



APGO Education Foundation Releases New Children's Book "Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment"

- Book and accompanying teacher's guide for Grade 4 can be viewed digitally for free on our new "Kid's Zone" on [GeoscienceINFO.com](https://kidszone.geoscienceinfo.com) and purchased in paperback on Amazon

September 2, 2025, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation ("APGOEF") and the School of Earth, Environment and Society at McMaster University are pleased to announce the release of a digital children's book "Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment" on our new **Kid's Zone** on [GeoscienceINFO.com](https://kidszone.geoscienceinfo.com) at <https://kidszone.geoscienceinfo.com/>. The book can also be purchased in paperback on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/5bL3ktR>.

Rocky is a curious raccoon exploring the amazing world of rocks and fossils in the Niagara Escarpment. He meets his new friend Lily the Crinoid who takes him on a journey to learn about what life was like more than 400 million years ago. The Rocky the Raccoon book aligns with the Grade 4 Ontario Curriculum and is accompanied by a **Teacher's Guide** including hands-on activities, posters, quizzes and more to make learning about rocks fun and accessible for everyone.

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., Founder and Chair of APGOEF commented: "Authors Dr. Katie Maloney and Dr. Carolyn Eyles and illustrator Alex Young have created a marvelous children's book that tells the story of the unique geological history of the Niagara Escarpment through the eyes of a curious raccoon. The book has been made possible by generous support from the Paleontological Society, Canadian Geological Foundation and APGOEF".

Rocky the Raccoon

Explores the Niagara Escarpment



Written by
Dr. Katie Maloney and Dr. Carolyn Eyles

Illustrated by
Alexander Young

Co-author Dr. Carolyn Eyles, a Director of APGOEF and Professor Emerita at McMaster University said:

"We hope Rocky and his adventures with rocks and fossils will inspire kids of all ages to find out more about the fascinating history of environmental change preserved in the Niagara Escarpment. The book is also intended to support Grade 4 students and teachers as they explore the wonderful world of Rocks and Minerals."



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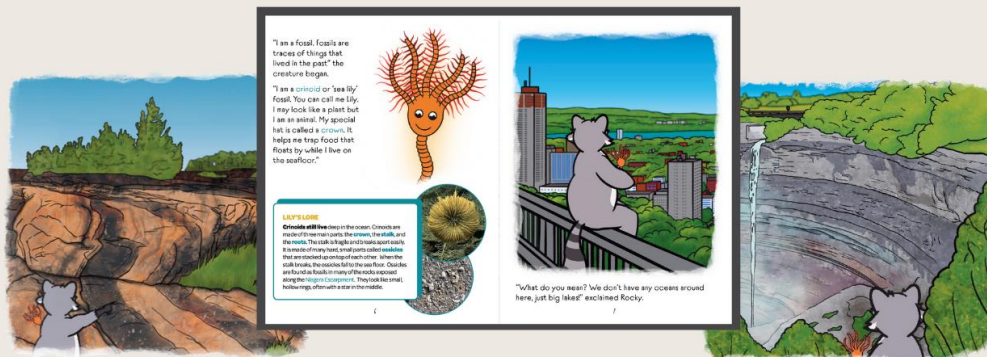
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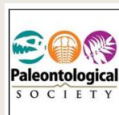
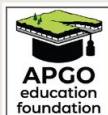
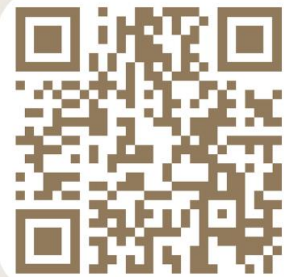
HI! I'M ROCKY, YOUR CURIOUS GUIDE TO THE AMAZING WORLD OF ROCKS AND FOSSILS. ME AND MY FRIEND LILY THE CRINOID EXPLORE THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT TOGETHER IN OUR CHILDREN'S BOOK!



ROCKY THE RACCOON ALIGNS WITH THE GRADE 4 ONTARIO CURRICULUM. THE ACCOMPANYING TEACHER'S GUIDE INCLUDES HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, POSTERS, QUIZZES AND MORE TO MAKE LEARNING ABOUT ROCKS FUN AND ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE!



**READ THE BOOK AND TEACHER'S
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About the APGO Education Foundation

The APGO Education Foundation is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001. The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience – see <https://apgoef.ca>. [GeoscienceINFO.com](https://apgoef.ca), developed by the Foundation, is an innovative one-stop spot for the public to gather information about the earth beneath their feet. This website provides interesting information on all facets of geoscience. A particularly exciting feature of GeoscienceINFO.com is the highlighting of virtual field trips in different areas in Ontario. This enables viewers to experience and learn about the geology of an area in person or while traversing it digitally in ESRI ArcGIS Online™ and StoryMaps™.

With the release of “Rocky the Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment”, we have added an exciting new Kid’s Zone to GeoscienceINFO.com where the Rocky book and the accompanying Teachers Guide can be viewed digitally for free. The book can also be purchased in soft cover on Amazon (link to be added). All proceeds will help fund further planned books in the series.

If you like our work, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support our programs.

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