

# 15 ELEMENTARY LIBRARY IDEAS FOR NOVEMBER

## Idea #1: Plan Ahead and Save Money This Winter

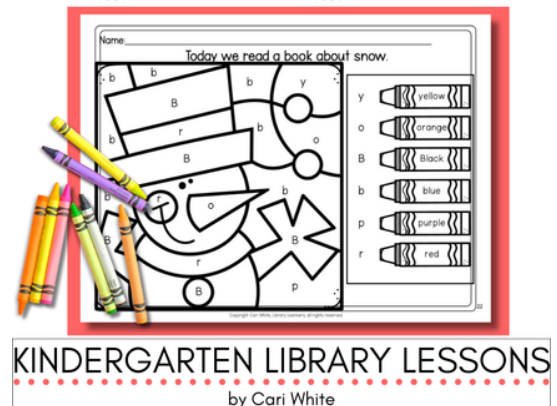
by Cari White (Library Learners)

Are you planning ahead for winter library lessons?

Check out this money-saving bundle, with kindergarten picture book lessons about the themes of cookies, friendship, snow, and penguins!

[See this Winter Library Bundle from Library Learners](#)

**WINTER** bundle  
friends | cookies | snow | penguins



## Idea #2: Research Community Helpers

by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)



Combine November's theme of thankfulness with community helper research.

Students will find out "What makes workers thankful?" Then, as they prepare to share, they'll learn the basics of effective group discussions!

[See this Research Project from That Library Girl](#)

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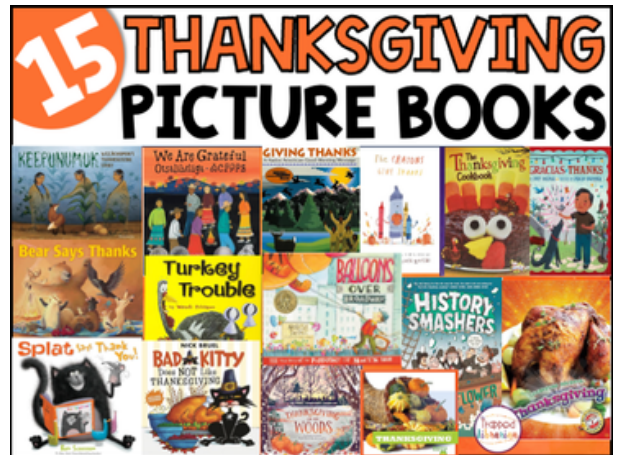
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# Idea #3: Read Some Thanksgiving Picture Books

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

Make sure you have plenty of read-alouds on hand this month for your Thanksgiving themed library lessons!

[Read this article from The Trapped Librarian](#)



## Favorite New Book Releases

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)

New  
October  
Releases

### PICTURE BOOKS

- *A Map for Falasteen* by Maysa Odeh
- *How to Pee Your Pants* by Rachel Michelle Wilson
- *Perfect* by Waka T. Brown
- *Drawn Onward* by Daniel Nayeri
- *Golden Gate* by Elizabeth Partridge
- *I Know How to Draw an Owl* by Hilary Hippely
- *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Arctic* by Candace Fleming
- *Santa's First Christmas* by Mac Barnett
- *There's a Ghost in the Garden* by Kyo Maclear
- *A Meerkat Diary* by Suzi Eszterhas

### CHAPTER BOOKS / NOVELS

- *Onyx and Beyond* by Amber McBride
- *Answers to Dog* by Pete Hautman
- *Jax Freeman and the Phantom Shriek* by Kwame Mbalia
- *The Fairy Tale Fan Club* by Richard Ayoade
- *The Hill* by Kate Andersen Brower
- *Sylvia Doe and the 100-Year Flood* by Robert Beatty
- *The Shape of Lost Things* by Sarah Everett
- *Slouch* by Christina Wyman
- *Stella and Marigold* by Sophie Blackall

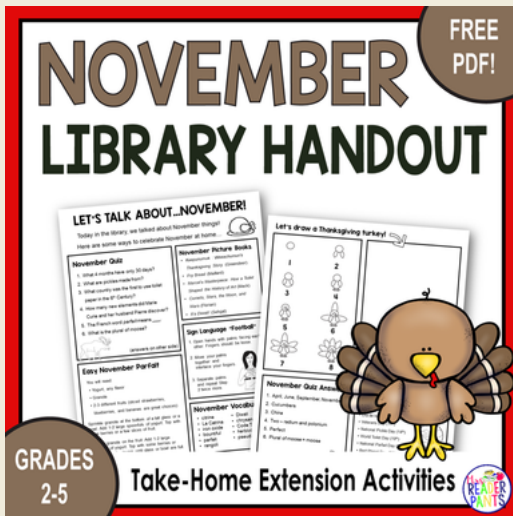
### Get the Wiggles Out with the Turkey Hop!

