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## READ

## This Week's Craft: Paper Ribbon Trees!

- Trees by Pamela Hickman, Carolyn This comprehensive and beautifully illustrated book covers everything you wanted to know about trees! Young readers will learn about the parts of trees, the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, leaf types, the processes of photosynthesis and respiration, a year in the life of a tree and more! A two-page-spread map shows kids the trees that live in their parts of the country. There's even a fun questionnaire to help kids identify trees in their neighborhoods. One message is clear throughout: the world depends on trees!
- The Last Tree Ingrid Chabbert, Raúl Nieto Guridi A small boy lived in a city with no grass or trees. "Instead," he says, "we had roads, walls and lots of other ugly things." One day, the boy and his friend were amazed to discover a tiny sapling growing behind a low wall. They had never seen a tree and they imagined how majestic it would be someday. When they found out a condominium was to be built where their tree lived, the boys knew they had to dig it up and replant it. They had to save the last tree. A poignant story about hope and the importance of nature.
- The Abba Tree by Devora Busheri Hannah and Abba-Hebrew for "Dad"-are spending time together in nature on Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish Arbor Day. As Abba rests under a carob tree, Hannah declares that she wants to climb a tree. The carob tree's trunk is too skinny, but can she climb a eucalyptus tree or a pine tree or an olive tree? When each poses a challenge-for being too scratchy, for not having footholds-Abba offers new inspiration for climbing and insight into what Hannah and the carob tree share in common.

## WATCH

<u>Painting Trees and Bark (2018)</u> Take advantage of the immense varieties of trees to create natural compositions and experiment with various shapes and textures

## KEEP LEARNING

<u>Yule Ball Online! Capitol Hill Library</u> Popularized by the Harry Potter book series, this Yule Ball is a fun opportunity to dress up and spend time with your friends (or make new ones) before the holiday break.