackstone the Magician. The *Upside Down Riddle Book*, by Louis Phillips, illustrated by Beau Garner, adds some visual puzzles, with clues in pictures rather than words. The journey ends with a real surprise for LeVar... and for us! Program Number 2.

Review Books: *Grandma's Joy* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Carole Byard; *Daddy Is A Monster Sometimes* by John Steptoe; *Harlequin And The Gift Of Many Colours* by Remy Charlip and Burton Supree.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1011-IN

Mrs Katz And Tush

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Patricia Polacco and narrated by Reizl Boyzk and Rick English, *Mrs. Katz and Tush* is a heartwarming story of a special relationship that transcends age and cultural differences. LeVar celebrates the beauty of cross cultural relationships as he visits his very own "bubbie" and learns to make challah. Program Number 93.

Review Books: *Abuela* by Arthur Dorros, illustrated by Elisa Kleven; *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox, illustrated by Julie Vivas; *Kwanzaa* by Deborah Newton Chocolate, illustrated by Melodye Rosales.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4224-IN



Learning Resources

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

The Reading Rainbow Series

By celebrating the African heritage of black skinned Americans, we learn about cultural traditions and see how these traditions have shaped the culture of Americans.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe, read by Phylicia Rashad is an African tale about two very different sisters. Celebrate the culture of Africa in New York City's Central Park where LeVar learns how to play authentic African instruments and joins in the fun with the African dance troupe, Forces of Nature. Program Number 55.

Review Books: *Who's In Rabbit's House?* by Verna Aardema, illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon; *Jambo Means Hello, Swahili Alphabet Book*, by Muriel Feelings, illustrated by Tom Feelings; *Jafta Series* by Hugh Lewin, illustrated by Lisa Kopper.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2002-IN

Mummies Made In Egypt

The Reading Rainbow Series

Technology can help us learn more about people and cultures from the past...like ancient Egypt.

Viewers are invited on an in-depth look at the ancient and fascinating world of mummies in *Mummies Made In Egypt* by Aliki.

LeVar visits the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston where the art of conserving Egyptian artifacts is explored. And, through the use of CAT scan technology, viewers get to see what a mummy originally looked like after thousands of years. Program Number 54.

Review Books: *Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile* by Tomie de Paola; *I Can be an Archaeologist* by Robert B Pickering, from the "I Can Be" series; *Visiting the Art Museum* by Laurene Krasney Brown and Marc Brown.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2001-IN

My Life With The Wave

The Reading Rainbow Series

A sheer magical tale about a boy who brings home a wave, is based on a story by Octavio Paz, adapted by Catherine Cowan, illustrated by Mark Buehner and narrated by Broadway actor Scott Irby-Ranniar.

LeVar explores the beauty and fascination of water, the rhythm and energy of waves, and visits people who are fulfilling the dream to save endangered sea life.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 6 to 8
30 minutes, order 5-4743-IN

My Little Island

The Reading Rainbow Series

Learning to appreciate Land experience another culture is a real adventure.

In this book by Frane Lessac a little boy takes his best friend to visit the Caribbean island where he was born. The book truly comes alive when LeVar visits this same beautiful island, Montserrat, in the West Indies. As he tours the island, viewers experience the many colours and sights of this tropical paradise, including unique flowers and unusual fruits – like pawpaws, mangoes and breadfruit. Program Number 45.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1252-IN

My Shadow

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4 - Light and Sound Energy

Written by Robert Louis Stevenson, examines our fascination with light and shadows: how they work, where they come from, and how they create such beautiful imagery together.

LeVar demonstrates how light and shadow can be used to tell the time, and even gets some fun lessons on the art of creating shadow puppets, as he sheds a little light on shadows. Program Number 109.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4331-IN

Mystery On The Docks

The Reading Rainbow Series

A good mystery sparks the imagination and encourages appreciation of the unexplained marvels of life. Everybody's favorite kind of show... a suspense-filled mystery with an exciting and unexpected setting.

Mystery on the Docks by Thacher Hurd is our featured selection narrated by Raul Julia, all about the sights, smells and sounds of the waterfront at night. Foghorns, gangplanks and tough looking characters involved in a mysterious plot inspire LeVar to investigate the "scene of the crime." We take a spooky trip to the docks after dark. What are we looking for? What are those strange noises? Who is that in the shadows? Uh-oh...we'll have to wait until LeVar investigates the situation and solves the mystery at the end of the show! Program Number 19.

Review Books: *Big City Port* by Betsy Maestro and Ellen DeVecchio, illustrated by Giulio Maestro; *The Wreck of the Zephr* by Chris Van Allsburg; *Nate the Great: Mystery Series* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, illustrated by Marc Simont.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1028-IN



Learning Resources

Nosey Mrs Rat

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2: *Growth and Changes in Animals - Relating Science and Tech to the World Outside the School: describe ways in which humans can help or harm other living things*

When does a healthy curiosity become annoyingly nosey? When you have a nosey neighbour!

Written by Jeffrey Allen, this story takes a humorous look at snooping around, and shows how an investigative mind can lead to great discoveries. In an informative interview, primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall explains how her own curiosity helped her become a leading scientist in the study of primates. Program Number 101.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4323-IN

Once There Was A Tree

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 3 - *Growth and Changes in Plants: Basic concept: describe the changes plants undergo in their life cycle. Grade 4 - Habitats and Communities: Basic concept: identify various factors that affect plants in a specific habitat.*

Written by Natalia Romanova, this story beautifully weaves together the important relationship among all living things, and our dependence on trees for food, shelter, and the air we breathe.

LeVar explores the magnificent life cycle of trees in the forest and their importance to humans, animals, and the planet. Program Number 104.

Review Books: *The Tremendous Tree Book* by Barbara Brenner and May Garelick; *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* by Lois Ehlert; *The Tree in the Wood* adapted and illustrated by Christopher Manson.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4326-IN

Opt: An Illusionary Tale

The Reading Rainbow Series

Seeing is not always believing, especially when you're looking at an optical illusion.

Seeing isn't always believing, especially in a book called *Opt: An Illusionary Tale* by Arline and Joseph Baum. Join LeVar as he enters the pages of *Opt* and walks through a world made up of optical illusions. Viewers will see for themselves how the eye can be fooled and meet a talented painter who specializes in art that tricks the eye. Program Number 76.