This is a cute song and dance to introduce a turkey or Thanksgiving-themed preschool storytime. Video by Kiboomers.



## Idea #4: Hand Out a Thanksgiving Freebie

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)



This November Library Handout Freebie can be used alone or with Thanksgiving or fall library lessons and activities.

It includes an November quiz, how to draw a turkey, recommended November picture books, a recipe, and November celebration dates.

[Download this Freebie from MrsReaderPants](#)

## Idea #5: Celebrate the Art of Folding Paper

article submitted by Sonya Dykeman (The Library Patch)

National Origami day is also celebrated on November 11th. Certainly not as important as Veteran's Day, but November may be just the time to practice the art of folding paper!

This article gives you ideas on how to incorporate origami with kids, as well as printables and instructional videos.



[Read this article from We Are Teachers](#)



### Introduce Veterans Day to Kids

Check out this 1-minute introduction to Veterans Day from PBS Learning Media. The question at the end ("How do you thank veterans?") is left unanswered and is a great segue into thank you activities such as writing thank you cards or reading about Veterans Day.

# Idea #6: (Finally!) Create Those Library Centers

by Cari White (Library Learners)



Have you wanted to try library centers? These free library center signs can help you get started!

[Get these free Library Centers signs from Library Learners](#)

## OUR FAVORITE VETERANS DAY READ-ALOUDS



- *At the Mountain's Base* by Traci Sorell
- *Boyogi: How a Wounded Family Learned to Heal* by David Moore
- *Missing Momma* by Winsome Bingham
- *H is for Honor* by Devin Scillian
- *The Wall* by Eve Bunting
- *The Frank Show* by David Mackintosh
- *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo (picture book version)
- *The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and Her Tribute to Veterans* by Barbara E. Walsh
- *Midnight: A True Story of Loyalty in World War I* by Mark Greenwood
- *Shooting at the Stars: The Christmas Truce of 1914* by John Hendrix
- *Rolling Thunder* by Kate Messner
- *My Red Balloon* by Eve Bunting
- *Letters to a Soldier* by David Falvey
- *Brave Like Me* by Barbara Kerley
- *America's White Table* by Marot Theis Raven
- *Veterans: Heroes in Our Neighborhood* by Valerie Pfundstein
- *Hero Dad* by Melinda Hardin and Bryan Langdo
- *Hero Mom* by Melinda Hardin and Bryan Langdo
- *Twenty One Steps* by Jeff Gottesfeld
- *Night Catch* by Brenda Ehrmatraut



## Idea #7: Thank Veterans in Four Kid-Friendly Ways

article submitted by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)

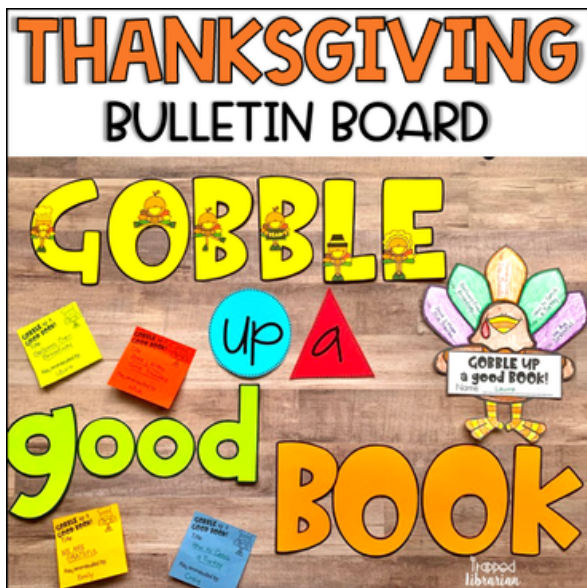
This article from the Macaroni Kid blog offers four easy ways for kids to honor the veterans in their lives!

[Read this article from Macaroni Kid](#)



## Idea #8: Create an Interactive Bulletin Board

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)



Inspire your students to “Gobble Up a Good Book” with this low prep interactive bulletin board. Everyone gets a chance to share a recommendation with the easy sticky note template and cute turkey craft!

[See this Thanksgiving Bulletin Board set from The Trapped Librarian](#)



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## Idea #9: Start Library with Clear Expectations

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)

How does your average library class time kick off? Is it a smooth start, or is it complete chaos? Or somewhere in-between?

Over time, I learned the importance of setting positive and clear expectations for students and teachers, even when things don't go exactly as planned.

Today, I'm sharing five easy tips for creating effective library routines at the start of class. Adapt these ideas to fit your unique library environment, and watch how smoothly your sessions can flow!



