Hikin’ Tykes: Blanding’s Turtle Resource List
Most books found at the Cook Memorial Public Library, Libertyville, IL.

Non-Fiction Resources with Photographs or Illustrations
- *A Place for Turtles* by Melissa Steward, mentions Blanding’s Turtle
- *A Turtle Hatching Grows Up* by Pam Zollman, Scholastic News Readers
- *Life Cycle of a Turtle* by Ron Fridell & Patricia Walsh
- *Turtles* by Laura Marsh, National Geographic Kids Level 1
- *My Turtle = Mi Tortuga* by Norman D. Graubart
- *Turtles* by Patrick Merrick, New Nature Books

Fiction Picture Books
- *Turtle Walk* by Matt Phelan
- *Little Turtle Tries* by Michael Dahl
- *The Town of Turtle* by Michelle Cuevas & Catina Chien
- *Yertle the Turtle* by Dr. Seuss

Online Resources
- *Blanding’s Turtle Recovery Program*—Lake County Forest Preserves
- Become a Turtle Champion through the *Adopt-a-Turtle Campaign*—Preservation Foundation of the Lake County Forest Preserves
- Storybook Read-Aloud: *Turtle Splash!* by Cathryn Falwell. Read by Kim’s Kindergarten Storytime (2:37)
- Sing-Along: *There Was a Little Turtle* sung by The Kiboomers. Turtle Songs for Children (1:15)
- Poem: *The Little Turtle* by Vachel Lindsay

Outdoor Exploration Activity & How You Can Help the Blanding’s Turtle
- Explore Forest Preserves with wetlands, ponds, lakes and rivers. If you see any turtles, take a picture and email it to us at AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org to be identified—or post it to our LCFPD Facebook page.
  - Look for turtles basking in the sun on logs or large rocks. Count how many turtles you see.
    - How many are big turtles and how many are small turtles?
    - What colors do you see on the turtles?
- Bring a trash bag and gloves to clean up any litter along the shoreline.
- Conserve water. Don’t use pesticides or chemicals on your lawn.
- Support wetland restoration and conservation. Volunteer to remove invasive species.
- Drive carefully near wetlands. Check for turtles under your car before driving away.
- Do not bring wild animals inside as pets. Don’t feed wildlife or leave pet food unattended outdoors as it may attract predators of Blanding’s turtles.