Review Books: *Lenses! Take a Closer Look* by Siegfried Aust, illustrated by Helge Nyncke; *Hide and Seek* edited by Jennifer Coldrey and Karen Goldie-Morrison; *If At First You Do Not See* by Ruth Brown.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2337-IN

Owen

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Kevin Henkes and narrated by Matthew Broderick, this story examines some of the more humorous aspects of a childhood through the eyes of a little mouse who refuses to be separated from his "blankie."

This episode brings out the kid in LeVar, who, through a series of flashbacks to his own childhood, explores positive ways that children can deal with changes in everyday life and growing up. Program 119.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4494-IN

Ox Cart Man

The Reading Rainbow Series

A visit to the colonial Avillage reveals a time when people had a close relationship with the land, animals, and people they needed for everyday life and survival.

It may look as if LeVar has stepped back in time as he bounces along in the back of an ox-cart, but he's really at Old Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts, a hands-on living museum where he comes to discover what life was like in the early 1800's.

LeVar's trip has been inspired by the feature book, *Ox-Cart Man*, a lyrical account of a 19th century New England family's year, which is evocatively narrated in the program by Lorne Green. While at Old Sturbridge Village, LeVar dons the traditional leather apron to forge iron with the blacksmith; barbers 19th century-style for a hand-knitted pair of mittens; assists the printer as he prints a Reading Rainbow broadside; watches baby oxen train; and explores in fascinating detail this mini-world of historic wonders. A final celebration helps LeVar decide that "olden days were golden days"...but the world is still full of new frontiers for today's pioneers. Program Number 18.

Review Books: *Round Trip* by Ann Jonas; *A Winter Place* by Ruth Yaffe Radin, illustrated by Mattie Lou O'Kelly; *Wagon Wheels* by Barbara Brenner, illustrated by Don Bolognese.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1027-IN



Learning Resources

The Paper Crane

The Reading Rainbow Series

A story about a paper crane and an exploration of Japanese folk art give us a chance to experience a sample of Japanese culture.

A generous restaurant owner receives a wonderful, magical gift from a stranger in *The Paper Crane*, written by Molly Bang and narrated by Keye Luke. LeVar celebrates Japanese culture by visiting Gasho of Japan in Central Valley, New York. Surrounded by lush gardens, he dons a kimono and steps into the enchanting world of Japan, exploring the artistry of a Japanese vegetable carver at work and the ancient art of origami. A demonstration of this ancient art is done with the assistance of the book *Easy Origami* by Dokuohtei Nakano, translated by Eric Kenneway. LeVar then joins Soh Daiko, an energetic and colourful group of Japanese dancers as they perform the celebratory "festival of the drums." Program Number 39.

Review Books: *How My Parents Learned to Eat* by Ina R Friedman, illustrated by Allen Say; *Paper Through the Ages* by Shaaron Cosner, illustrated by Charles Mikolaycak.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1246-IN

Patchwork Quilt

The Reading Rainbow Series

Coming in all sizes, shapes and colours, families are as varied as patchwork quilts with their own special brand of love.

Narrated by Isabel Sanford, *The Patchwork Quilt*, written by Valerie Flournoy and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, tells the story of a young girl who learns the secret ingredient in her Grandma's special quilt of memories.

Host LeVar Burton discovers kids learning to make their own brightly coloured patchwork quilts at the Boston Children's Museum, a hands-on museum where folk traditions are kept alive. The four generation Italian family, the Balduccis, who have created a renowned New York food market and speciality shop using honoured family traditions, demonstrate that families are as unique and varied as patchwork quilts. Program Number 22.

Review Books: *The Two Of Them* by Alikei; *Angel Child, Dragon Child* by Michelle Maria Surat, illustrated by Vo-Dinh Mai; *Being Adopted* by Maxine B Rosenberg, photos by George Ancona.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1031-IN

Paul Bunyan

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 3 - *Growth and Changes in Plants: Basic concept: describe how the growth of plants is affected by changes in environmental conditions (forest fire, new growth).*

Learning to respect and conserve our natural resources is the first important step toward enjoying their beauty and wealth for years to come.

Who dug the Great Lakes, created the Grand Canyon and is the greatest logger that ever lived? Why, Paul Bunyan, of course.

Narrated by Buddy Ebsen, the incredible feats of one of America's best-loved tall tale heroes are delightfully re-counted and illustrated by Steven Kellog. Host LeVar Burton joins Smokey the Bear for a trip to Maine, the legendary birthplace of Paul Bunyan. LeVar catches up with forest rangers battling a forest fire using the latest equipment, including helicopters. A visit to a reforestation area shows how little seeds become big trees and demonstrates the importance of conservation. And when the fire has been put out and the trees are safe, LeVar joins in the University of Maine's Woodsmen competition - using traditional lumberjack skills - to see who really is the best logger around! Program Number 21.

Review Books: *The Star-Spangled Banner* illustrated by Peter Spier; *The Legend of the Blue Bonnet* retold and illustrated by Tomie de Paula; *Whale in the Sky* by Anne Siberell.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1030-IN

Perfect The Pig

The Reading Rainbow Series

A loving and amusing celebration of the much misunderstood pig shows how preconceived notions can affect our opinions.

Imagine a pig with wings! James Coco narrates the high-flying adventures of one such special pig in the feature book, *Perfect the Pig* by Susan Jeschke. LeVar has an adventure of his own when he discovers Kermit the Frog at the library and they have a lively discussion about Kermit's special friend, Miss Piggy. And imagine pigs as funny! Lots of humans have, by creating pig mugs, hog glasses, other pig paraphernalia, and making up "pigericks". Real pigs are also featured in a visit to a hog farm in rural Oahu in Hawaii. Program Number 25.

Review Books: *Poinsettia and Her Family* by Felicia Bond; *The Bionic Bunny Show* by Marc Brown; *Hector, the Accordion-Nosed Dog* by John Stadler.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1034-IN



Learning Resources

Piggy In The Puddle

The Reading Rainbow Series

Squishy fun is jumping in mud or creating figures from clay

LeVar takes viewers behind the scenes as *The Piggy in the Puddle*, by Charlotte Pomerantz, illustrated by James Marshall, is brought to life through the art of clay animation. From painting and sculpting the characters, to the painstaking process of filming the action frame by frame, the secrets of "claymation" are revealed. Program Number 87.

