Books for students grades 6-8:

**Young Person’s Occupational Outlook Handbook** by the Editors of Jist

This book is an excellent first reference for exploring career opportunities. It is a very handy, fun-to-read book that's a must-have for every kid and parent. Modeled after the most widely used career book in America, the "Occupational Outlook Handbook", this resource features brief narratives on job descriptions, occupational outlooks, earnings, nature of work, courses of study, tips for further investigation, and fun graphics to convey information.

**Career Ideas for Teens series** by Diane Lindsey Reeves, Gail Karlitz, and Don Rauf

Career Ideas for teens in the Arts and Communications; Career Ideas for teens in Manufacturing; Career Ideas for teens in Government and Public Service; Career Ideas for teens in Education and Training; Career Ideas for teens in Information Technology; Career Ideas for teens in Public Law & Safety; Career Ideas for teens in Health Science

The 35 diverse occupations explored in each book are based on career clusters identified by the U.S. Department of Labor. Information for each job includes education requirements, relevant Web sites, and median salaries. Questionnaires, fill-in charts, and lists will help them focus on their strengths/weaknesses and likes/dislikes, clarify their values, and decide on their work personality. Each book also covers volunteer opportunities; lists entry-level jobs within the field; provides interview tips and sample questions; and includes a section of real people with real jobs.

**What Color is Your Parachute? For Teens** by Richard Nelson Bolles and Carol Christen

This book teaches students to zero in on their favorite skills and apply that knowledge to get the most out of school, set goals, and find their dream jobs. Filled with interactive exercises, worksheets, and profiles of young adults who have found their unique paths in life, this book is great tool for teens.
Testing the Waters: A Teen’s Guide to Career Exploration by Alice N. Culbreath and Saundra K. Neal

This book is designed to help students prepare for future career and college goals. It is a directory of over 1,200 part-time and summer jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities, entrepreneurial ideas, educational programs, travel and adventures located throughout the United States and around the world.

Heroes & Helpers Careers Book for kids! By Carole Marsh

This book references 41 careers such as firefighter, police officer, Air Force pilot, Marine, Red Cross nurse and more. It is loaded with current information about these careers and the everyday lives of our heroes. Kids can also learn what courses to take in school, how long training will take, salary, and more about these 41 careers.

Teen Dream Jobs by Nora Coon

This book, written by a high school student, helps teens find a job that interests them. Readers can find information on where to find job listings for teens, resume writing, and interviewing. The book is filled with quotes from real teens who have found their dream job while in school. It also helps these students turn