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Below is a list of titles related to the Prairie that are available through the City of San Diego Public Library. The titles include adult and children's nonfiction, adult and children's fiction, and audio-visual materials in the Library's collection.

Adult Nonfiction

The Built Environment Image Guide for the National Forests and Grasslands. These guidelines, used by the USDA Forest Service when planning for buildings, landscaping, signage, and roads, stress the need for sustainability, blending within the cultural and national landscape and usability. A 13.36/2:IM 1

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Wild Wealth: the Riches of Native Plants. An informational flyer/poster about the vital role native plants have in our life. I 29.2:P 69/12

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A collection of papers which examines Native Californian and Australian aboriginal knowledge and techniques and suggest how they could be borrowed or reinvented for modern land management. 304.28/BEFORE

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Rooted in the Land: Essays on Community and Place. A collection of essays that discuss the importance of "placed" human communities, that each of us can be enriched by participating in a well-ordered human community integrated into the natural landscape of a particular place. 307/ROOTED

Sustainable Agricultural Systems. This book provides a historical and contemporary overview of sustainable farming methods being used throughout the world. It explains the research and education needs and the various points of view on the issue of sustainability. 338.162/SUSTAINABLE

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Larrabee, Aimée. *Last Stand of the Tallgrass Prairie*. Companion volume to the PBS Documentary, this volume covers the cultural and natural history of the tall grass. 577.44097/LARRABEE

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This collection celebrates the “good farmer” who is an active contribution to conservation and biodiversity and includes the positive effects of good farming. 577.55/FARM

McHarg, Ian L. *To Heal the Earth: Selected Writings of Ian L. McHarg*. Writings from 1950s-1990s from one of the pioneers of the idea that the design of human settlements should be based upon ecological principles. 577.55 MCHARG

Higgins, Ethel Bailey. *Native Food Plants*. Higgins, a former curator of botany at the San Diego Natural History Museum, describes edible plants in San Diego, their history and uses. 581/HIGGINS

Jepson, Willis Linn. *A Flora of California*. This multivolume work contains detailed descriptions and line drawings for many of the plants in California including characteristics, habitats and ecology. 581.9794/JEPSON

Mason, H. L. (Herbert Louis) *A Flora of the Marshes of California*. Describes the species of flowering plants and ferns that occur in wetlands and includes identification keys, description of the plants and indications of habitat and geographic range. 581.9794/MASON

Orcutt, Charles Russell. *Flora of Southern and Lower California: A Check-list of the Flowering Plants and Ferns*. A list of the plants in San Diego County and Baja, including notations about location, bloom cycle and color. 581.979498/ORCUTT

Dale, Nancy. *Flowering Plants: The Santa Monica Mountains, Coastal & Chaparral Regions of Southern California*. A detailed and well illustrated guide to hundreds of native flowering plant species in the Santa Monica Mountains, coastal and chaparral areas of southern California. 582.13/DALE

Ladd, Douglas M. *Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers: A Falcon Field Guide*.

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O'Keefe, John M. *Water-conserving Gardens and Landscapes: Water-saving Ideas, Plant Selection List, Home Drip Irrigation Guide, Easy-care Landscapes, All-region Zone Maps*. The xeriscape gardener's handbook for those who want to work with nature, save water, survive droughts, and reduce garden maintenance. 635.95/O'KEEFE

Ottesen, Carole. *The Native Plant Primer*. Describes the variety and beauty of each region's native plants and provides advice on how to create your own garden. 635.9517/OTTESEN

Natural Gardening. An information packed guide to planting flowers, trees, shrubs that attract wildlife. 635.95173/NATURAL

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Martin, Patricia A. Fink. *Prairies, Fields, and Meadows*. More than 30 projects and investigations designed to help young scientists explore and understand prairies, fields and meadows. J 577.44/MARTIN

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The Great North American Prairie. Each volume in the Stories from the *Where we live series* celebrates a North American ecoregion through its own distinctive literature. J 978/STORIES