Review Books: *Oink* by Arthur Geisert; *The Hippopotamus Song: A Muddy Love Story* by Michael Flanders & Donald Swann, illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott; *This House is Made of Mud* by Ken Buchanan, illustrated by Libba Tracy.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4054-IN

Purple Coat

The Reading Rainbow Series

It's great to try something new... even if you're not sure that you'll like it.

Every year Grampa makes Gabrielle a navy blue coat, but this year she wants something new. Inspired by *The Purple Coat* by Amy Hest and narrated by Jack Gilford, LeVar visits New York City's garment district and has a coat made especially for him.

Viewers also visit the Fashion Institute of Technology where they explore the fascinating world of design. Program Number 50.

Review Books: *Pablo Picasso* by Ibi Lepesky, illustrated by Paolo Cardoni, translated by Howard Rodger MacLean; *The Goat in the Rug* by Charles L Blood and Martin Link, illustrated by Nancy Wilson Parker; *How a Book is Made* by Aiki.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1980-IN

Raccoons And Ripe Corn

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - *Growth and Changes in Animals*; *Basic concept: physical characteristics; behavioural characteristics; ways in which animals eat their food, move and use their environment to meet their needs.*

Grade 4: Recognize that animals live in specific habitats because they depend...

There are many stories in nature waiting to be discovered and with careful observation you can find them.

Jim Arnosky's books *Raccoons and Ripe Corn*, *Deer at the Brook* and *Come Out, Muskrats* provide the inspiration for LeVar to learn about wildlife watching.

He joins Jim Arnosky for a day of exploration and finds out how to play detective in the wild. Grab your binoculars, grab your waders and you're off in search of wild animals. Teeth marks on twigs are a good sign that beavers are near by. If you look closely at the tree trunks, you might see tiny porcupine claw marks. Get a close look at raccoon paw prints and learn how to tell if they were drinking from the brook or just passing by. If you keep your eyes open and listen closely, you could become a wildlife detective yourself! Program Number 77.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2338-IN

Reading Rainbow Posters

The Reading Rainbow Series

Four colour multi-cultural 22 x 28 inch poster, shipped folded flat features nine children and promotes "Discover The Magic of Books" plus Reading Rainbow logo.
minutes, order 5-2145-IN

Reading Rainbow Buttons

The Reading Rainbow Series

Brighten your classroom or library and light up children's faces with our *Reading Rainbow* rainbow and butterfly buttons, approximately 3 inches in diameter, on white background. Minimum 100 unit purchase.
minutes, order 5-2142-IN

Reading Rainbow Book Stickers

The Reading Rainbow Series

For use on books, Silver sticker notes "Reading Rainbow book". Minimum order 500.
minutes, order 5-2143-IN

Reading Rainbow T Shirts

The Reading Rainbow Series

Cru or powder blue cotton with *Reading Rainbow* rainbow and butterfly (indicate colour). Children's sizes: S,M,L, and adult sizes: L, XL.
minutes, order 5-2144-IN

Reading Rainbow Curriculum Index

The Reading Rainbow Series

Professional
minutes, order 5-4372-IN



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Learning Resources

Reading Rainbow Programs 1-50 Teachers Guide

The Reading Rainbow Series

Engaging discussion topics and illuminating classroom activities are included for each program. This guide supports the following Reading Rainbow programs:

- 1: Tight Times
- 2: Miss Nelson is Back
- 3: Bea and Mr. Jones
- 4: Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
- 5: Louis the Fish
- 6: Digging Up Dinosaurs
- 7: Liang and the Magic Paintbrush
- 8: Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport
- 9: Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe
- 10: The Gift of the Sacred Dog
- 11: Gregory, the Terrible Eater
- 12: Three By the Sea
- 13: Arthur's Eyes
- 14: The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash
- 15: Ty's One-Man Band
- 16: Hot-Air Henry
- 17: Simon's Book
- 18: Ox-Cart Man
- 19: Mystery on the Docks
- 20: A Chair For My Mother
- 21: Paul Bunyan
- 22: The Patchwork Quilt

- 23: Hill of Fire
- 24: The Tortoise and the Hare
- 25: Perfect the Pig
- 26: Animal Cafe
- 27: Alistair in Outer Space
- 28: Feelings
- 29: Watch the Stars Come Out
- 30: Mama Don't Allow
- 31: Space Case
- 32: The Milk Makers
- 33: Imogene's Antlers
- 34: Germs Make Me Sick!
- 35: Abiyoyo
- 36: The Life Cycle of the Honeybee
- 37: Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie
- 38: Chickens Aren't the Only Ones
- 39: The Paper Crane
- 40: The Runaway Duck
- 41: A Three Hat Day
- 42: Rumpelstilskin
- 43: Best Friends
- 44: Meanwhile Back at the Ranch
- 45: My Little Island
- 46: The Bionic Bunny Show
- 47: Bugs
- 48: The Robbery at the Diamond Dog Diner
- 49: Brush
- 50: The Purple Coat
minutes, order 5-2343-IN

Reading Rainbow Programs 51-60 Teachers Guide

The Reading Rainbow Series

Suggested activities and curriculum ideas for programs 51 to 60. This guide supports the following Reading Rainbow programs:

- 51: Barn Dance!
- 52: Duncan and Dolores
- 53: Knots on a Counting Rope
- 54: Mummies Made in Egypt
- 55: Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters
- 56: Humphrey the Lost Whale: A True Story
- 57: Stay Away From the Junkyard!
- 58: Little Nino's Pizzeria
- 59: Ludlow Laughs
- 60: Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family Lizardo
Professional minutes, order 5-2139-IN

Reading Rainbow Programs 51-80 Teachers Guide

The Reading Rainbow Series

Engaging discussion topics and illuminating classroom activities are included for each program. This guide supports the following Reading Rainbow programs:

- 51: Barn Dance!
- 52: Duncan and Dolores
- 53: Knots on a Counting Rope
- 54: Mummies Made in Egypt

