For Teachers and Librarians

Scotti Cohn Author and Wolf Enthusiast presents

Letting the Wolf in the Door:

What Little Red Riding Hood's Grandmother Doesn't Want You to Know

In the past, children were given the message through many fairytales that wolves are big, bad, and ugly. End of story. Even today, controversy exists about wolves and their place in nature.

According to Rodger Schlickeisen, President of Defenders of Wildlife, "Given current trends, it is estimated that by the time a child born today reaches his or her 30th birthday, one of every five current species on earth will be either doomed or already extinct. . . If our society can alter its attitudes and policies toward the wolf, then widespread adoption of a more beneficial conservation ethic shouldn't be far behind."



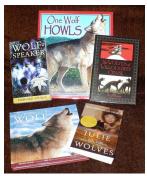
Scotti Cohn's goal is to help teachers and librarians present a balanced view of wolves to students from preschool through 6th grade using books and activities that fit into the school curriculum.

Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, and The Boy Who Cried Wolf are among the world's favorite tales. While there will always be a place for these classics, they present a one-sided view of wolves.



Fortunately, today's teachers and librarians have access to books about wolves that tell a much more balanced story -- indeed, there are more books than Little Red Riding Hood's basket could hold!







Using her picture book **One Wolf Howls**, along with other wolf-related books and materials, Scotti Cohn offers plenty of resources and methods that can be used to introduce children to the world of wolves and their role in nature.

Many of the teaching activities Scotti shares are provided online by Sylvan Dell Publishing (publisher of *One Wolf Howls*), whose books are aligned to state and national standards for math, science, and language arts.