Calvert, Patricia. *Standoff At Standing Rock: The Story of Sitting Bull and James McLaughlin*. Parallel biographies of Sioux leader Sitting Bull and Indian Agent James McLaughlin show how the representatives of their two nations came into conflict as their cultures clashed. YA 978.00497/CALVERT

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Bill Pickett, Rodeo Ridin' Cowboy*. Describes the life and accomplishments of the son of a former slave whose unusual bulldogging style made him a rodeo star. J B/PICKETT

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Arrington, Frances. *Bluestem*. With their father away and their mother traumatized by some unknown event, eleven-year-old Polly and her younger sister are left to take care of themselves and their prairie homestead. J FIC/ARRINGTON

Avi. *Prairie School: Story*. Noah learns to read as he explores the Colorado prairie with his aunt in 1880. J FIC/AVI

Geisert, Bonnie. *Prairie Summer*. A young girl demonstrates the maturity gained from her experiences growing up with three sisters on a farm in South Dakota. J FIC/GEISERT

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Pioneer Summer*. Eight-year-old Charles has many adventures when his parents move to the Kansas prairie. J FIC/HOPKINSON

Lawlor, Laurie. *Addie's Dakota Winter*. In her new pioneer home of Dakota, ten-year-old Addie finds an unlikely friend and, stranded alone during a blizzard, learns about courage. J FIC/LAWLOR

Myers, Walter Dean. *The Journal of Joshua Loper: A Black Cowboy*. In 1871 Joshua Loper, a sixteen-year-old black cowboy, records in his journal his experiences while making his first cattle drive under an unsympathetic trail boss.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *The First Four Years*. Laura and Almanzo struggle to keep their farm going during the first years of their marriage. J FIC/WILDER

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House On the Prairie*. Young Laura and her family journey to the wide open prairie to build a house and farm the land. J FIC/WILDER

Audio/Visual

Drought Survival Guide. (videorecording) Shows you how to install water saving devices in the home and garden. VC 333.9116/DROUGHT

The Living Planet. Volume 5. Seas of Grass. (videorecording) Anthropologist and author David Attenborough visits the great environmental regions of the planet to examine how plants and animals adapt to their physical surroundings. VC 574/LIVING V.5

Hidden Treasures: Discovering the Wealth of Wetlands (videorecording). Describes the ecology of San Diego's coastal wetlands and documents the efforts of many to fight the destruction encroaching civilization has wrought. VC 574.52632/HIDDEN

Field Notes: The Grasslands of San Diego County. (videorecording) Examines the grasslands of San Diego County. VC 574.52643/FIELD

Last Stand Of the Tallgrass Prairie (videorecording) A scientific and historical overview of the natural workings of the Tallgrass Prairie, North America's most endangered ecosystem and the source of the soil that creates America's breadbasket. VC 577.44/LAST

The Complete Home Composting Video Guide: With Ecological Horticulturist Howard Stenn. (videorecording) Basic yard composting techniques, tools, bins and problems are discussed as well as the uses for the finished compost. VC 631.875/COMPLETE

Grasscycle! (videorecording) Explains the positive environmental aspects of recycling grass. VC 631.875/GRASSCYCLE

Sarah Plain & Tall: The DVD Collection. (videorecording) A mail-order bride travels to Kansas in 1910 and teaches a lonely family to love again. DVD 791.4372/SARAH

Biomes of the World In Action. Grasslands. (videorecording) Using the concepts outlined in the National Science Education Standards for Life Science, students examine the importance of the grasslands which produce much of the world's food. J VC 577.4/BIOMES

The Vanishing Prairie (videorecording) 1954 Disney film. Reproduction, survival and the elements affecting the remaining life on the prairie. J VC 577.44/VANISHING

Ecosystems for Children. All About Deserts and Grasslands. (videorecording) Visit with an expert working in the field and discover the characteristics of deserts and grasslands along with the plants and animals that live there. J VC 577.5/ECOSYSTEMS

All about plant & animal interdependency. (videorecording) Discover how plants provide oxygen, food, shelter, and medicine for all animals and the way animals are instrumental in dispersing plant seeds. J VC 581.7/ALL