- 55: Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters
- 56: Humphrey the Lost Whale: A True Story
- 57: Stay Away From the Junkyard!
- 58: Little Nino's Pizzeria
- 59: Ludlow Laughs
- 60: Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family Lizardo
- 61: Dive to the Coral Reefs
- 62: Desert Giant: The World of Saguaro Cactus
- 63: Tooth-Gnasher Superflash
- 64: Bored-Nothing to Do!
- 65: Sports Pages
- 66: The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth
- 67: Jack, the Seal and the Sea
- 68: The Bicycle Man
- 69: Florence and Eric Take the Cake
- 70: Sunken Treasure
- 71: Alistair's Time Machine
- 72: The Adventures of Taxi Dog
- 73: The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush
- 74: Galimoto
- 75: Fox on the Job
- 76: Opt: An Illusionary Tale
- 77: Raccoons and Ripe Corn
- 78: The Lady With a Ship on Her Head
- 79: Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express
- 80: Snowy Day: Stories and Poems
Ages 6-11
minutes, order 5-2342-IN



Learning Resources

Reading Rainbow Programs 61-70 Teachers Guide

The Reading Rainbow Series

Suggested activities and curriculum ideas for programs 61 to 70. This guide supports the following Reading Rainbow programs:

- 61: Dive to the Coral Reefs
 - 62: Desert Giant: The World of the Saguaro Cactus
 - 63: Tooth-Gnasher Superflash
 - 64: Bored-Nothing to Do
 - 65: Sports Pages
 - 66: The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth
 - 67: Jack, the Seal and the Sea
 - 68: The Bicycle Man
 - 69: Florence and Eric Take the Cake
 - 70: Sunken Treasure
- Professional minutes, order 5-2140-IN

Reading Rainbow Programs 81-90 Teachers Guide

The Reading Rainbow Series

Engaging discussion topics and illuminating classroom activities are included for each program.

This guide supports the following Reading Rainbow programs:

- 81: Tar Beach
- 82: The Wall
- 83: Sam the Sea Cow
- 84: Rechenka's Eggs
- 85: Sophie and Lou
- 86: Come a Tide

87: The Piggy in the Puddle

88: Seashore Surprises

89: Through Moon and Stars and Night Skies

90: Berloiz the Bear

Ages 6-11 minutes, order 5-4059-IN

Reading Rainbow Programs 91-100 Teachers Guide

The Reading Rainbow Series

This guide supports the following Reading Rainbow programs:

- 91: Amazing Grace
 - 92: The Furry News: How to Make a Newspaper
 - 93: Mrs. Katz and Tush
 - 94: The Salamander Room
 - 95: Silent Lotus
 - 96: Follow the Drinking Gourd
 - 97: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
 - 98: Is This a House for Hermit Crab?
 - 99: And Still the Turtle Watched
 - 100: June 29, 1999
- Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11 minutes, order 5-4333-IN

Reading Rainbow Bookmarks

The Reading Rainbow Series

Light up children's faces with our colourful stickers and bookmarks. Bookmarks feature "Explore the Colorful World of Reading Rainbow" and the stickers highlight "I'm a Reading Rainbow Reader". Minimum order of one 200 unit package.
minutes, order 5-4320-IN

Reading Rainbow Programs 101-110 Teacher's Guide

The Reading Rainbow Series

Make the most of young readers' interest in *Reading Rainbow* with a comprehensive Teacher's Guide.

Engaging discussion topics and illuminating classroom activities are included for each program, along with program summaries and information on the featured books.

This guide supports the following Reading Rainbow programs:

- 101: Nosey Mrs. Rat
- 102: Borreguita and the Coyote
- 103: Summer
- 104: Once There Was a Tree
- 105: Appelemando's Dream
- 106: The Lotus Seed
- 107: Hail to Mail
- 108: Stellaluna
- 109: My Shadow
- 110: Ruth Law Thrills a Nation

Closed Captioned, Ages 6-11 minutes, order 5-4344-IN

The Reading Rainbow Musical Package

The Reading Rainbow Series

Young audiences and performers will delight in this entertaining, new youth musical based on the critically acclaimed children's series *Reading Rainbow*.

Teachers will appreciate the flexible format which allows for presentation by small or large groups as well as the incorporation of student ideas into the performance.

The 30-minute production of *The Reading Rainbow Musical* features spirited songs and imaginative scenes which explore the magical world of rainbows and portray reading as a colourful adventure full of fun and fantasy.

The musical includes six original unison songs with messages of hope, wonder and excitement and will appeal to all ages groups.

Cast Size: 15 or more, Sets, props, costumes and blocking can be as simple or elaborate as desired.

Target Audience: grades K-5. Package includes 15 Student/Director Books, full performance/accompaniment audio cassette.

Additional books available.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4345-IN



Learning Resources

Rechenka's Eggs

The Reading Rainbow Series

Eggs are remarkable in both art and nature.

An Eggceptional show! LeVar finds out that an egg is everything it's cracked up to be ... and more. Viewers will gain a new appreciation for the egg; in art and nature. Patricia Polacco, the author/illustrator of *Rechenka's Eggs*, demonstrates the traditional Ukrainian egg painting art called pysanky. Program Number 84.

Review Books: *The Talking Eggs* by Robert C. San Souci, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney; *Stefan and Olga* by Betsy Day; *I Made It Myself* by Sabine Lohf.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4051-IN

Regina's Big Mistake

The Reading Rainbow Series

Regina is so afraid of making a mistake on her art project that she won't even pick up a crayon to get started.

This book, written by Marissa Moss, explores some of the ways that artists express themselves through their work, and takes a look at the creative process.

Segments highlight a variety of art forms and the hidden artist in everyone. Program # 128

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4521-IN

The Robbery At The Diamond Dog Diner

The Reading Rainbow Series

Finding a solution to a problem or learning something new can be difficult, but with perseverance, we can do just about anything.

Can a talkative chicken named Glenda Feathers outwit a couple of Diamond Robber Mutts? This story unfolds in *The Robbery at the Diamond Dog Diner* by Eileen Christelow, narrated by Peter Falk.

LeVar goes behind the grill at Rosie's Diner and gets a quick lesson on becoming a short-order cook. Viewers also get a close-up look at how pasta is made. Program Number 48.

Review Books: *Aunt Eater Loves A Mystery* by Doug Cushman; *A Cache of Jewels and Other Collective Nouns* by Ruth Heller; *Better Homes And Gardens Step-By-Step Kids' Cook Book*.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1978-IN

Rumpelstiltskin

The Reading Rainbow Series

A familiar fairy tale provides us an opportunity to experience life during Renaissance times.

The classic fairy tale, *Rumpelstiltskin*, retold and illustrated by Paul O Zelinsky, comes to life when with a visit to a Renaissance festival.

