

# TEENS IN ACTION

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: DISCOVER

Attention and care are intertwined: we pay attention to what we care about, and we care about what we attend to. Turn your attention towards learning about animals and the relationships between animals and people, and expand your circle of care. Please track your time as you read, watch, and listen. We ask that you provide a short reflection about each resource in the timesheet. We anticipate that reflecting on the information and filling out the form will add up to 15 minutes to your time, which you can include in your timesheet.

## WEBSITES & ARTICLES

[Don't Buy Bunnies as Easter Presents, Advocates Warn as State Moves to Ban Rabbit Sales – Block Club Chicago](#)

[Rat Birth Control Pilot Coming to Lincoln Park as Neighbors Try Humane New Approach – Block Club Chicago](#)

[River Otters Were Once Nearly Extinct In Illinois – But Now They Roam Chicago Waterways – Block Club Chicago](#)

[Welcome Back, Black-crowned Night Herons! – Lincoln Park Zoo](#)

[What Is Your Cat Trying to Say? These AI Tools Aim to Decipher Meows – Scientific American](#)

[Coyote Captured Looking for Love in Chicago Aldi's Refrigerator Aisle – WTTW](#)

[Graceland Cemetery Bans Dogs Due to 'Highly Territorial' Coyote Parents Protecting Their Newborn Pups – WTTW](#)

## YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Choose one or more online videos on the [Teens in Action YouTube playlist](#) (total run time: 1 hour, 18 min)

[In the Spirit of ?Atatíçe? The Untold Story of the National Bison Range – SKC-TV](#) (29 minutes)

[Is Bunny the “talking” dog legit? Here’s what science says – Fig. 1 by University of California](#) (9 minutes)

[Saving America’s Wild Ferrets from the Plague | WILD HOPE – Nature on PBS](#) (18 minutes)

**What’s in Your Backyard – Living with Wildlife - Illinois (watch all, 6 min total)**

- [What’s in Your Backyard? - Bats – Living with Wildlife - Illinois](#) (1 minute)
- [What's in Your Backyard? - The Common Grackle – Living with Wildlife - Illinois](#) (1 minute)
- [What's in Your Backyard? - The Eastern Cottontail – Living with Wildlife - Illinois](#) (1 minute)
- [What’s in Your Backyard? - The Halloween Spider – Living with Wildlife - Illinois](#) (1 minute)
- [What’s in Your Backyard? - The House Sparrow – Living with Wildlife](#) (1 minute)
- [What's in Your Backyard? - The Northern Cardinal – Living with Wildlife - Illinois](#) (1 minute)

[Windows Are Deadly to Birds – They Don’t Have to Be – Nature on PBS](#) (15 minutes)

## DOCUMENTARIES

[All that Breathes, 98 minutes – Stream on Kanopy](#) or [check out from Skokie Public Library](#)

Urban air pollution affects animals as well as people. Follow a pair of brothers in New Delhi as they rescue birds of prey.

[Kedi, 78 minutes – Stream on Kanopy](#) or [check out from Skokie Public Library](#)

For thousands of years, cats have freely wandered throughout the city of Istanbul. Though they have no owners, they do choose to “adopt” certain humans. Understand how these unique relationships affect people and cats alike.

## PODCASTS

Follow the Apple Podcast links below or access the [TIA Spotify playlist](#), where each episode is listed (total run time: 1 hour, 5 min).

[Cougar Town – 99% Invisible](#) (30 minutes)

[The Past, Present, and Future of Purple Martins – Bring Birds Back](#) (25 minutes)

[They Tap Into the Magical, Hidden Pulse of the Planet, but What is the Nighttime Bird Surveillance Network? – Science Quickly](#) (10 minutes)

## BOOKS

[\*Poets Square: a Memoir in Thirty Cats\* by Courtney Gustafson](#) (241 pages)

When Courtney Gustafson moved into a rental house in the Poets Square neighborhood of Tucson, Arizona, she didn't know that the property came with thirty feral cats.

[\*Sharks Don't Sink: Adventures of a Rogue Shark Scientist\* by Jasmin Graham](#) (211 pages or 6 hours for the audiobook)

Jasmin Graham found it was harder to find other young women of color in the traditional academic world of marine biology than to find rare sharks, so she went rogue.

[\*The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History\* by Elizabeth Kolbert](#) (206 pages or 10 hours for the audiobook)

Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning adult nonfiction book, this Young Readers edition explores the planetary age we live in now: an era defined by human impact.



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