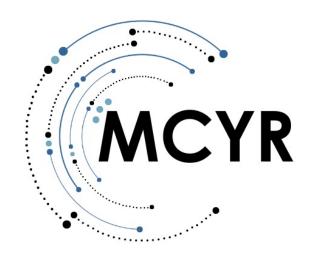


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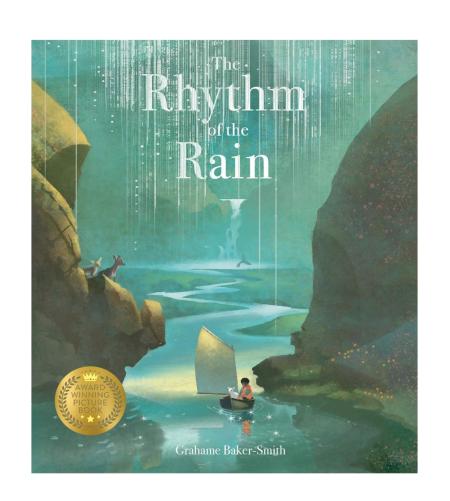
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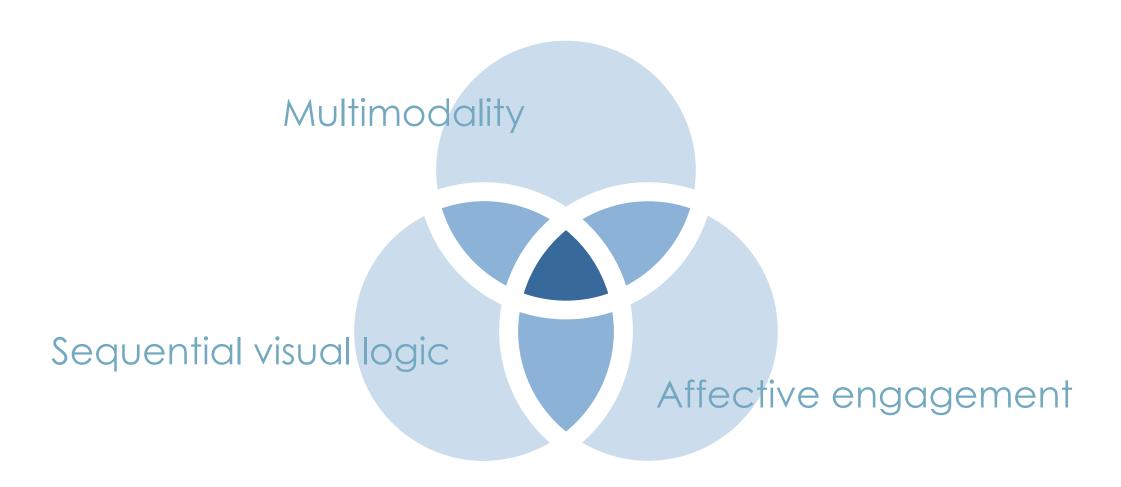


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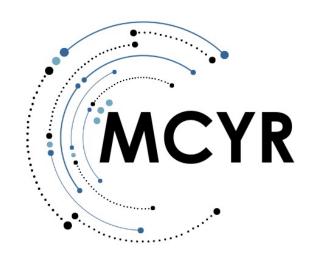


Children's picturebooks as illustrated knowledge





Materials & Methods





Corpus of university-linked picturebooks



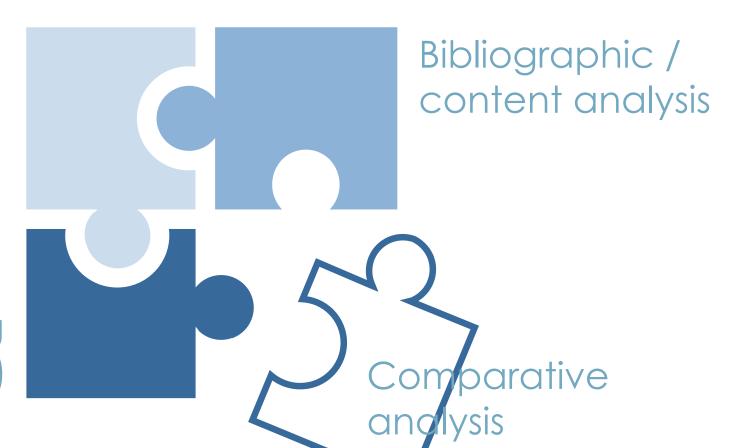
Research outputs



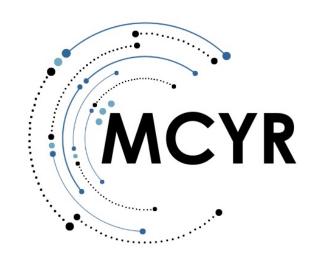
Institutional documentation

Desk research & mapping

Process tracing (case studies)