Viewers experience what it was like to live in the days of lords, kings and queens, and knights in shining armour. Explore the festival where daily life is reenacted and traveling performers such as minstrels and jesters all take part in the fanfare. Program Number 42.

Review Books: *A Medieval Feast* by Alik; *The Story of a Castle* by John S Goodall; *The Sleeping Beauty* retold and illustrated by Mercer Mayer.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1249-IN

The Runaway Duck

The Reading Rainbow Series

The wondrous adventures of a wooden duck provide an opportunity for us to investigate real-life ducks and geese.

Egbert, a carved wooden duck, doesn't mean to take a trip around the world but that's what happens in *The Runaway Duck*, by David Lyon. In this funny and compelling story, narrated by Orson Bean, Egbert's travels are delightfully chronicled as he travels in air, on land, and at sea. LeVar takes his own trip to Maryland's Chesapeake Bay to learn about waterfowl, nature's special birds. Viewers will also get a glimpse of the intricate art of duck carving, and see (as well as hear) how expert duck callers "call" a duck. Program Number 40.

Review Books:

Dabble Duck by Ann Leo Ellis, illustrated by Sue Truesdell; *The Story About Ping* by Marjorie Flack and Kurt Wiese; *Jamaica's Find* by Juanita Havill, illustrated by Anne Sibley O'Brien.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1247-IN

Ruth Law Thrills A Nation

The Reading Rainbow Series

Ruth Law Thrills a Nation, written and illustrated by Don Brown and narrated by Linda Lavin, takes viewers on a whirlwind adventure, exploring some of the unsung heroes of aviation.

Take a trip through time, from the barnstorming days of Bessie Coleman, to the modern aviation machines of today, and witness a teenage pilot take to the air for the first time, following in the footsteps of the great women who went before her. Program Number 110.

Review Books: *Plane Song* by Diane Siebert; *Flight* by Robert Burleigh; *Amelia's Fantastic Flight* by Rose Bursik.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4332-IN



Reading Rainbow Series

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Learning Resources

The Salamander Room

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2: *Basic concepts: describe ways in which animals respond and adapt to their environment.*

Grade 3: Describe how the growth of plants is affected by changes in environmental conditions; how features of plants help them survive.

Grade 4: Factors that affect plants and animals in a specific habitat.

In this story by Anne Mazer, viewers learn that there's more to creating an animal habitat than meets the eye.

LeVar guides us through "Jungle World," a simulated rainforest at the Bronx Zoo, and shows us how this incredible environment was created. Program Number 94.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4225-IN

Sam The Sea Cow

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4 - *Habitats and Communities: Basic concept: identify various factors that affect animals in a specific habitat; recognize they live in specific habitats because they are dependent on those habitats and have adapted to them.*

Many people are working hard to help save and protect manatees.

The true story of *Sam the Sea Cow* by Francine Jacobs, illustrated by Laura Kelly, is narrated by Jason Robards. LeVar travels to Florida for an up close look at manatees. These gentle giants and their natural habitat are explored, and LeVar joins the Sea World staff as they nurse an injured manatee back to health and return it to the wild. Program Number 83.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4050-IN

Saturday Sancocho

The Reading Rainbow Series

Release Date: MID NOVEMBER, 1998

It's early in the morning as vendors at the neighbourhood "Swap and Flea Market" set up. Hints of "swapping" - trading coffee for strawberries - set the stage for this story written and illustrated by Leyla Torres.

LeVar explores the fun of collecting and trading treasures - and how it's based on the ever-changing nature of value. All the while he is classifying, estimating, bartering, trading, collecting and figuring out trade - and monetary - values.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4744-IN

The Science Comes Alive With Reading Rainbow Guide (1st Ed)

The Reading Rainbow Series

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minutes, order 5-2141-IN

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From mammoth whales to microscopic germs... from caves beneath the earth to the heavens above it... 20 *Reading Rainbow* programs offer a perfect blend of science and reading.

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Science program numbers for the second edition of this popular guide are: 31, 32, 34, 36, 38, 47, 54, 56, 61, 62, 66, 67, 70, 76, 77, 83, 86, 88, 94 and 98.

Professional
minutes, order 5-4346-IN

Seashore Surprises

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 4 - *Habitats and Communities: basic concept: identify various factors that affect plants and animals in a specific habitat;*

Look closely; sandy shores are teeming with life.

In this book by Rose Wyler viewers find there's more to the beach than meets the eye. Using the book as his guide, LeVar goes beachcombing in southwestern Florida. Then he meets up with two local naturalists to explore plant and animal life at the edge of the sea, including shells, mangroves and more. Program Number 88.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4055-IN



Learning Resources

The Shaman's Apprentice: A Tale Of The Amazon Rain Forest

The Reading Rainbow Series

The book by Lynne Cherry and Mark Plotkin is the basis for this episode, shot among the Tirio people on location in Suriname, South America.

The episode follows host LeVar Burton and ethnobotanist/author Mark Plotkin as they meet Kamanya, the boy from the book who was cured by his village shaman's "plant cures," and who has become a shaman. We join them as they explore the Amazon rainforest in search of plants used for healing.

Viewers learn firsthand how the world of the rainforest remains a vital source for modern medicines and of spiritual healing.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4995-IN

The Sign Painter's Dream

The Reading Rainbow Series

Visit the bright lights and big city signs of New York's Times Square in this program written by Roger Roth and narrated by Jamie Farr. In this episode, LeVar takes a look at the role that signs play in our everyday lives and goes behind the scenes of an advertising agency and the Artkraft Strauss sign company, to witness the creation and placement of these spectacular, neon-lit signs in Times Square.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4396-IN

Silent Lotus

The Reading Rainbow Series

The art of communication is beautifully explored in *Silent Lotus*, written by Jeanne M. Lee and read by Lea Salonga.

This charming story introduces viewers to a little deaf girl who is blessed with the talent to communicate with her world through dance. LeVar opens the door to a vast and expressive world of non-verbal communication and even tries his hand at sign language. Program Number 95.

Review Books: *The Handmade Alphabet* by Laura Rankin; *Hand Rhymes* collected and illustrated by Marc Brown; *Amy: The Story of a Deaf Child* by Lou Ann Walker, photos by Michael Abramson.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4226-IN

Simon's Book

The Reading Rainbow Series

Lots of imagination and hard work can make a small idea grow and grow - even into a book.