[Read this article from MrsReaderPants](#)

## Idea #10: Celebrate Dinovember in the Library

by Sonya Dykeman (The Library Patch)



Did you know that some librarians actually celebrate "Dinovember" during the month of November? Isn't that brilliant?

If you wanted to give it a try, take a peek at the Battle of the Beast research project. This unique research project encourages students to research dinosaurs and then use their research to battle other students and their dinosaurs!

[See this Research Project from The Library Patch](#)

# Idea #11: Try Some Free November Centers



by Cari White (Library Learners)

Check out these FREE November library centers to keep your students happily engaged in learning activities this month!

[See these Freebies from Library Learners](#)

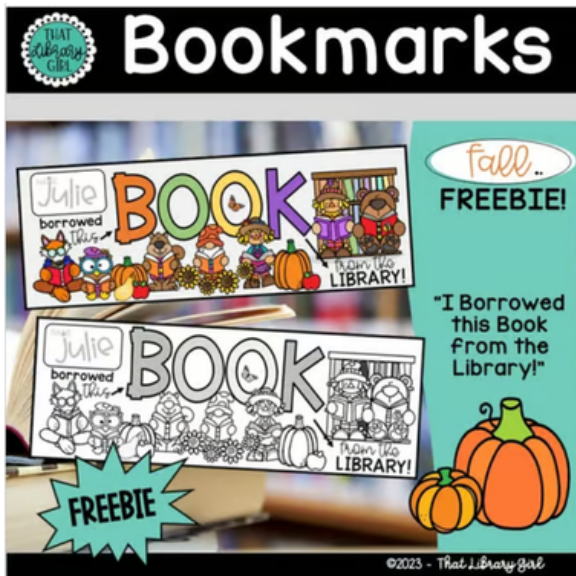


November Library Centers



# Idea #12: Pass Out Fall Bookmark Freebies

by Julie Olson (That Library Girl)



This fall bookmark freebie has a spot for students to write in their names!

[See this freebie from That Library Girl](#)



## Election Week Song Video

"America to Me" by Jack Hartmann Young kids love Jack Hartmann and this patriotic song would be fun to play during election week.

## Idea #13: Read About the Macy's Day Parade

by Laura Trapp (The Trapped Librarian)

*Balloons Over Broadway* is the perfect November read aloud to get students interested in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

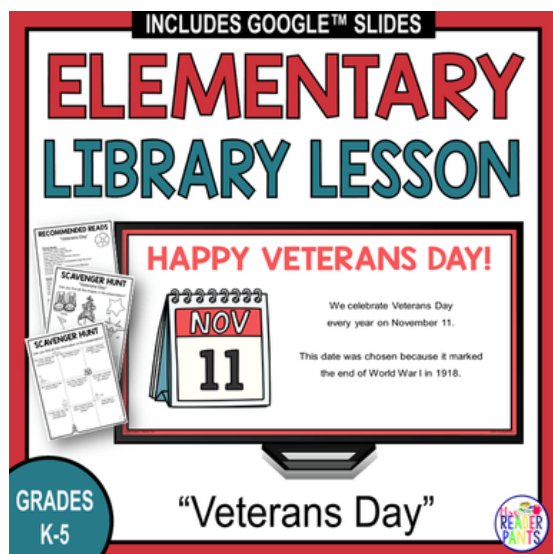
This freebie helps your students focus on character traits and text evidence while learning about the amazing true story of Tony Sarg.

[See this freebie from The Trapped Librarian](#)



## Idea #14: Celebrate and Learn on Veterans Day

by Leigh Collazo (MrsReaderPants)



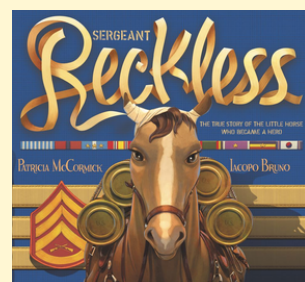
Need a fun, informative library lesson to teach students about Veterans Day?

This two-part library lesson is chock-full of information about Veterans Day in the US. Includes fun facts, trivia questions, would-you-rathers, and more!

[See this Veterans Day Library Lesson from MrsReaderPants](#)

### Animals Can Be Veterans, Too!

Kids find it super engaging to learn that animals can be veterans too! This picture book will hook your older students right away! Follow up the read-aloud with the Sergeant Reckless website. See the "About" section of the website for historical photos and a 20 minute video.





# Idea #15: Engage Students with a Reading Challenge

by Sonya Dykeman (The Library Patch)

My teachers asked for a super simple Reading Challenge. They wanted to encourage their kids to read for twenty minutes for as many days as they could in November.

Introduce the challenge during library and see how many takers that you get! Easy to edit so that you can make changes to any text!

[Download this freebie from The Library Patch](#)



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