Findings



The university's roles: from knowledge production to cultural co-creation



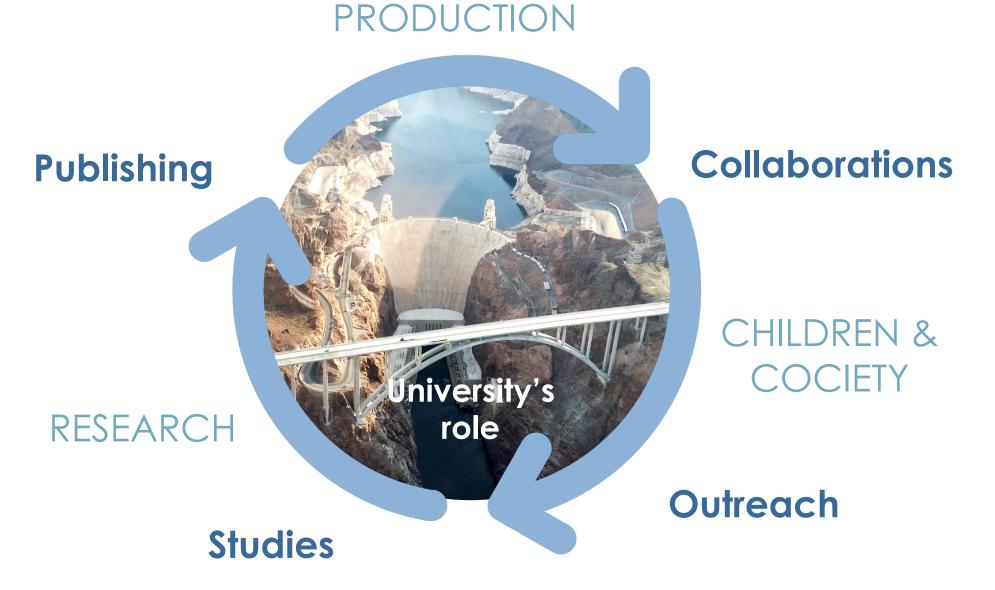
Research and expertise



Education and pedagogy

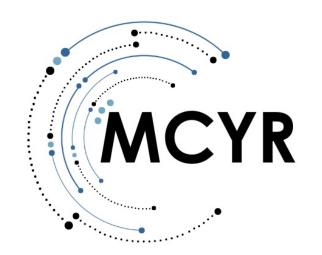


Public engagement



PICTUREBOOKS

Results (& discussion)



Benefits & challenges

Increase public trust in science

Produce culturally specific materials

Train the next generation of communicators

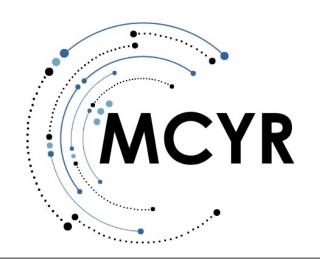
Seed curricula and community practices





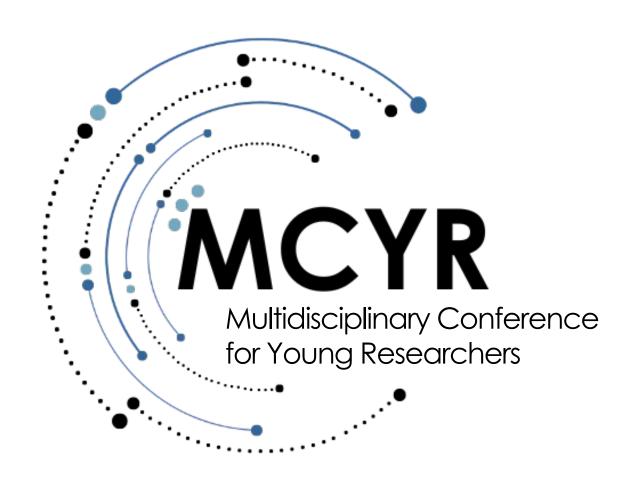
Equity and representation





Conclusion

Picturebooks are more than pretty objects for children's shelves. They are **a form of illustrated knowledge** – multimodal, sequenced, affective – capable of "translating" complex ecological science into comprehensible, motivating narratives. Universities are uniquely positioned to steward this "translation" responsibly: to supply the evidence, to train the "translators", and to partner with communities for meaningful dissemination.



Thank you for your attention!

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