Doodle-di-do, Doodle-di-do! Do you doodle? Have your doodles ever come to life? Well, Simon's did. In our feature book, *Simon's Book* by Henrik Drescher, charmingly narrated by Ms. Ruby Dee, Simon and his pen and ink friends are desperately trying to escape the clutches of the "monster". An avid "doodler" himself, LeVar takes us to the studio of the creator of the monster doodle, Henrik Drescher,

who shows us how he turns gobs and splats of paint and ink into wonderful characters and creates his stories! But where does an artist's work begin to look like a book? Is it all magic? LeVar takes us to the Rae Lithographers in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, to watch and help as books are actually made before our very eyes. We follow the whole process from idea (or doodle) to the finished product on the shelf of your library or favorite store. American Film Festival Red Ribbon Winner. Program Number 17.

Review Books: *Begin at the Beginning* by Amy Schwartz; *What's Under My Bed?* by James Stevenson; *Me and Neesie* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Moneta Barnett.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1026-IN

Snowy Day: Stories And Poems

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grab your mittens and scarf and join LeVar in a wintry wonderland. Inspired by *Snowy Day: Stories And Poems* edited by Caroline Feller Bauer, illustrated by Margot Thomas, LeVar travels to Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Viewers will experience a variety of ways to beat winter's chills and enjoy all of its snowy thrills! Program Number 80.

Review Books: *Winter* by Ron Hirschi, photos by Thomas D Mangelsen; *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* By Robert

Frost, illustrated by Susan Jeffers; *Over the River and Through the Wood* By Lydia Maria Child, illustrated by Iris Van Rynbach.

Early Years, Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-2341-IN

Someplace Else

The Reading Rainbow Series

For many people, no place is as special as home, while others long to explore life someplace else. This program, written by Carol P Saul, is the fun-loving tale of Mrs. Tilby who, after years of living in the same place, sets off to explore life in other places; from the hustle of the big city, to the quiet of a lakeside cabin.

Other segments highlight LeVar's own love of travelling as he takes viewers from one end of the country to the other, exploring the places we all call home. Program 124

Feature Book: *Someplace Else* by Carol P Saul, illus by Barry Root (Simon & Schuster) HC ISN 0-689-80273-0

Review Books: *Town Mouse, Country Mouse* by Carol Jones (Houghton Mifflin) HC ISBN 0-395-71129-0 *Somewhere In The World Right Now* by Stacey Schuett (Knopf) HC ISBN 0-679-86537-3 *Me On The Map* by Joan Sweeney, illus by Annette Cable (Crown) HC ISBN 0-517-70095-6

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 6 to 8
30 minutes, order 5-4485-IN



Learning Resources

Sophie And Lou

The Reading Rainbow Series

When you're afraid to try something new, sometimes all you need to do is take that first step to open up a whole new world.

Sophie and Lou by Petra Mathers, read by Lola Falana, is the story of a mouse named Sophie who overcomes her shyness by learning to dance. From mambo to hip hop, LeVar masters some fancy footwork. Then viewers are off on a globe trotting look at dance around the world, including Bali, Ireland, and Australia. Program Number 85.

Review Books:

Cordelia, Dance! by Sarah Stapler; *Dancing With the Indians* by Angela Shelf Medearis, illustrated by Samuel Byrd; *Lion Dancer: Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year* by Kate Walters & Madeline Slovenz-Low, photos by Martha Cooper.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4052-IN

Space Case

The Reading Rainbow Series

When you think about it, there are millions and millions of miles of outer space and it's interesting to guess what kinds of life forms might exist out there.

What would it be like to meet beings from another planet? In *Space Case*, by Edward Marshall, a young boy has this very opportunity one spooky Halloween night. LeVar sends a special invitation

to all the aliens who might be watching Reading Rainbow to visit the earth, and shows them some of earth's wonders. Among the varied and spectacular places visited are the natural beauty of the majestic cliffs in Carmel, California; the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, California, where astronomers use a gigantic telescope to scan the skies; and Arecibo, Puerto Rico, for an introduction to the world's largest radio-telescope. Program Number 31.

Review Books: *Astronuts: Space Jokes and Riddles* compiled by Charles Keller, illustrated by Art Cummings; *Is There Life in Outer Space?* by Franklin M Branley, illustrated by Don Madden; *Legend of the Milky Way* retold and illustrated by Jeanne M Lee.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1040-IN

Sports Pages

The Reading Rainbow Series

Goals are important in sports; athletes set goals and work hard to reach them in spite of the obstacles.

LeVar sweats it out on the basketball court, in the weight room, and on a bicycle built for three during *Sports Pages* by Arnold Adoff, illustrations by Steve Kuzma. LeVar shares his enthusiasm for athletics when he takes viewers from sport to sport...including soccer, basketball, ice skating, swimming, and gymnastics. The emotions

and feelings of each sport are explored when we meet a variety of young athletes who, through determination and perseverance express the joy of participating in sports. Program Number 65.

Review Books: *Miss Nelson Has A Field Day* by Harry Allard and James Marshall; *Making the Team* by Nancy Carlson; *Soccer Sam* by Jean Marzollo.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2136-IN

Stay Away From The Junkyard!

The Reading Rainbow Series

Just because something is old doesn't mean it's junk...take another look. What one person calls junk another might call treasure.

In *Stay Away From the Junkyard!* by Tricia Tusa, Theodora wanders into the forbidden junkyard where she discovers that, although some things may appear old and useless at first glance, there are creative ways to give them purpose. Viewers meet an artist who collects what some people may consider 'junk'. The artist then transforms these everyday 'junk' objects - woodpieces, buttons and juice cans - into beautiful artwork. Program Number 57.

Review Books:

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats; *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson; *Make Way For Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2004-IN

Stellaluna

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 1: *Characteristics and Needs of Living Things: Basic concept: how animals move; classify characteristics of animals.*

Grade 2: *Major physical characteristics of different types of animals; compare how animals eat their food*

This is the charming story of a baby bat who is separated from her mother and ends up being raised in a most peculiar way by a family of birds.

LeVar discovers a mysterious and fascinating world of nocturnal animals, and explores the not-so-silent world of slumber and dreams. Program Number 108.

Review Books: *Amazing Bats* by Frank Greenaway; *Sleep is for Everyone* by Paul Showers; *Step into the Night* by Joanne Ryder.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4330-IN



Learning Resources

Summer

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 1: *Daily and Seasonal Cycles: compare the different characteristics of the four seasons.*

Lemonade on a garden porch; pumpkins and rust coloured leaves; hot cocoa and snowmen; brightly coloured tulips and singing birds - the unique drama created by each season is explored in this program written by Ron Hirschi and narrated by Ossie Davis.

