

fter your children have fallen asleep 7 on Christmas Eve or another winter holiday, place a special gift-wrapped book on each child's bed. Your children will awaken to find a present they can open right away, beginning a special reading tradition they will love. Plus, it'll keep them in bed just a bit longer!







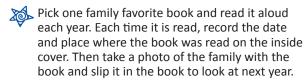


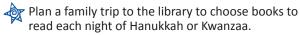
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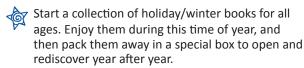


Holiday Reading Traditions

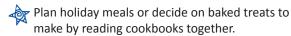
Share a love of reading as a family activity during the holidays!







Listen to a favorite audio book while you are baking cookies, driving to visit family and friends or wrapping presents.



Draw names for book gift giving and select a different theme or genre each year. This works equally well with new books or giving hand-medown books a second life.

Help your child make bookmarks to enclose with a gift book they helped to pick out.

Check out library books about another culture's winter celebrations.

Volunteer at a local hospital or nursing home and read holiday/seasonal books to children or residents.

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The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats Footprints in the Snow by Cynthia Benjamin **Snow Sounds** by David A. Johnson Winter Lullaby by Barbara Seuling *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen **Snowballs** by Lois Ehlert Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

Hanukkah! by Roni Schotter Max's Christmas by Rosemary Wells The Gifts of Kwanzaa by Synthia Saint James **Chanukah Lights Everywhere** by Michael L. Rosen Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree by Robert Barry The Jolly Christmas Postman

by Janet and Allan Ahlberg Grandma's Latkes by Malka Drucker **A Kwanzaa Celebration** by Nancy Williams Merry Christmas, Merry Crow by Kathi Appelt



Holiday Gift Idea:

Have a grandchild record a story for a grandparent (or vice-versa) and give the book and recording as a gift. Holiday stories, classic tales, poems, nursery rhymes... whatever suits the reader or the recipient's interest. The sound of the reader's voice will create memories that last a lifetime!

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