

The Boy Who Loved Maps

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Synopsis: A map-making boy is stumped when a girl asks him for a map of the “perfect place.”

Suggested Reading Date: April 5 - National Read a Road Map Day; October 14 – Geologic Map Day; May 6 – National Cartography Day

Activity Descriptions:

- **Make a Map:** Make a map of your community, neighborhood, school, playground, classroom, and/or library. The options are endless!
- **Types of Maps:** Bring in and share different types of maps: topographical, geological, road, political, physical, weather, etc.
- **Maps vs. Globe:** Create a chart or Venn diagram exploring the differences and similarities between a map and a globe.
- **Library of Congress Map Collection:** Explore the maps online through the Library of Congress (link in related websites below).

Related Websites:

- Library of Congress General Maps: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/general-maps/about-this-collection/>
- Washington State Library Historical Maps: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/maps/maps.aspx>
- Video - “Types of Maps.” Good for teacher librarians to gain background information: <https://youtu.be/dwWrrjFgH3o>

Text to Text Connections:

The Epic Adventures of Huggie and Stick by Drew Daywalt
Sloth and Squirrel in a Pickle by Cathy Ballou Mealey
Maddi's Fridge by Lois Brandt

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