LeVar cycles through the seasons and shows just how special each seasonal change is to the plants, animals and the world around us.

Contains a wonderful segment on maple sugar farming.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-4325-IN

Sunken Treasure

The Reading Rainbow Series

A treasure hunt is exciting and fun, and there are many kinds of treasures to discover.

An old treasure map leads LeVar on an exciting treasure hunt at "Pirates Cove" in California. Inspired by *Sunken Treasure*, by Gail Gibbons, read by Robert Morse, he uses every device known to find a treasure, including a trusty bloodhound.

Viewers also meet Dr. Robert Ballard of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution who, by using science and

technology, located and explored the most famous shipwreck in history – the Titanic. Program Number 70.

Review Books: *The Titanic: Lost...and Found* by Judy Donnelly, illustrated by Keith Kohler; *A Day Underwater* by Deborah Kovacs; *What's in the Deep? An Underwater Adventure for Children* by Alese and Morton Pechter.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2264-IN

Tar Beach

The Reading Rainbow Series

We all have or need a special place where we can think or fantasize and our daydreams can come true.

Faith Ringgold's *Tar Beach* read by Ruby Dee, takes viewers up on the roof to a "tar beach," an urban oasis in the sky. A celebration of life above the city profiles a pigeon keeper and a rooftop gardener. And a soaring tribute to George Washington Bridge takes viewers to new heights. Program Number 81.

Review Books: *I'm Flying!* by Alan Wade, illustrated by Peter Mathers; *On Grandma's Roof* by Erica Silverman, illustrated by Deborah Kogan Ray; *To Sleep* by James Sage, illustrated by Warwick Hutton.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4048-IN

Three By The Sea

The Reading Rainbow Series

Telling a story or listening to one can unlock the imagination. One learns that a story with the same characters can be told in many ways.

LeVar spends the day at the beach and discovers groups of people all reading the same book: *Three By The Sea*. He buys a copy and reads about Lolly, Sam and Spider, who each tell their own story. LeVar explores the history and adventure of sea shanties and talks with winners of a sand sculpture contest. Finally, a group of children join with an improvisational group to create ideas and action out of thin air - and their imaginations! Program Number 12.

Review Books: *Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel; *Come Away from the Water* by John Birmingham; *Regards to the Man in the Moon* by Ezra Jack Keats.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1021-IN

Three Days On A River In A Red Canoe

The Reading Rainbow Series

Readng a good book can add to the fun of summer vacation by creating a whole new world of real and make-believe adventure.

A book can be a big help when you want to do something but you don't know exactly how. LeVar refers to his much used copy of the feature book, *Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe*. The exciting story gives practical hints on how to tie knots, put up a tent and cook a delicious outdoor meal. In a real-life rafting trip of his own, LeVar rides the white water of the dangerous and uncharted Zambezi River in Africa. Program Number 9.

Review Books: *Anno's Journey* by Mitsumasa Anno; *Worlds to Explore: Handbook for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts* by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.; *Mundos as Explorer* (Spanish adaption of *Worlds to Explore*); *Today We are Brother and Sister* by Arnold Adoff, illustrated by Glo Coalson.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1018-IN



Learning Resources

Three Hat Day

The Reading Rainbow Series

Hats can signify many different types of work and play, and sometimes it's fun to try some on for size!

Hats to Where? Anywhere. Inspired by *A Three Hat Day* by Laura Geringer, illustrated by Arnold Lobel and narrated by Zelda Rubinstein, LeVar can go anywhere just by changing the hat he wears. When he puts on a jockey's cap, LeVar visits a racetrack where he rides in a horse race and experiences the thrill of the winner's circle. And, with the snap of a finger, or the change of a hat, LeVar joins the New York Islanders professional hockey team and learns what it's like to be a goalie. Just like R. R. Pottle the Third shows us in the book, dreams can come true...at the change of a hat. Program Number 41.

Review Books: *Caps For Sale* by Esphir Slobodkina; *Maebelle's Suitcase* by Tricia Tusa; *Shoes* by Elizabeth Winthrop, illustrated by William Joyce.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1248-IN

Through Moon And Stars And Night Skies

The Reading Rainbow Series

Families are created in many different ways.

Through Moon and Stars and Night Skies by Ann Turner, illustrated by James Graham Hale, is a tender story about a family formed through adoption. People everywhere talk about the ups and downs

of life as fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and more. It's a show that everyone can "relate" to. Program Number 89.

Review Books: *Horace* by Holly Keller; *Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers: A Collection of Family Poems* by Mary Ann Hoberman, illustrated by Marilyn Hafner; *Free to Be...A Family: A Book About All Kinds* by Marlo Thomas and Friends.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4056-IN

Tight Times

The Reading Rainbow Series

Even when times are hard, it's possible to have lots of fun without spending a cent – by working together and using imagination.

LeVar Burton visits a pet show and discovers all kinds of unusual pets, including pet rocks. But some children can't have pets, so LeVar introduces a book called *Tight Times*, the touching story of a little boy who wants a pet at a time when his family is having financial trouble and must hold the line on expenses. LeVar explains that even in "tight times" there are all kinds of ways to have fun without spending a dime, all for the price of a little ingenuity and imagination. A spectacular musical dance number, "Check It Out", takes LeVar for a spin around the FREE public library. Program Number 1.

Review Books: *When I was Young in the Mountains* by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Diane Goode; *Pet Show* by Ezra Jack Keats; *The Terrible Thing That Happened at our House* by Marge Blaine, illustrated by John Wallner.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1010-IN

Tooth Gnasher Superflash

The Reading Rainbow Series

Grade 2 - Movement: Basic concept: describe the characteristics and movements of simple mechanisms.

Everyone loves cars, whether imaginary or real.

The Popsnorkles decide they need a new car, and they can't believe their eyes when they test drive the amazing Tooth-Gnasher Superflash. *Tooth-Gnasher Superflash* by Daniel Pinkwater and read by Victoria Jackson, inspires LeVar to learn all the ins and outs of automobiles as he spends the day in a service station. Viewers also get a glimpse at what's in store for the future of automobiles when they witness the incredible Sunraycar, a solar-powered car. Program Number 63.

Review Books: *Fill it Up! All About Service Stations* by Gail Gibbons; *Tin Lizzie and Little Nell* by David Cox; *Truck Song* by Diane Siebert, illustrated by Byron Barton.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-2138-IN

Tortoise And The Hare

The Reading Rainbow Series

Being a winner means more than just being the first or the best; more importantly, it means trying hard and being true to yourself.

Gilda Radner narrates this episode's feature book, *The Tortoise and the Hare*, the time-honoured classic retold and illustrated by Janet Stevens. LeVar faces a big challenge when he gets ready to compete against some of Hawaii's top bicyclists in the First Annual Rainbow Mini-Classic Bicycle Race. As he struggles up the hills and strains to keep up, LeVar finds that it's more tempting to give up rather than keep trying to accomplish a hard task. So when he decides to tackle a tough obstacle course the Marines use in Hawaii, LeVar learns that to be a "winner" really means trying hard and doing your best. Program Number 24.

Review Books: *Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt* by Lisa Campbell; *Hooray for Snail!* by John Stadler; *Albert the Running Bear's Exercise Book* by Barbara Isenberg and Marjorie Jaffe, illustrated by Diane de Groat.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1033-IN



Learning Resources

Ty's One Man Band

The Reading Rainbow Series

Recognizing that music is everywhere enables everyone to create and enjoy it as an important part of life.

A rap band, doo-wa group, jazz band and salsa band make different kinds of music when LeVar takes the audience to a concert in the park on a beautiful summer day. Later, Ben Vereen not only makes music but dances to it all at the same time. The feature book, *Ty's One-Man Band*, narrated by Lou Rawls, tells about a mysterious stranger who promised to create a one-man band out of thin air...and about the boy who believed he could. A visit to Reading Rainbow's music director, Steve Horelick, shows the musical magic he performs with a little help from a music synthesizer. Program Number 15.

Review Books: *Making Beautiful Things* by Ann Wiseman; *The Amazing Bone* by William Steig; *The Banza* by Diane Wolkstein, illustrated by Marc Brown.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1024-IN

Uncle Jed's Barber Shop

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Margaree King Mitchell, and narrated by Regina Taylor, this is the story of dreams deferred and finally attained.

After years of setbacks, Uncle Jed's dream of opening his very own barber shop in the segregated South is fulfilled with love and support of family and friends.

Highlighted in the episode is the a capella quartet, the Persuasions, who demonstrate that faith, determination and a little help from others can make any dream come true. Program Nbr 117

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4492-IN

The Wall

The Reading Rainbow Series

A few very special walls help us to remember the past.

Inspired by the moving story of *The Wall* by Eve Bunting, LeVar visits the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC. Viewers meet Maya Lin, the talented young architect who designed this amazing monument. A look at Mount Rushmore and a mural dedicated to Louis Armstrong expands the concept of walls as a way to pay tribute to those who have gone before. Program Number 82.

Review Books: *Tillie and the Wall* by Leo Lionni; *All Those Secrets in the World* by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Leslie Baker; *My Grandson Lew* by Charlotte Zolotow, illustrated by William Pene du Bois.

Ages 6-11, Closed Captioned
30 minutes, order 5-4049-IN

Watch The Stars Come Out

The Reading Rainbow Series

Differences between people, such as skin colour, race, and nationality, can teach us about others and enrich our lives.

What is it like to move to a new country and learn a different language and culture? In the feature book, *Watch the Stars come Out*, by Riki Levinson, illustrated by Diane Goode, a brother and sister bravely travel alone across the ocean to the unknown United States. LeVar explores the plight of the many courageous immigrants who come to America filled with hopes and dreams as they descended upon Ellis Island. He also comes face-to-face with the Statue of Liberty, and finds out about why and how she's been restored. Program Number 29.

Review Books:

The Long Way to a New Land by Joan Sandin; *Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen, illustrated by Michael J Deraney; *The Island of the Skog* by Steven Kellog.

Ages 6-11
30 minutes, order 5-1038-IN

When Aunt Lena Did The Rhumba

The Reading Rainbow Series

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In this book by Eileen Kurtis-Kleinman, illustrated by Diane Greenseid and narrated by Lucie Arnaz, a little girl hatches a plan to bring Broadway to her matinee-loving aunt who's in bed recovering from a Rhumba-related spill.

Viewers learn about the joys of performing from members of The Boys Choir of Harlem, comic Peter Petofsky and actors from the Broadway hit, *Cats*.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 6 to 8
30 minutes, order 5-4745-IN

The Wonderful Towers Of Watts

The Reading Rainbow Series

Explores the beauty and courage of a community challenged daily by violence. In a revealing segment, LeVar meets with children from Watts, who share their hopes, concerns and future aspirations for themselves and their community.

The original book was written by Patricia Zelter, illustrated by Frane Lessac. The video story is narrated by Angela Bassett.

Ages 9 to 11, Ages 6 to 8
30 minutes, order 5-4393-IN



Learning Resources

Worksong

The Reading Rainbow Series

Gary Paulsen's story is a lyrical presentation of people at work. As another workday begins, LeVar heads off to a busy breakfast spot and speculates on all the jobs there are to do.

The episode explores a wide variety of jobs - ordinary and unusual - and all the pieces of the puzzle that fit together to make up our world of work.

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4746-IN

Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin

The Reading Rainbow Series

Written by Lloyd Moss and narrated by Gregory Hines, this story explores the melodious, rhythmical, patterns and instruments that make up an orchestra.

Filmed on location at New York City's Julliard School of Music, viewers will visit with an orchestra of 8 to 18 year olds who give LeVar a few tips on playing the timpani. Program 125

Feature Book: *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin* by Lloyd Moss, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman (Simon & Schuster), HC ISBN 0-671-88239-2

Review Books: *Max Found Two Sticks* by Brian Pinkney (Simon & Schuster) HC ISBN 0-671-78776-4

Meet the Orchestra by Ann Hayes, illus by Karmen Thompson (Harcourt Brace) HC ISBN 0-15-200526-9 PB ISBN 0-15-200222-7. *Te Presento a la Orquesta (Spanish version)* PB ISBN 0-15-2007275-8

The Maestro Plays by Bill Martin, Jr., illus by Vladimir Radunsky (Henry Holt) HC ISBN 0-8050-1746-1

Ages 6 to 8, Ages 9 to 11
30 minutes, order 5-4486-IN

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